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Police swarm mall, arrest 2

Attempted robbery took place at Louis Vuitton at Neiman Marcus in Fashion Island, Newport Beach police say.

BY LILLY NGUYEN AND SUSAN HOFFMAN

Newport Beach police arrested at least two suspects early Thursday afternoon and were searching for a possible third accomplice following an attempted robbery at the Louis Vuitton at Neiman Marcus in the Fashion Island shopping center, according to an officer at the scene.

Sgt. Steven Oberon of the Newport Beach Police Department was among officers at the center who was urging bystanders to move along, saying the situation could be dangerous. He told a reporter the investigation was ongoing.

Police vehicles swarmed Fashion Island, blocking off entrances, sometime shortly after 1 p.m.

By 2 p.m., the store was asking customers to leave and closed its doors.

Newport Beach resident Ron

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Wysocki moves up as H.B. sees exits

Interim community and library services director is now permanent head.

BY MATT SZABO

The state of California has dubbed July as Parks Make Life Better Month.

Huntington Beach certainly has its share of parks, with 79 of them that total nearly 800 acres.

Now it has found the person whose tasks include optimizing Surf City's outdoor programs and services.

Ashley Wysocki has been selected as Huntington Beach's community and library services director, city officials confirmed Wednesday. She had been serving in the position in an interim role since former director Chris Slama resigned in March.

"Timing is everything, and you can't plan for how and when

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PARADE PARTICIPANTS gather in front of the Festival of Arts in Laguna Beach on Saturday.



Spencer Grant



Susan Hoffman

AN EXCAVATOR demolished the iconic A-Frame building at 333 E. 17th St. in Costa Mesa Tuesday morning to make room for a Shake Shack location. Originally an International House of Pancakes restaurant, the structure more recently housed Pancakes R Us.

From pancakes to burgers: Shack will replace A-frame

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

At 7 a.m. Tuesday an excavator arrived to take its first bite out of the steeply angled A-frame building that had been a landmark on Costa Mesa's 17th street for more than 60 years to make room for a new Shake Shack.

The replacement structure, to be built in a shopping center at 333 E. 17th Street Costa Mesa, will house the third Shake Shack in Orange County, with other locations at Irvine Spectrum and in Huntington Beach.

Baycrest Bottle-Shop & Market is located in the same 17th Street center. Its owner, Sylvia Bice, recalled the vintage A-frame building, built in about 1959, as originally home to an International House of Pancakes restaurant. It became a Pancakes R Us eatery more than 12 years ago, Bice said.

"I think the new Shake Shack is supposed to be a walk-up, dine inside and not drive-through, which will be a positive for the center," she said. "It will open up the center and be uplifting, which will bring more energy."

Sean Canova has operated his business, TZone Fitness & Pilates, in the same center for 27 years. He agrees Shake Shack will be good for the community.

"It's the first time having a national restaurant brand on 17th Street," said Canova. "It'll be good for 17th and even better to have that gigantic building taken down."

Leasing agent Ken Gould of Lee & Associates, Newport Beach, said that with the old structure gone, and the new, less obtrusive building will mean better visibility to 17th Street for tenants in the back of the center.

"The demolition of the building and new construction of Shake Shack that includes a

patio will be transformational for the center," Gould said.

Jeff Chon, a merchant in the 333 E. 17th Street center for 12 years, operating two establishments, Tabu Shabu and Oak & Coal eatery and tavern, also welcomes the new tenant.

"We are excited to be neighbors with a growing national brand and hope that it serves the wonderful community of Newport Mesa with the same love and care we have," Chon said.

On a lighter note, Canova brought up the notion that his gym clients will soon be able to grab a burger after a good workout.

According to Gould, the target date for the opening of the new Shake Shack is early 2024.

Susan Hoffman is a contributor to Times Community News.

Plan to rename 405/39 interchange barrels ahead

BY SARA CARDINE

As Huntington Beach prepares for the start of the U.S. Open of Surf Friday, a resolution sponsored by a politician naming a local interchange "Surf City USA" is riding a wave toward adoption by the California Legislature.

Introduced by state Assemblyman Tri Ta (R-Westminster) in late May, Assembly Concurrent Resolution 87 asks Caltrans to determine the cost of creating and installing signs bearing the special designation, to be funded by donations from non-state sources.

