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**TREY LOCKHART** of Laguna Beach does a backside air reverse as he competes in the men's pro-am final during the running of the 57th Brooks Street Classic on Sunday. Lockhart won the division along with a \$1,000 paycheck.

## A swell surfing contest caps summer in Laguna



**DECKED OUT** in blue, Hans Hagen of Laguna Beach flies off the top of a wave en route to winning the grand masters final division.

**BY ANDREW TURNER**

Children had returned to school and the art festivals had concluded their shows in Laguna Beach, but for dozens of resident surfers, a summer at home is incomplete without the Brooks Street Surfing Classic.

A hometown staple, the dates of the contest are always a moving target, owing to the need for a south swell to provide rideable surf throughout an entire weekend.

Event organizers were following the path of Hurricane Jova in hopes that it would deliver the necessary swell. This weekend,

residents made their way down to the beach and hopped on their boards.

"It was the only way we could have run the event," said Brandy Faber, the contest director. "We had been watching and tracking this hurricane, and it was taking a very favorable track to deliver a swell in Southern California. The fact that it was going to deliver that swell on Saturday and Sunday was what enabled us to run an event."

The Brooks Street Surfing Classic, a Laguna Beach resident-only contest, has been held

See *Surfing*, page A5

## Fencing planned to help rare bird

Newport Beach is making effort to protect Western snowy plovers, a threatened species, from unaware humans.

**BY LILLY NGUYEN**

Fencing is expected to go up in Newport Beach between D and F streets next month to protect the local population of western snowy plovers — an endangered shorebird that lives along the Pacific Coast, following action taken Tuesday by the City Council under the direction of the California Coastal Commission.

According to the California Fish and Wildlife Department, less than 1,500 breeding western snowy plovers remain in California, and the bird has been listed as a threatened species since 1993.

Nesting efforts are often impacted by unaware human visitors. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has designated the beach area between B and G streets as critical habitat for the species, according to the city's website, and it is also found in other parts of the Balboa Peninsula east of that area.

Fencing that previously existed to cordon off the area was at some

See *Fencing*, page A4

## Arrest made in H.B. hit-and-runs

Huntington Beach police suspect a juvenile of sideswiping 3 bicyclists, one of whom died from his injuries.

**BY LILLY NGUYEN**

The Huntington Beach Police Department this week announced the arrest of a suspect believed to be the cause of three hit-and-runs Sunday night, one of which resulted in the death of a 70-year-old Huntington Beach man.

Because the suspect is a juvenile male, no further identifying information will be released, police said.

The suspect was arrested Tuesday night and is in custody at Or-

See *Arrest*, page A4

## Rain booth brings a drop of Seattle to Surf City

**BY MATT SZABO**

The weather Wednesday afternoon was sunny and about 70 degrees in Huntington Beach, with not a cloud in the sky.

Still, there was a 100% chance of rain at Pacific City.

Visit Seattle brought its traveling "rain booth" to the Huntington Beach outdoor mall, providing visitors with a fun photo opportunity and the ability to feel something all too rare in Southern California — rain.

Rain produced from recycled water fell in both the front and back of the booth, giving guests

an opportunity to stand in the middle and not get wet. Still, Visit Seattle provided touches like clear umbrellas and even dog raincoats for those accompanied by a canine.

"I did get wet and it felt good," said Nancy Aynehchi of Tustin, who visited the booth with some friends after enjoying a lunch upstairs at Pacific City. "It's something different ... I love the rain, I love Seattle."

The photos were displayed on a tablet at the booth, where guests could create their portrait

See *Booth*, page A4



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**SAM ASAKI** and Alma O'Hamlon, from left, step into Seattle's traveling rain booth at Pacific City in Huntington Beach on Wednesday.

## 91 films to be screened during Newport Beach Film Festival

**BY LILLY NGUYEN**

The Newport Beach Film Festival announced Tuesday its official lineup for 2023.

The festival, which will embark on its 24th run Oct. 12 and run through Oct. 19, will feature 91 films on Newport Beach screens, including 14 world premieres and 14 U.S. premieres.

Three Netflix productions will be centerpiece films of this year's festival, including "May December," directed by Todd Haynes and starring Natalie Portman, Julianne Moore and Charles Melton; "NYAD," directed by Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi and Jimmy Chin and starring Annette Bening, Jodie Foster and Rhys Ifans; and "Rustin," directed by George C. Wolfe, which stars Colman Domingo.

