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Harmful insects, bacteria swarm C.M. citrus trees

California Department of Food and Agriculture workers are treating or removing trees with Asian citrus psyllids and the Huanglongbing bacteria they carry. But some residents are wary about the chemicals used to remove them.

BY SARA CARDINE

Some Costa Mesa residents are being notified citrus trees in their yards may need to be sprayed with insecticide or removed, after state agriculture officials confirmed the detection of harmful insects and a deadly bacterial disease on local properties.

But the solutions being provided by the state don't sit well with locals, who say they're concerned about the spraying of chemicals that could be hazardous to helpful garden insects and

animals.

Representatives from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention division recently began surveying homes within a 250-meter radius of three detection sites near east side Costa Mesa's Elden Avenue and homes on the northeast end of town, near the 405 Freeway.

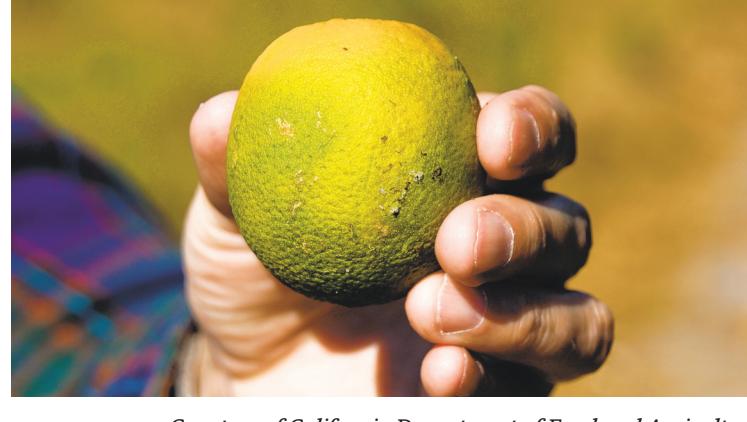
They are checking for signs of the bacterial disease Huanglongbing and the Asian citrus psyllid insects that ingest and spread HLB bacteria as they feed off citrus

trees leaves.

Victoria Hornbaker, director of the division, confirmed Friday four psyllid samples and one case of HLB have been detected at three sites since Nov. 3.

It's a concern, she said, because there is no known cure for HLB, which causes citrus greening and tree death by blocking nutrient absorption. Left unchecked, the highly spreadable disease could decimate backyard trees and even larger, commercial citrus

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Courtesy of California Department of Food and Agriculture

CITRUS FRUIT from a tree infected with Huanglongbing, a bacterial disease that ultimately kills plants by starving them of nutrients. The disease was recently detected in Costa Mesa.



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SOPHIA ALCARAZ talks about how the Waymakers program saved her life, during the Waymakers 50th anniversary reception at UC Irvine. The Mission Viejo native entered the Waymakers Laguna Beach youth shelter when she was 15 and says the program gave her hope.

Waymakers marks 50 years of helping people in crisis

BY MATT SZABO

Waymakers, the Orange County nonprofit that helps people in crisis and conflict, celebrated its 50th anniversary with a reception on Thursday.

Held at the University Club at UC Irvine, it provided a couple of full-circle moments.

UC Irvine School of Social Ecology Dean Jon Gould remarked that it was appropriate the event was held on campus, considering Waymakers began with a pilot partnership between late UC Irvine professor Arnold Binder, a few of his students and a Costa Mesa Police Department captain in 1972.

The next year, funding allowed for the formation of the organization and paid staff.

More than 100 guests at Thursday's reception also heard from Sophia Alcaraz, who entered the Waymakers Laguna Beach youth shelter at age 15. At the time she entered the program, she said she was dealing



COSTA MESA Mayor John Stephens, Orange County Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer and UCI School of Social Ecology Dean Jon Gould, from left, chat during the Waymakers 50th anniversary event.



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THE PLAZA AREA at Vivante Newport Center, a new complex that has partnered with Hoag to cater to the growing population of seniors and focuses on proactive healthcare in Newport Beach and Orange County. The community features a number of amenities.

Hoag, Vivante team up to help Newport-Mesa seniors 'age in place'

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Hoag and Vivante recently announced the healthcare network and the assisted living and memory care provider are joining hands in a collaboration that allows residents to age in place.