Signage will likely be installed on the northbound and southbound sides of the 405 near its interchange with State Route 39 in Huntington Beach. Assembly members are anticipated to vote on the proposal when the Legis-

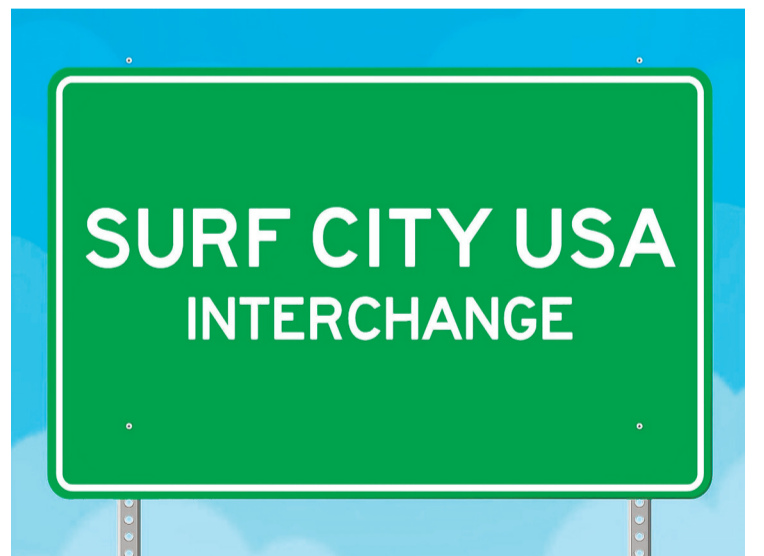
lature returns from summer recess in mid-August.

The resolution acknowledges the moniker was adopted in 1991 to recognize the city's 10 miles of coastline, year-round waves and long surfing history, referencing the US Open, the International Surfing Museum, Surfers' Hall of Fame and the Surfing Walk of Fame.

Ta — who co-authored the bipartisan proposal with fellow Assemblyman Philip Chen (R-Diamond Bar) and state Sens. Dave Min (D-Irvine), Tom Umberg (D-Orange) and Kelly Seyarto (R-Murrieta) — said he was honored to be able to celebrate the city's surf and beach culture.

"I am proud to represent a portion of Huntington Beach in the state Assembly and to play a

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Courtesy of the office of Assemblyman Tri Ta

A RENDERING of signage proposed for the interchange between State Route 39 and the 405 Freeway in Huntington Beach.

Pageant of the Masters marks 90th with sidewalk parade

BY ANDREW TURNER

Art came to life in the streets of Laguna Beach on Saturday, as a sizable crowd participated in a sidewalk parade to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Pageant of the Masters.

The tableaux vivant show first came into being in 1933, when it was known as the Spirit of the Masters. A similar marching spectacle took place on what was then called Coast Boulevard, one that Festival of Arts organizers have now sought to recreate on a couple of occasions. A sidewalk parade was also organized for the 75th anniversary.

In the latest iteration, participants met at the gazebo in Heisler Park before making their way toward Main Beach and then onto

the Promenade on Forest. The processional moved to City Hall, then arrived at the Festival of Arts.

Pageant director Diane Challis Davy, who is now in her 27th year leading the show, made it an educational experience for those partaking in the parade and onlookers nearby.

"She actually did give some historical information at every stop, which was great," said Ed Hanke, a volunteer for the pageant. "It was on a bullhorn, so people who were in the area were able to hear it and understand, 'OK, this is what's going on. This is what happened at this site.'"

"Then she would go to the next site and go through the history of what happened at that one. She

See **Parade**, page A5

3rd suspect ID'd in Costa Mesa clinic firebombing

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Federal officials Monday announced the arrest of a third suspect in a 2022 firebombing attack at a Costa Mesa Planned Parenthood, following the arraignment of the two men already under arrest in connection with the incident.

The third suspect, Xavier Batten, 21, of Florida, was arrested on Friday by FBI agents and is being held without bail. He made his first appearance in federal court on the same day of his arrest in U.S. District Court in the Middle District of Florida.

Batten, along with Tibet Ergul, 21, of Irvine, and Chance Brannon, 23, of San



Courtesy of FBI Los Angeles Field Office

THREE SUSPECTS have been identified in a firebombing incident in March 2022 at a Costa Mesa Planned Parenthood. The third was identified and arrested Monday by the FBI.