Another centerpiece film will come from Apple Original Films. "Fingernails," directed by Christos Nikou, stars Jeremy Allen White, Riz Ahmed, Annie Murphy, Jessie Buckley and Luke Wilson. Fifteen international films have been se-

lected as part of a spotlight selection from various countries, including China, Germany and Iran, among others.

Which films will be screened on opening and closing nights will be announced later, but interested readers can see the full lineup and planned special events at [newportbeachfilmfest.com](http://newportbeachfilmfest.com), where tickets can also be purchased.

"The Newport Beach Film Festival has become the largest entertainment event in coastal Southern California. We are excited to reflect the diversity of our community and Orange County overall," said Gregg Schwenk, the chief executive officer and executive director of the Newport Beach Film Festival. He added the festival affords a unique opportunity for locals to see advance screenings of major awards contenders.

The festival attracts close to 50,000 visitors annually.

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**A STILL TAKEN** from "Nyad," one of the films that will be featured at the Newport Beach Film Festival this fall. Pictured is actress Annette Bening as Diana Nyad. The film also stars Jodie Foster and Rhys Ifans.

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- 9/20 PHANTOM PLANET / RANGLIFE
- 9/21 KEIKO MATSUI
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- 10/21 PAT BOONE
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- 10/29 MARTIN SEXTON
- 10/31 OINGO BOINGO FORMER MEMBERS
- 11/1 RIDERS IN THE SKY (ACOUSTIC WESTERN COWBOY MUSIC AND HUMOR)
- 11/2 ZEBRA
- 11/3 LED ZEPAGAIN (LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE)
- 11/4 LED ZEPAGAIN (LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE)
- 11/5 BEN OTTEWELL / IAN BALL (OF GOMEZ)



SAT, SEP 30  
**GARRISON KEILLOR**



TUE, OCT 3  
**ABC**



FRI, OCT 6  
**BULLET BOYS**



SUN, OCT 8  
**LOUIE CRUZ BELTRAN**

- 11/8 RODNEY CROWELL
- 11/9 THE YOUNG DUBLINERS
- 11/10 WHICH ONE’S PINK? “WISH YOU WERE HERE”
- 11/11 WHICH ONE’S PINK? “DARK SIDE OF THE MOON”
- 11/12 WISHBONE ASH
- 11/15 LEONID & FRIENDS (CHICAGO TRIBUTE)
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- 11/17 FOGHAT
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- 12/1 THE MUSICAL BOX - SELLING ENGLAND BY THE POUND
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- 12/8 GENE LOVES JEZEBEL / BOW WOW WOW
- 12/16 GARY HOEY’S ROCKIN HOLIDAY SHOW
- 12/22 AMBROSIA: A VERY SPECIAL HOLIDAY SHOW
- 1/5 QUEEN NATION (QUEEN TRIBUTE)
- 1/6 QUEEN NATION (QUEEN TRIBUTE)
- 1/12 TOMMY CASTRO
- 2/10 JOURNEY USA (JOURNEY TRIBUTE)
- 2/14 OTTMAR LIEBERT & LUNA NEGRA
- 2/17 THE MOTELS
- 2/24 DADA
- 4/5 ULI JON ROTH - INTERSTELLAR SKY GUITAR TOUR
- 4/14 THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS



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**CRYSTAL BOWERSOX**



THU, OCT 19  
**PAT TRAVERS**



FRI, OCT 20  
**ORIANTHI**

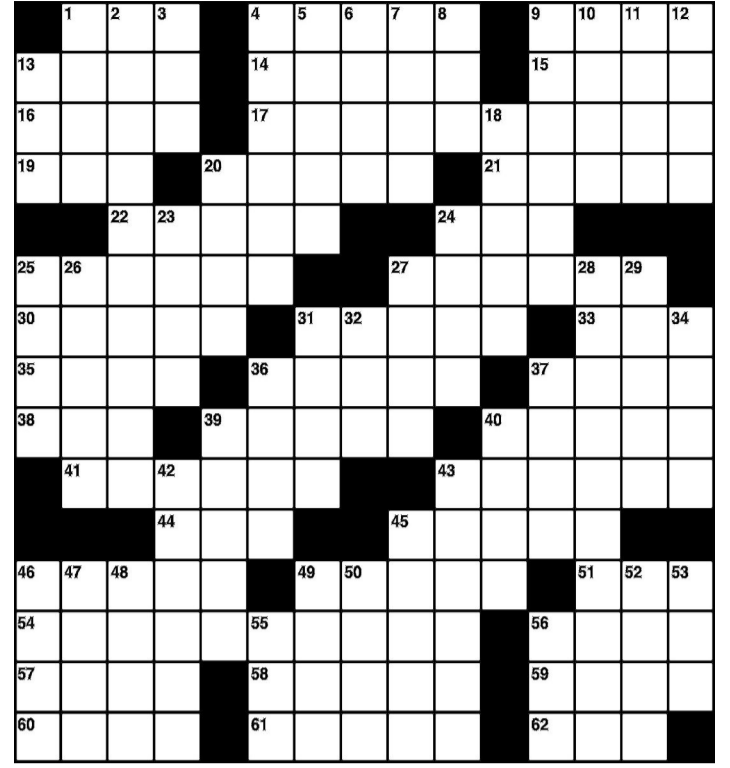


SUN, OCT 22  
**MIKE PETERS of The Alarm**

## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

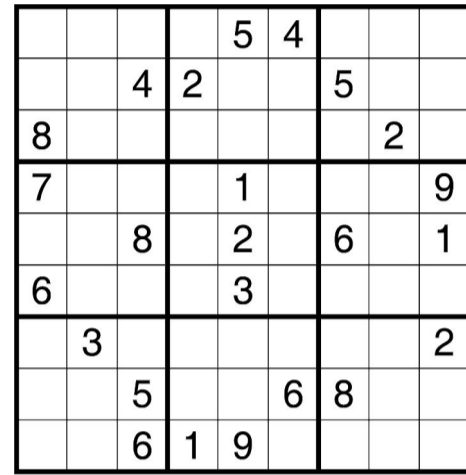
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  - 14 Shade of black
  - 15 Very eager
  - 16 Dad
  - 17 Birdbrain
  - 19 The whole shebang
  - 20 Florist’s shelf supplies
  - 21 Injures
  - 22 Cream of the crop
  - 24 Evergreen
  - 25 Glorify
  - 27 Fruit salad fruit
  - 30 Bridal path
  - 31 FDR’s affliction
  - 33 Jamaica’s official lang.
  - 35 Do away with
  - 36 Of the kidneys
  - 37 List of dishes
  - 38 Half a score
  - 39 \_ Jessica Parker
  - 40 “I’ve \_!”; cry of frustration
  - 41 Dealt a blow to
  - 43 Serves soup
  - 44 “\_ we there yet?”
  - 45 Flood barrier
  - 46 Mistaken
  - 49 Vengeful feeling
  - 51 Major conflict
  - 54 From now on
  - 56 Herbert Hoover’s birthplace
  - 57 Go \_ detail; discuss specifics
  - 58 “The \_ State”; Hawaii
  - 59 Waiter’s item
  - 60 Penniless
  - 61 Force back
  - 62 Pie in the \_; pipe dream



## 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](http://sudoku.org.uk).



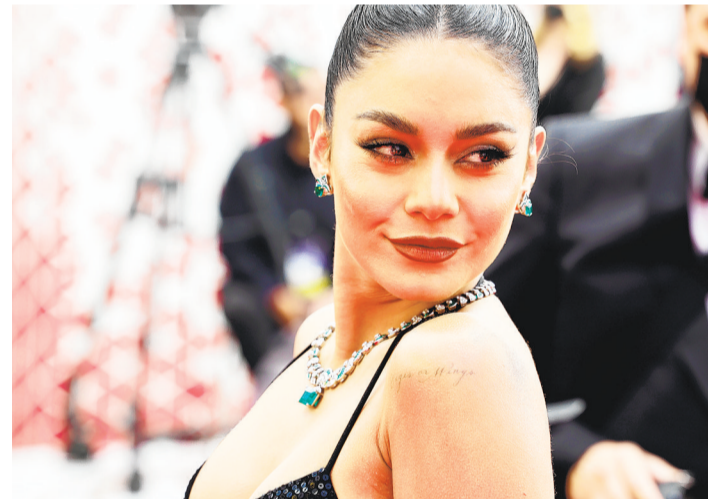
For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A6.