Cory Alder, president of real estate development firm Nexus, the developer of Vivante, said the complex already provides a number of services that address medical needs as directed by the individual's primary physician and family, and offers daily living ac-

tivities, medicine management and grooming. But Vivante is not licensed to provide direct medical care.

That's where Hoag will come in.

"We believe we're best in class in our senior housing — the assisted living and medical care — and Hoag is obviously the best in class in the medical services," Alder said. "So, the collaboration provides what we do great for our residents on a daily basis, and

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1 wounded in Murdy Park shooting, suspect in custody

A shooting at Huntington Beach's Murdy Park left a man wounded early Wednesday morning, and one person suspected in the attack was in custody.

Officers were summoned to reports of gunfire in the area shortly after midnight, Huntington Beach police said Thursday in a news release. When they arrived, they found a man who had been shot.

He was taken to a hospital and is expected to recover, police said.

Meanwhile, officers searched the park with the aid of a drone. A suspect in the shooting was found hiding nearby and taken into custody.

David Castro Dias, 22, of Huntington Beach, was ar-

rested at 1:10 a.m. Wednesday on suspicion of assault with a firearm and possession of a controlled substance, according to online records. He was also booked in connection with an existing warrant stemming from a separate misdemeanor allegation.

He and the victim had gotten into a "confrontation" prior to the shooting, police said in their release. Further information was not immediately provided, and investigation into the matter was ongoing.

"At this time, there is no ongoing public safety threat," HBPD officials said.

They asked anyone who might know anything that could help investigators to

call them at (714) 375-5066. Tips can also be left anonymously with OC Crime-stoppers at (855) 847-6227.

The shooting was unrelated to another that also left a person wounded in Huntington Beach this week, HBPD spokeswoman Jessica Cuchilla said. That incident happened about 2 miles away on the 1500 block of Huntington Village Lane, near McFadden avenue between Gothard Street and Beach Boulevard at around 12 p.m. Tuesday.

A suspect in that shooting was arrested later that evening in Bellflower. The wounded man remained in treatment as of Thursday and was expected to recover, Cuchilla said.

— Eric Licas

Suspects in F.V. robbery arrested

Four suspects in a Fountain Valley home-invasion robbery led officers on a pursuit that ended in Long Beach before they were arrested Tuesday.

The break-in was reported at 2:48 a.m. Tuesday on the 1700 block of Santa Suzanne Street, Fountain Valley police said in a news release issued Wednesday. The robbers allegedly assaulted a resident and stole two cars along with additional property.

The victim was taken to a

hospital with minor injuries.

One of the victim's vehicles was later spotted several minutes later by a Huntington Beach police officer, Fountain Valley police Sgt. Bill Hughes said. Its driver took off when authorities tried to stop it, according to the news release.

Officers pursued the vehicle for about 10 minutes, Hughes said, into Long Beach. The suspects abandoned the vehicle on East Via Carmelitos, south of

East Via Barola and tried to run away, but police were able to take them into custody a short time later.

The suspects in the robbery and pursuit were identified by Fountain Valley police as Long Beach Residents Antonio Brown, 26, Andrew Estrada, 22, Prince Jones, 22, and Los Angeles resident Dreonte York, 28. Each were booked into the Orange County Jail and held in lieu of \$1-million bail as of Thursday.

— Eric Licas

80-year-old driver hit, killed in driveway

The 80-year-old driver of a Toyota Corolla died after his car was struck by a Porsche Panamera as he was pulling out of his driveway in Huntington Beach Thursday morning.

The crash happened on Beach Boulevard near Knoxville Avenue at about 9 a.m., Huntington Beach

police said in a news release. The driver of the Toyota died at the scene.

The man behind the wheel of the Porsche was described as a 28-year-old Newport Beach resident who waited for officers to arrive at the crash site. Investigators do not believe drugs or alcohol were in-

volved, and no arrests were announced in connection with the collision.

Anyone with information that might be relevant to the crash should contact Huntington Beach Police Investigator J. Rounds at (714) 536-5666.