Juan Capistrano, who is an active duty Marine, are charged with one count of conspiracy and one count of malicious destruction of

property by fire and explosion.

Ergul and Brannon additionally face one count of possession of an unregis-

tered destructive device and one misdemeanor count of intentional damage to a reproductive health services facility in violation of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act.

Brannon and Ergul pleaded not guilty to all charges Monday at the Ronald Reagan Federal Building in Santa Ana, and a trial date has been set for Sept. 5. Batten is expected to appear for an arraignment in California in the coming weeks.

According to the indictment, the three conspired with one another to damage the clinic. Ergul and Brannon acquired the materials to create a Molotov cocktail while Batten in-

formed the two on how to construct one, officials said. Ergul and Brannon were later reported to have arrived at the facility at 1520 Nutmeg Place early March 13, 2022, and ignited and hurled the molotov cocktail at the entrance.

The Costa Mesa Police and Fire departments responded to extinguish the fire, and evidence collected at the scene showed that both the glass container and other materials contained gasoline, according to a statement issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California.

The clinic reported that it had to cancel more than 30 appointments the next day.

“Those who deliberately put lives at risk and damage property by launching improvised explosive devices into public facilities will be sought and will be held accountable, as this case makes clear,” said Donald Alway, the assistant director of the FBI's Los Angeles field office, in a statement.

“Anyone with information about the planning of violent attacks on public facilities — or the targeting of individuals — should immediately contact law enforcement in order to potentially prevent an act of violence that could prove deadly,” Alway said.

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Newport Beach attorney pleads guilty in fraud scheme

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A Newport Beach attorney who boasted of providing loans to wealthy and famous clients pleaded guilty Monday to a fraud scheme that bankrolled a gambling habit and a lavish lifestyle.

Sara Jacqueline King, 39, agreed in June to plead guilty to wire fraud and money laundering in an agreement, federal prosecutors said. King was scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 8.

King was also sued in federal court earlier this year in a claim alleging she defrauded a lender out of about \$10.2 million.

Federal prosecutors allege that beginning at the start of 2022 and through Jan. 11 of this year, she collected about \$8 million

from five investors through her business King Family Lending LLC that was used to “gamble at Las Vegas casinos and support her lavish lifestyle.”

According to her plea agreement, King Lending purported to provide “short-term, high-interest loans to celebrities, professional athletes and other high-net-worth individuals secured by the borrower's own assets, including designer handbags, watches, luxury automobiles, yachts and earnings from guaranteed professional sports contracts.”

King recruited investors to fund the business loans, claiming that the investments were secured by the same collateral as the loans, prosecutors said. She promised to hold the collateral and if a borrower defaulted she would sell it to pay the investor in full, prosecutors said.

King said she would keep a percentage of the interest earned from the loans and pass along a percentage to

the investor along with the initial investment, prosecutors said.

But she never funded any loan and instead spent the money on herself, prosecutors said.

In the lawsuit, she was accused by British Virgin Island-based LDR International Limited of giving King 97 loans amounting to \$10.2 million from January through October of last year. In one case, the collateral was a vintage Avengers comic book worth \$25,000, the plaintiff said in the suit.

The lawsuit alleged that King “spent the majority of the funds loaned by plaintiff to King Lending to gamble in Las Vegas, fund an extravagant lifestyle, and for other personal uses by King. Plaintiff is informed and believes that King moved into the Wynn Las Vegas resort and hotel, lived there for six months, and gambled 24/7.”

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ARREST

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Hiller said he overheard an employee speaking with police about the incident.

“We saw the helicopter overhead and walked over to see what was going on,” Hiller said. “And that's when we heard the woman say they tried to rob Louis Vuitton.”

Parking lots were blocked by roughly 20 po-

lice vehicles.

According to a news release from the Newport Beach Police Department, Los Angeles residents Calvin Maxwell Webb, 25, and Felton Levoy Binns, 26, were booked on suspicion of conspiracy to commit grand theft.

Thursday's incident was the latest theft attempt at the Neiman Marcus location in the past year. A burglary was reported at the store in February, when

more than \$100,000 was stolen in luxury merchandise, and a robbery in July 2022. About \$58,000 in stolen goods were recovered from that incident, according to police reports at the time.