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- 5 Mistreat
- 6 “\_ with the Wind”
- 7 Split \_; hair problem
- 8 Bread variety
- 9 Largest hot
- desert
- 10 Word attached to make or take
- 11 “The King and I” setting
- 12 Bookie’s numbers
- 13 Transcript avg.
- 18 Horned animal
- 20 Clamp

- 23 Mrs. Herman Munster
- 24 Get an “F”
- 25 Days gone by
- 26 Irritates
- 27 Feeling \_; in a funk
- 28 Embroidery
- 29 Actress Potts
- 31 \_ up; quit being sad
- 32 “Cat \_ Hot Tin Roof”
- 34 Nerve
- 36 Marathon
- 37 Created
- 39 Sudden increase
- 40 \_-nots; paupers
- 42 Ill will
- 43 Deadly
- 45 Limber; graceful
- 46 Mixer speed
- 47 City near Lake Tahoe
- 48 Not duped by
- 49 Shoe part
- 50 \_ up; keep from collapsing
- 52 In \_; sort of
- 53 Actor Romano
- 55 \_-off; remote
- 56 “\_ a jungle out there!”

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## AROUND TOWN



**VANESSA HUDGENS** will be the keynote speaker Saturday as part of StyleWeekOC at Fashion Island in Newport Beach. Above, Hudgens arrives at the 94th Academy Awards at the Dolby Theatre at Ovation Hollywood in March 2022.

Robert Gauthier  
*Los Angeles Times*

### StyleWeekOC returns to Fashion Island on Thursday

Fashion Island will host its 12th annual StyleWeekOC next week. It will kick off with an invitation-only fashion show Thursday at Neiman Marcus that’s a benefit for CASA OC. Other events and in-store promotions will take place through Sunday, Sept. 17.

The keynote speaker at a Womens Wear Daily panel presentation from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday is actress Vanessa Hudgens. She’ll join WWD editor Ryma Chickhoun for a Fashion Fireside Chat. Seating is limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis.

The rest of the weekend will feature in-store celebrations (some including champagne and giveaways) at more than 20 retailers.

For more information or to RSVP for events, visit [styleweekoc.com](http://styleweekoc.com).

### L.B. Patriots Day Parade Committee seeks volunteers

The Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade Committee will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 17 to begin organizing the 57th annual Patriots Day Parade next March. Volunteers are needed to organize and help on parade day. Interested readers can reach out to Sandi Werthe for more information on program ads or entries at [shworthy@cox.net](http://shworthy@cox.net).

### Last call made for Taste of Laguna silent auction

A silent auction is held as a part of the Taste of Laguna Food and Music Festival, which will take place on Oct. 5 at the Festival of the Arts grounds.

The Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce asks those that are interested in donating to the silent auction to do so by Sept. 12. For more information, email [joelle@lagunabeachchamber.org](mailto:joelle@lagunabeachchamber.org) or fill out the silent auction form at [tasteoflagunabeach.com/silent-auction1.html](http://tasteoflagunabeach.com/silent-auction1.html).

### Youth mental health fair set for Saturday at St. James

“Love and Listen,” a youth mental health fair, will be held from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16 at St. James Episcopal Church in Newport Beach.

Co-sponsored by the church and Hoag Faith Community Nursing, the fair will offer information to improve one’s mental health. Organizers promise food and fun, live music from the George Fryer Combo, PAWS therapy dogs, yoga instruction, a photo booth, on-site mental health support and more.

More information can be found at [stjamesnewport.org/lovelisten](http://stjamesnewport.org/lovelisten).

St. James is located at 3209 Via Lido, Newport Beach. Parking is available in the church’s parking lot on 32nd Street.

### OC Fair & Event Center announces appointment of 2 fair board members

Officials from the Orange County Fair & Event Center, organizer of the annual Orange County Fair, announced Thursday Gov. Gavin Newsom had recently appointed two members to the 32nd District Assn.’s Orange County Fair Board of Directors.

Tanya Bilezikjian, of Anaheim, is the chief of staff and vice president at the infrastructure consulting firm MNS Engineers, Inc., having previously served as an engineer for Michael Baker International and the San Diego and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control boards.