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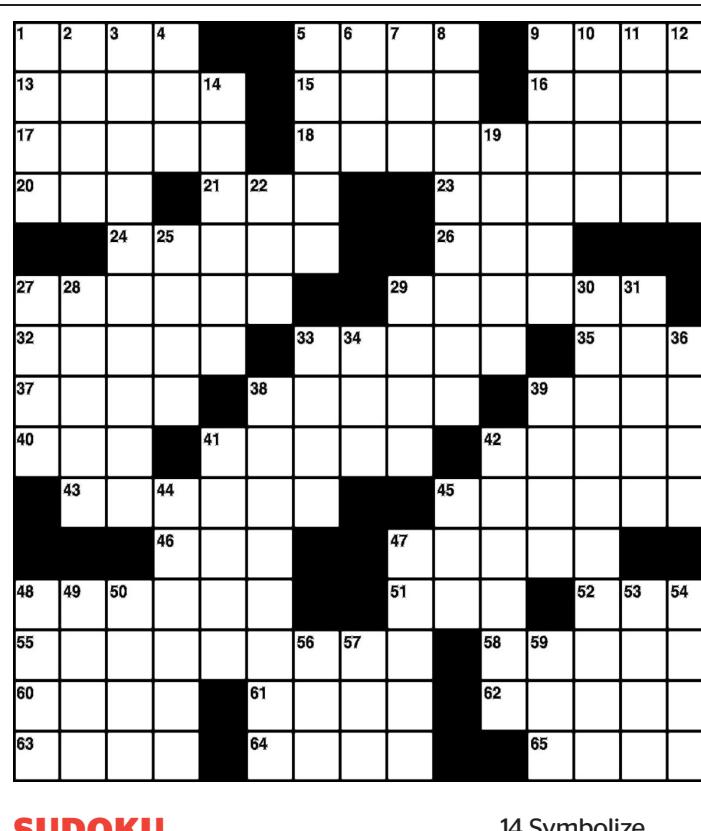
THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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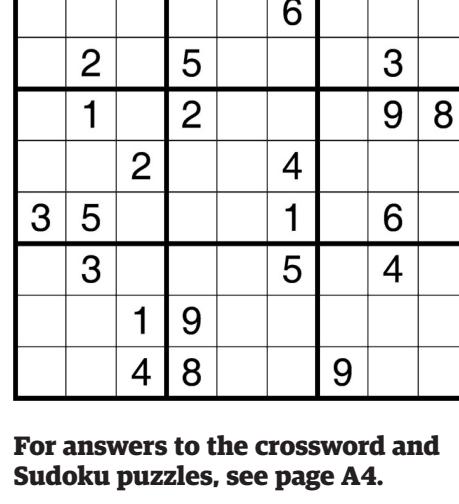
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SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

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2 ally	8 High school math class
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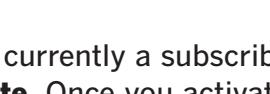
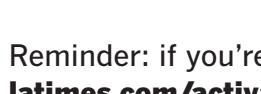
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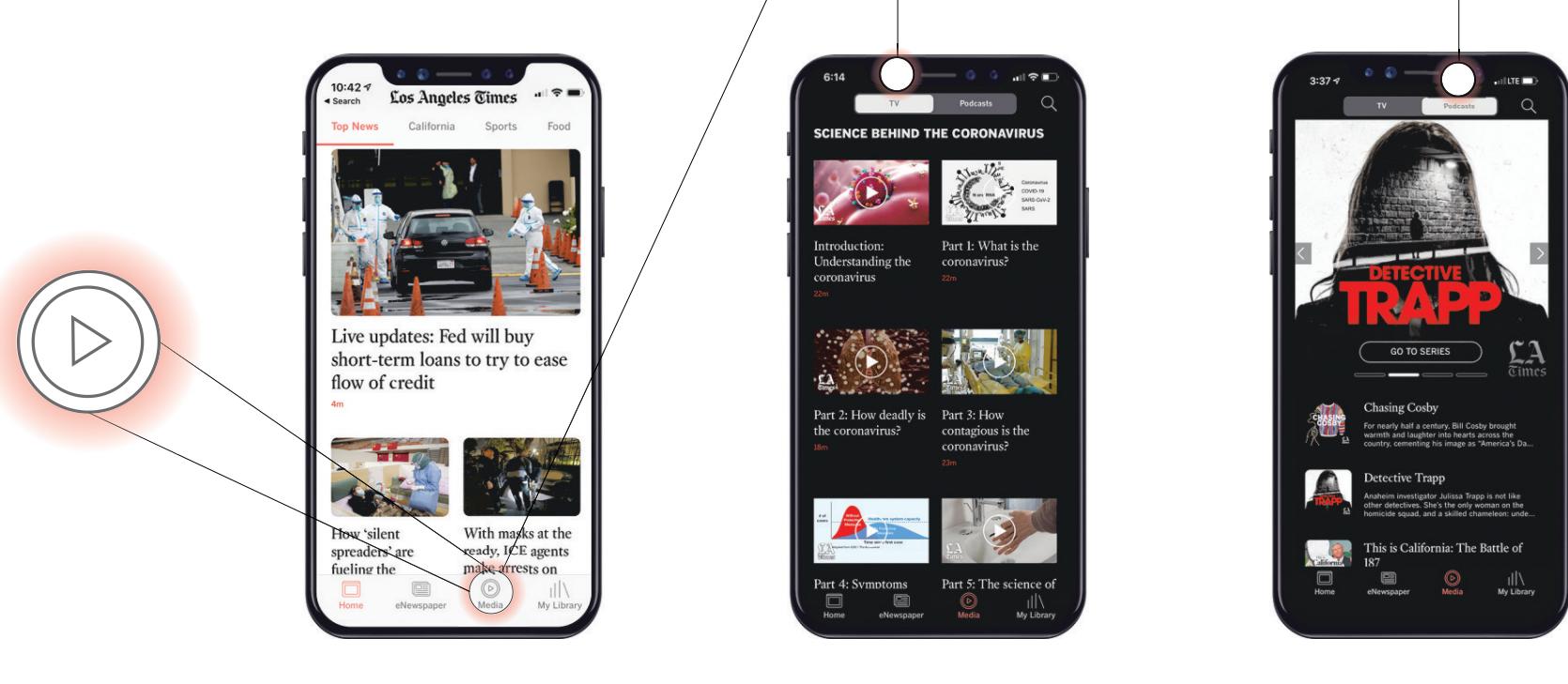
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The state of what's next. **Los Angeles Times**