A Fashion Island spokesperson Thursday afternoon said shopping center officials declined to comment.

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RENAME

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role in recognizing the more than 100 years of surfing history and 10 miles of coastline that truly make Huntington Beach ‘Surf City USA,’ he said in a July 7 statement.

“I look forward to this resolution quickly passing the legislature and to soon after proudly drive by signs that say ‘Surf City USA’ — a welcomed tribute of our love for Huntington Beach.”

The resolution was introduced May 26 and referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee on June 1. After some minor amendments, it was ad-



ASSEMBLYMAN TRI TA

(R-Westminster) introduced a resolution to officially name the interchange between state routes 39 and 405 the ‘Surf City USA’ interchange.

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vanced to the Assembly floor on July 5 during Clean Beaches Week, a designation intended to inspire preservation and cleanup efforts nationwide.

Ta represents California's 70th Assembly District,

which also includes Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Los Alamitos and Westminster, along with portions of Santa Ana and Seal Beach.

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- 14 Word of agreement
- 15 Like a haunted house
- 16 Mount Fuji's output
- 17 Alumnus, for short
- 18 Skin inflammation
- 20 Lisa, to Bart
- 21 Groupies
- 22 Bamboo shoots
- 23 Fails to include
- 25 Declares unlawful
- 26 2nd-largest European river
- 28 Lifts with effort
- 31 John Quincy _
- 32 “Beat it!”
- 34 NFL official
- 36 Vats
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- 39 TV's “_ in the Family”
- 40 Secret observers
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- 42 _ up; joined forces
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- 51 Woolen cap
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SUDOKU

By the Mephram 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.

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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A5.

- 63 Fluid-filled sac
- before surgery
- 6 Prom-goers
- 7 Drops the ball
- 8 Intention
- 9 “Cry _ River”
- 10 UFO pilots
- 11 Overdue
- 12 Gung ho
- 13 Disrespectful talk
- 19 Characteristic

- 21 Lies
- 24 “_ the word!”
- 25 Italy's shape
- 26 Facts & figures
- 27 Big person
- 28 Little leaps
- 29 Brief; fleeting
- 30 Evening hour
- 32 Went down smoothly
- 33 Mediocre mark
- 35 Hasty
- 37 _ off; skedaddled
- 38 Taunt
- 40 1 of 5 senses
- 41 Well-behaved
- 43 Butting heads
- 44 See 45 Across
- 46 One of the Simpsons
- 47 Pretense; farce
- 48 Singer Patti
- 49 Waller fillers
- 50 Prohibits
- 52 Famous _ Cookies
- 53 Suffix for pay or ship
- 55 Inventor Whitney
- 56 Baby's accessory
- 57 Attack command

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USA WATER POLO JUNIOR OLYMPICS



Matt Szabo

MVP CHARLOTTE RICHES raises the USA Water Polo Junior Olympics first-place trophy and celebrates with her SET teammates Sunday.

SET 18U girls make history with 8-7 win

BY MATT SZABO

The Saddleback-El Toro (SET) Water Polo Club has had tons of success, especially on the girls' side, at the USA Water Polo Junior Olympics.

So it might surprise some to know that SET had never won in the top 18-and-under division.

A group of motivated Laguna Beach High players helped change that this year.

Breakers graduate Charlotte Riches earned MVP honors as the SET Black 18U girls beat rival Los Alamitos 8-7 in the title match Sunday at Woollett

Aquatics Center in Irvine. "This is definitely the perfect scenario," said the Princeton University-bound Riches, who had a goal, an assist and drew two penalty shots in the final. "I can't dream of anything else."

Riches said she and her teammates were motivated to finish it off, especially after losing to Newport in the 18U final at last year's Junior Olympics at Stanford University.

"We had that bad taste in our mouth, and we weren't going to let that happen again," Riches said.

Laguna Beach incoming senior Ava Knepper added

three goals for SET, including the eventual game-winning near-side strike with 3:57 left in the fourth quarter. Orange Lutheran's Allison Cohen added two goals, while Lancers teammate Sofia Umeda and Laguna's Kara Carver added one goal each.