Dimetria Jackson, of Irvine, is a broker associate for eXP Realty of California and has been a principal of her own law firm since 2018. She has held several positions at legal services company Lexolution, Financial Holdings-Nano Banc EVP and Golden State Foods. Jackson is also a member of the Collaborative Courts Foundation Board

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# Hospital employee receives top recognition

Child life specialist at Fountain Valley is named to the Tenet Heroes Hall of Fame.

BY MATT SZABO

Adrienne Feilden does much behind the scenes as a child life specialist at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center.

But Feilden and her work were cast into the spotlight last week.

The hospital held a surprise ceremony to honor her for being named a 2022 winner in the Tenet Heroes program. Additionally, Feilden was one of 25 Tenet employees nationwide to be named to the Tenet Heroes Hall of Fame, the highest recognition an employee can receive, Fountain Valley Regional Hospital CEO Randy Rogers said.

Texas-based Tenet Healthcare, which operates 60 hospitals and more than 400 surgery centers across the country, is the owner of Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center.

Rogers was among the employees to congratulate Feilden for being a stand-out at the Sept. 6 ceremony. A representative from Rep.



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**ADRIENNE FEILDEN**, right, walks into her surprise party after she received the 2022 Tenet Health Hero Award for her work and achievements as a child life specialist at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital on Sept. 6.

Michelle Steel's office presented her with a certificate, and Fountain Valley Mayor Kim Constantine also was in attendance.

"I'm just so appreciative for Tenet recognizing the work that I do and how much I love my job," said Feilden, 47, who lives in Long Beach. "I believe that's the part that shows, and it is the reason I've stayed with the organization for over 16 years. A lot

of times, the field of child life isn't as incorporated within the medical community or administration. But what's great about working at Fountain Valley is because I'm a one-person program, I can kind of make it [be] what I want it to.

"They have always been so supportive of my role here at the hospital. That is why it's been so successful and why I get to have the

honor of reaching kids not just within pediatrics but throughout the hospital, which is great."

A child life specialist helps hospitalization and illness hopefully become less traumatic for a child, teaching them coping strategies. Feilden helps prepare kids for procedures using play or teaching dolls.

She also organizes special events for the children

in the hospital, including an upcoming "trunk or treat" Halloween celebration in the parking lot. When the Easter Bunny or Santa Claus visits the hospital, it's Feilden who makes it happen.

Of course, there are other times that are less celebratory, like when she went to the adult intensive care unit to provide grief support for two school-age children who had lost their mother.

"Really, it's just being an advocate for the voice of a child or teenager within the medical setting, which can be challenging sometimes," Feilden said. "Sometimes the voice of a younger patient can kind of get lost in the system ... so it's my job to speak up for them sometimes, whether it be pain control or a specific preference that helps them deal with being in the hospital."

Crystal Carlos is a nurse manager at Fountain Valley Regional who works with Feilden often. "Adrienne's always very vocal about reminding all of us that the child's perspective is so important," Carlos said. "She's exceptionally good at getting the community together, different agencies to support the kids in the community.

That's her true talent, and she maintains all those relationships for the good of our patients."

Feilden agreed with that assessment. "I love linking people together," Feilden said.

She was also pleased to see a couple of other special guests at the celebration, including Dara Ogundiwin, one of the hospital's consistent volunteers.

Judit Ramirez is a former patient of Feilden's who also attended. She was admitted to Fountain Valley Regional in 2018 after a tumor was found close to her pancreas.

Getting out of those woods was a process that included many procedures, but Ramirez graduated from Cal State Fullerton last year with a bachelor's degree in public health and said she now wants to be a nurse at Fountain Valley Regional.

Feilden called having her at the celebration a full-circle moment.

"What's great is now that I'm not her child life specialist, I'm more of a friend to her," she said. "We're figuring out when we can catch up with lunch."

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## SURFING

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since 1955. The 57th running of the event featured 14 divisions, spanning a variety of ages, as well as categories for short and longboarding, paddleboarding and bodyboarding.

Trey Lockhart won the pro-am division, taking home a \$1,000 top prize. Dante Madrigal (second, \$750), Hudson Saunders (third, \$500) and Christian Schenk (fourth, \$250) rounded out the top four.

Additional victorious surfers were Kerry Pedlow

(Legends, 60 and over), Hans Hagen (Grand Masters, 50-59), Micah Byrne (Sr. Masters, 40-49), Eli Vizolay (Masters, 30-39), Nate Madigan (Sr. Men, 24-29), Liam McCue (Men's, 18-23), Hudson Saunders (Jr. Men's, 14-17), Ace Halpern (Boys, 13 and under), Leah Pakpour (Women, 16 and over), and Piper Halpern (Girls, 15 and under).