CITRUS

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growers.

"As the disease progresses you may see entire shoots of the tree turn yellow," Hornbaker said. "The fruit will not be able to fully ripen, and it will take on a rancid taste. Eventually, the entire tree will die."

Asian citrus psyllids were first detected in California in San Diego County near the border with Mexico and had, by 2009, moved to Orange and Los Angeles counties, according to Hornbaker. The first instance of HLB in Orange County was recorded in 2017.

"We've since found psyllids all throughout Southern California, so the region is generally considered infested," she added.

"Their population grew so quickly we cannot conceivably eradicate the psyllids, so we focus our attention on the disease Huanglongbing the psyllids can carry."

Protocols call for the surveying of lands within a 250-meter radius of a positive sample. If insects are discovered, CDFP employees will notify the owner of the property and recommend citrus trees be treated.

State approved insecticides used during a treatment — beta-cyfluthrin Tempo SC Ultra, pyrethroid and Merit 2F or CoreTect, types of imidacloprid insecticides — are designed to kill adult and immature Asian citrus psyllids. Hornbaker said Friday all chemicals are regulated and registered safe for use around humans.

Homeowners and occu-

pants may refuse the treatment in cases where only insects have been discovered. But if workers detect HLB, there is no other recourse other than removal of the tree.

Costa Mesa resident Courtney Duncan, who lives on the 2600 block of Elden Avenue, received a pink slip on the door of her home on Elden Avenue Tuesday informing her any citrus trees on the property would need to be checked and potentially sprayed.

An avid organic gardener who's studied and worked in the field of horticulture and botany, Duncan keeps many fruit and vegetable plants on her property, including a small Meyer lemon tree.

When she got the notice, she was worried about the health and safety of her non-citrus plants and the

insects who benefit the garden and said as much on the following day, when a representative returned to the area.

"I didn't want any of that poison sprayed into the food I put in my body," Duncan said Friday, expressing concern for her cat, which spends time outdoors.

The worker checked her property, overlooking the fruitless lemon tree, and left a slip indicating there was no citrus on site. Later, while working in her garden, she smelled something like paint in the air and felt dizzy.

Duncan said there are other solutions besides chemicals to manage plant pests, including water and soap applications, natural oil treatments and the use of beneficial insects that eat bad bugs.



ASIAN CITRUS
psyllids (ACP) adults can spread a deadly bacterial disease.

Courtesy of California Department of Food and Agriculture

She urged residents to look for early signs of disease and damage in their citrus trees that might be eradicated before it's too late.