USC-bound Laguna graduate Lauren Schneider had six saves for SET, which also sent coach Claire Sonne off a champion. Sonne, a Laguna Beach alumna who coached the Breakers for one season, said she's headed to pursue a mas-

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USA WATER POLO JUNIOR OLYMPICS



Matt Szabo

MEMBERS OF THE Newport Beach Water Polo Club 14U girls celebrate after winning gold on Sunday at Woollett Aquatics Center in Irvine, in a 13-12 match.

Newport Beach 14-and-under girls capture gold

BY MATT SZABO

The Newport Beach Water Polo Club 18-and-under girls won last year's USA Water Polo Club Junior Olympics, an impressive goodbye for several Newport Harbor High graduates before they headed off to college.

This year, some incoming high school freshmen showed that the Sailors should continue to be plenty strong.

Newport Beach's 14-and-under girls captured gold Sunday at Woollett Aquat-

ics Center in Irvine, hanging on for an exciting 13-12 shootout victory over SO-CAL in the title match.

Newport Beach's Addison Ting scored the final goal to clinch the title. Valery Verdugo scored twice in the shootout and Madison Mack added a goal after the teams played to a 9-9 tie through regulation.

Goalkeeper Terra Sage Lindberg made three saves in the shootout. Newport Beach's players tasted gold for the second time in three years after winning the Junior Olympics 12U ti-

tle in 2021.

Newport Beach's Sadie Ricks, who head coach Christina O'Beck lauded as a superstar in her defensive role throughout the tournament, earned MVP honors. O'Beck said Ricks helped keep one of the best players in the country scoreless in a quarterfinal win over 680 Drivers on Saturday.

"It's pretty hard, but I have to do it for my team," said Ricks, who also scored a goal in the final. "I know

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AROUND TOWN

Drivers snagged in speed, loud exhaust enforcement effort

The Laguna Beach Police Department led a speed and loud exhaust enforcement operation last Saturday, an effort geared toward addressing safety and quality-of-life concerns in coastal Orange County.

The multiagency effort included officers from the Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach and Newport Beach police departments. Cal State Fullerton, Santa

Ana, Seal Beach and Tustin police, as well as the Orange County Sheriff's department, the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Bureau of Automotive Repair also assisted with enforcement.

There were 198 vehicles stopped for code violations, with 98 drivers receiving citations. Thirty-four of the tickets were written for speeding. Authorities made one arrest and towed four vehicles.

"Aftermarket or custom vehicle exhausts that exceed noise limits set by law are a continual problem along the coastal communi-

ties within Orange County," Laguna Beach Police Chief Jeff Calvert said in a statement. "Our communities are greatly affected by the nuisance of loud noise, and we will continue to work with our neighboring police agencies to address the issue."

National Night Out set for Laguna Beach

Laguna Beach will host its National Night Out event at Main Beach on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

National Night Out is a community-building event that allows

residents to see what first responders do and interact with them. The event will take place from 5 to 8 p.m.

Demonstrations will be held by the Laguna Beach fire, police and marine safety departments. Attendees will also be able to enjoy dinner, music and a handful of fun activities like games and face painting.

Live music Sunday evening in Laguna

Adaawe will perform at Bluebird Park on Sunday as part of La-

guna Beach's 40th annual Music in the Park events.

The show begins at 5 p.m. Attendees may bring low-seating beach chairs to enjoy the show.

Alcohol is allowed for guests of at least 21 years of age, but those choosing to consume it must also have a full meal with their drinks.

This weekend's musical entertainment on the performance deck at the Promenade on Forest includes Jason Feddy on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and American Idol's Ava August on Sunday at 5 p.m.

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ter's degree at the University of Chicago.

Former University of Hawaii assistant Katie Teets is taking over the Laguna Beach job. Sonne said it's a good choice, because Teets has "so much heart and so much experience."

"The seniors and I joked that we were all moving on to college, and that we had to go out with a bang together," Sonne said. "They just played every game like it was their last. For me, and for them, the theme all year was, 'Embrace it, soak it all in.' For me, once I made this decision to explore this new chapter, I just wanted to be in the moment. That's what I told them, too."

Brown University-bound



Matt Szabo

VANGUARD'S 10-and-under co-ed team earned silver.

Laguna graduate Cleo Washer added an assist and a steal in the 18U final, while Laguna Beach's Jordan Schneider, Emmy Hensley and Presley Jones also contributed.

Jones won her seventh Junior Olympics title over-

all, while Carver has six.