Chance Gaul (longboard), Wes Van Meter (bodyboard) and James Ahearn (paddleboard) also won their divisions.

The window for the competition to take place

begins in June and extends to the end of October.

"Even though Labor Day signals the end of summer, Brooks Street kind of signaled the end of summer," Faber added.

The Cy Chambers Award, given annually for excellence in surfing, sportsmanship and academics, went to Maia Miller. Ruby Samson was the recipient of the Thom Chambers Award, which goes to an individual for excellence in surfing and the arts.

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**DANTE MADRIGAL** of Laguna Beach drops in backside of a well overhead wave as he competes in the men's pro-am final during the running of the 57th Brooks Street Classic on Sunday. Madrigal took home second place in the division.

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**GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL**

## H.B. finds energy late to beat Santa Margarita

**BY ANDREW TURNER**

For nearly all of a marathon match against Santa Margarita on Tuesday night, Huntington Beach could not furnish the desired start to a set.

The Oilers had played from behind all night, and after the final three-minute reprieve, they took the court for the fifth set and took the match.

Huntington Beach won seven of the first eight points in the final set, as the third-ranked Oilers rallied past the visiting Eagles 29-31, 26-24, 22-25, 25-19, 15-6.

Outside hitter Haylee Lafontaine had four of her match-high 27 kills in the fifth set for Huntington Beach (15-4), which also saw middle blockers Kylie Leopard and Amika Swanson account for four points in the decisive game.

"[Setter] Dani [Sparks] talked to us and told us that we needed to step our game up," said Leopard, who had eight kills and two blocks. "We've lost on our home court before, and it doesn't feel good. We beat Santa Margarita on Saturday. We knew we needed to pull out the fifth set. We may have had a rough start, but it doesn't always matter how you start, it matters how you finish."

Sparks, who like Lafontaine has committed to Cal Poly for beach volleyball, had 65 assists and two service aces, including one to end the fourth set.

"It was kind of like a plot to show that we could fight through a slump during the



**HAYLEE LAFONTAINE (11)** of Huntington Beach kills a ball past the block of Santa Margarita's Brooklyn Kostoff (3) during a nonleague match on Tuesday.

*Don Leach | Staff Photographer*

game," Sparks said. "We had a hard time in the first few sets with low energy, and we just found a way to push ourselves back up and get through the fifth set."

Opposite Taylor Ponchak provided 16 kills and 1½

blocks for Huntington Beach. Starting outside hitter Ellie Esko had nine kills, while Addison Williams had eight kills off the bench. Olivia Foye and Meghan Freck combined for five aces.

Huntington Beach made

a run to the semifinals of the Dave Mohs Tournament over the weekend, falling to tournament champion San Diego Cathedral Catholic after splitting the first two sets. The Oilers have yet to suffer defeat in a best-of-five match.

Santa Margarita (13-5), ranked eighth in the CIF Southern Section Division I and 2 combined poll, tested the Oilers after the latter earned a straight-sets win in the tournament.

"They really stepped up and did a nice job, espe-

cially at the service line," Huntington Beach coach Craig Pazanti said of the Eagles. "We weren't passing the ball. I don't think we had a kill from the middle until the fourth set. Usually, our offense runs through the middle, so I put a little bit of that on the fact that they were serving tough and not allowing us to get the ball in the middle."

Memphis Burnett had 23 kills, five aces and 1½ blocks for Santa Margarita, which held a lead of at least four points in each of the first three sets. Ireland Real had 14 kills to go with 5½ blocks. Oregon State-bound outside hitter Regan Shields had 12 kills and two aces, and Brooklyn Kostoff supplied 51 assists for the Eagles.

Huntington Beach brings back an experienced group, as 14 of its players were on the roster last year. Pazanti said the program has a number of beach volleyball commits. Lola Fernstern and Freck have committed to UC Davis, and Ponchak has committed to Stanford. Foye has also committed to Princeton for indoor volleyball.

"We just need to have one last go-round and be able to finish strong," Leopard said. "At the end of the season, I want to feel like we really accomplished something, and I want to be proud to say that I played for Huntington Beach. ... [My goal is] a team effort to win as many games as possible."

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