"Sometimes you can potentially stop the disease from getting into the whole tree," she said. "It's about knowing what to look for and how to keep trees heal-

thy."

Hornbaker encouraged residents with questions or those who may have seen insects on their citrus trees or have a situation requiring attention, to call CDFP's Pest Hotline at (800) 491-1899.

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SENIORS

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then with Hoag in our Vivante Hoag Wellness Center, we can provide doctors' offices here on site, Hoag At Home specifically."

Through the partnership, Alder said, Vivante can offer occupational therapy, physical therapy and hospice care. He noted the neurological departments at Hoag provide both support for the memory care community and education.

"Combining both of those organizations provides a complete program for the seniors in our community," Alder said.

Hoag staff are available full time at the two Vivante campuses in Orange County: the Newport-Mesa location on Monrovia Avenue that opened in October 2013 and the second location on San Clemente Drive that opened in late November. Officials from Hoag and Vivante said the partnership allows for residents to remain in place for critical rehabilitation and medi-



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

THE VIVANTE NEWPORT CENTER has a bowling alley as one of its many amenities. The center also features an indoor pool, virtual golfing range and a number of dining options.

cal treatment and streamlines the transition from in-patient at Hoag to outpatient at Vivante.

"From the Hoag perspective, I think our goal is to help our senior citizens age

in place and Vivante offers a great service here. I think what we're trying to do is make it so convenient for seniors to try and receive care that there's no excuse for them not to," said Jeff

Hammond, executive director of post-acute care at Hoag. "If they need primary care, if they need medication refills, our physicians are here and our team is here to really support the

ing out of their home, so their risk of homelessness is really high," she said. "Also, that is the time where we see a lot of budding mental health disorders. We're able to do a little bit more of early adulthood intervention, in terms of mental health support ... and provide them support in pursuing whichever avenue they want to go."

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EACH PLACE setting at the Waymakers' 50th anniversary event included a decorated cookie.

south Orange County, said she's done work with Waymakers on victim assistance, as well as educational work with students.

"We have a lot of Waymakers programs through the county of Orange," Foley said. "They're literally a direct partner with us to provide services related to homelessness and just a safety net for youth. They are so integral to the fabric of our safety net community of service providers that sometimes you don't

even know that they're involved. They're just always there."

In addition to its youth shelters in Laguna Beach, Huntington Beach and Tustin, Waymakers opened a fourth shelter for young adults last year, also in Tustin.

That Crisis Residential Program is for people ages 18 to 25, known as a Transition Age Youth, said program director Lisa Samaan.

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Quaid's story at the meeting. "What a great promise to have like that on board."

After joining the Fountain Valley Fire Department as a reserve, McQuaid also held the roles of fire engineer, fire captain, battalion chief and division chief of operations. He now succeeds Ron Cookston, another homegrown product, as fire chief.

With its blend of blue- and white-collar work, the fire service appealed to McQuaid for its various challenges.

"Over the last five to seven years, I've traveled up and down the state of California as a strike team leader, responding to multiple of the largest fires in California history," McQuaid said. "[It involved] leading teams of firefighters

fighting these fires in extreme, adverse conditions 24 hours a day on the front lines of the fire, just putting in that hard work to make a difference to save homes and communities."

Those efforts included fighting the Thomas fire in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, which ignited in late December 2017 and was deemed contained the following January, as well as the Dixie fire that raged in Northern California from July to October 2021.

On the administrative side, McQuaid found himself involved with setting up vaccination centers during the coronavirus pandemic.

McQuaid, 54, lives with his family in Huntington Beach. He graduated from Fountain Valley High in 1986.

City Manager Maggie Le said McQuaid will earn a base salary of \$241,308.

As fire chief, McQuaid said he wants to prioritize support for first responders by giving them the tools to do their work and provide "concierge level" service to the community.

"Right now, we're partnering with our local high schools here in the city," McQuaid said. "With the large-scale opioid and fentanyl usage that's going on and the adverse results that are coming out of that, we've partnered with our high schools to train the teachers and train the high school staff how to respond to those emergencies."

"We're providing them with the Narcan, which is the medication that we provide to help offset the effects of opioids, to the high schools so that they can get rapid response, even before we can get there to help us in the process of saving lives."

Bettering himself

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Pacifica Christian boys' basketball earns big league win

EJ Spillman led with 18 points as the Pacifica Christian Orange County boys' basketball team earned a 51-47 win at Orangewood Academy on Thursday night in a San Joaquin League game.