After a 2-2 halftime tie, Riches' play helped SET run off three straight goals in the third quarter. She beat a double-team to score, then assisted Umeda's goal. The next time down, Riches drew a

penalty shot that Knepper buried.

"[Riches] has the most heart of any player and I'm just so proud of her," Sonne said. "She's just an incredible human."

Los Alamitos rallied to tie the score twice, but never led in the second half despite the efforts of UCLA-bound goalkeeper Joey Niz (17 saves).

For some of the younger players on the SET 18U team, it was the second straight Junior Olympics title after they won gold in the 16s last year. This year's 16s team, coached by Teets, earned bronze; Carver scored five goals in a 10-8 win over Channel Islands United in the bronze-medal match.

As for the 18s, they were undefeated in the Junior Olympics, including a 10-6 semifinal win over SOCAL

Black earlier Sunday. And they got a nice surprise when Laguna Beach/SET alumna and two-time Olympic gold medalist Aria Fischer helped distribute their medals.

Fischer was this year's Cutino Award winner as the nation's top collegiate water polo player after helping Stanford win the national championship.

"Aria Fischer is my best friend," Sonne said. "We were seniors together at Laguna Beach High School and she is such a role model to the SET club. She's been around on deck and giving some words of wisdom."

VANGUARD 10U CO-EDS EARN SILVER

The Vanguard Aquatics 10-and-under co-ed team made the Junior Olympics final Sunday.

Huntington Beach-based Vanguard settled for silver, as La Jolla United hung on for an 8-7 victory.

Ryan Pearce led Vanguard with three goals, and Ryker Abing scored twice. Titan Schilling and Mason Munoz added one goal each for Vanguard, and goalkeeper Caden Schilling made five saves.

First-year Vanguard coach Garrett Lee, a Huntington Beach High water polo alumnus, said he was proud of his team.

"I couldn't ask for more," Lee said. "They show up to practice every day and they're ready to go. They've got that winning mentality and they're never going to back down. You saw that game, we were down but we still fought."

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GOLD

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that it's the most I can do to help them. I want to try my best always to benefit the team, and I want to play for them."

Most of the players will be freshmen at Newport Harbor High this fall. Lindberg is headed to San Clemente High.

Verdugo had three goals, two assists and three steals in regulation, while center Gabby Alexson scored twice

and drew three exclusions. Caroline Daniel, left-hander Campbell Pence (two assists) and Mack each added goals.

Julia Winkelmann, Morgan Dollander, Charmae Price, Olivia Bryant, Sutton Lohman, Grace Ditteaux, Allison Baron and Nikolai Pukke also contributed for the winners.

Newport Beach led 9-8 late before SOCAL's Victoria Popejoy scored with 35 seconds left in regulation, sending the gold-medal match to the shootout. But

the locals didn't get rattled.

"I think that's something really special about our team, we never let anything affect us," Verdugo said. "Whenever things are going bad, I think we're one of the most positive teams you'll see. When things are going good, we're the same."

The all-Newport Harbor alumni coaching staff of O'Beck, Rachel Whitelegge and Carlee Kapana also relished the victory. O'Beck said it was her first Junior Olympics gold as a player or head coach.

Newport Beach went undefeated in the tournament and earned an 11-7 win over Vanguard in the semifinals.

NEWPORT BEACH 12U GIRLS EARN SILVER

The Newport Beach Water Polo Club 12-and-under girls battled to make the USA Water Polo Junior Olympics title match.

Once they got there, they ran into an impressive Patriot team. Based in Irvine, Patriot earned a 13-5 win over Newport in the title

match Sunday.

Lillian Price, Cece Mesenbrink, McKenna Mack, Mallory Collins and Anna Burtnyk each scored one goal for Newport Beach in the title match. Goalkeeper Blakely Gregory made four saves and had a pair of steals.

MVP Natalie Arata of Patriot matched Newport Beach's total, scoring five goals.

Newport Beach trailed 8-2 at halftime but scored the first two goals of the third quarter to get closer.

The second of those goals featured a nice passing sequence that ended with Collins feeding Price for the goal.

"I was really proud of our group," Newport Beach head coach Kevin Ricks said. "[Patriot] is just a tough team, and they grind and make you work really hard. But the girls had some energy coming out in the third, so that was cool. That was great."

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