Alex Stewart added 13 points and nine rebounds for the Tritons, ranked No. 4 in CIF Southern Section Division 2A. Salim Semaan scored 10 points as Pacifica Christian improved to 16-8 overall and 3-1 in league.

Orangewood Academy (17-6, 2-3) is ranked No. 2 in Division 3AA.

Pacifica Christian hosts Capistrano Valley Christian in a league game on Saturday at 7 p.m.

GIRLS' WATER POLO

Los Alamitos 9, Newport Harbor 8 (3 OT): The Griffins scored in the third overtime period to notch the Surf League win in a classic match on Thursday at Newport Harbor High.

Los Alamitos (15-5, 3-0) is in first place halfway through league competition.

Ryan Chalupnik, Harper Price and Chiara Amoroso each scored twice for Newport Harbor (16-4, 2-1 in league). Caitlin Stayt and Chloe Rizof each scored once, and Anna Reed made 11 saves.

The Sailors play Laguna Beach in another key league match Tuesday at Los Alamitos High.

Laguna Beach 16, Huntington Beach 3: Claire Turner, Lauren Short, Jordan Schneider, Myha Pinto, Emerson Hensley and Brooke Schneider each scored twice for the Breakers in Thursday's Surf League match.

Laguna Beach improved to 11-6 overall and 2-1 in league.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Edison 2, Fountain Valley 1: Avery Lindquist and

Harlee Thomas each scored for the Chargers in Thursday's Sunset Conference crossover match at Fountain Valley High.

Edison improved to 6-7-4 overall, while Fountain Valley fell to 8-6-3.

Huntington Beach 5, Corona del Mar 1: The Oilers improved to 18-2-1 and extended their winning streak to eight games on Thursday in a Sunset Conference crossover match at Huntington Beach High.

CdM is now 11-5-1.

Los Alamitos 5, Laguna Beach 0: The Breakers fell to 6-8-3 after losing Thursday's Sunset Conference crossover match on the road.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Corona del Mar 40, Huntington Beach 35: Senior point guard Kenedie French-Matthews paced the visiting Sea Kings with 15 points in a Sunset Conference crossover game on



PACIFICA CHRISTIAN

Orange County's EJ Spillman, shown in a game against Fairmont Prep last January, scored a team-high 18 points for the Tritons on Thursday night.

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Thursday.

Senior shooting guard Dorothy Schwenck scored 11 points, and junior guard Julia Mork added seven points for CdM (13-9).

Junior guard Laura Matsunoto had a team-high 10 points for Huntington Beach (8-16). Sophomore guard Mia Chang added nine points.

Los Alamitos 46, Edison 44: Junior forward Mia Cassel had 19 points and three steals, but the host Chargers fell to the Griffins in a Sunset Conference crossover game on Thursday.

Freshman forward Taylor Savage added nine rebounds and three steals for Edison (12-12). Senior guard Bailey Chang chipped in with nine points.

Senior guard Kayli Liew had a team-leading 13 points for Los Alamitos (15-9). Freshman guard Tamlyn Yoshida scored eight points, and junior center Cassidy Beach had seven points.

Fountain Valley 47, Marina 39: Senior Mary Nguen and freshman Sophie Hsieh each scored 13 points for the Barons in Thursday's Sunset Conference crossover game at Marina High.

Sophomore Karley Waite added eight points for Fountain Valley (10-14).

Freshman guard Rylee Bradley scored 20 points to lead Marina (11-13).

which is in second place through the first half of league play.

Corona del Mar dropped to 7-4-3 overall and 0-2-1.

Los Alamitos 3, Huntington Beach 0: The Griffins (10-5-2, 3-0) won their fifth game in a row on Wednesday to maintain their hold on first place in the Surf League.

Huntington Beach is now 3-6-5 overall and 0-2-1 in league.

Los Amigos 2, La Quinta 0: Seniors Oracio Teriquez and Anthony Gutierrez scored the goals for the Lobos on Wednesday in a Garden Grove League game on the road.

Christopher Santos and Daniel Perez drew the assists for Los Amigos (9-2-1, 4-0). Jorge Sanchez made three saves to preserve the shutout.

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1	8	3	4	2	6	5	7	9
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2	3	9	1	6	5	8	4	7
8	6	1	9	4	7	3	2	5
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