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Rally held in H.B. for Trump

About 50 supporters gathered nearby the Huntington Beach pier after news of the former president's indictment.

BY ERIC LICAS

In response to the filing of criminal charges against Donald Trump, dozens gathered in Huntington Beach Saturday for a rally in support of the former president that was interrupted when at least one demonstrator was struck in the head with a skateboard.

Trump was indicted March 30 by a grand jury in Manhattan in connection with the payment of hush money to adult film actress Stormy Daniels, becoming the first former U.S. president to ever face criminal prosecution. On Tuesday, he appeared in a Manhattan courtroom to plead not guilty to 34 felony counts of falsifying business records.

The charges are typically misdemeanors, but prosecutors elevated them to felonies because they argue the alleged offenses were committed to conceal violations of New York's election laws.

The details of the case filed against Trump had been under seal Saturday as some of his supporters gathered in front of the pier at Pacific Coast Highway and Main Street in Huntington Beach. Many of them were convinced the allegations had no merit, though they had not yet been released to the public at the time.

"The impact it will have will ultimately be favorable to Trump," Huntington Beach resident Kelly Johnson said. "Because the people will see it's nothing more than a personal attack. Just that — a witch hunt."

Victoria Cooper of Westminster and Lam Tran of Santa Ana were among several Vietnamese Americans who took part in the demonstration. They said they were prisoners of war who fled persecution from communists in the 1970s and support Trump and other Republicans because they believe Democrats will lead the country toward

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VICTORIA COOPER, 72, of Westminster, joins supporters of former President Donald Trump at a rally in Huntington Beach.



Photos by Eric Licas

A MOTORIST gives a thumbs up to supporters of former President Donald Trump during a rally in Huntington Beach on Saturday.

San Bernardino man arrested in alleged assault at Trump gathering

BY MELISSA GOMEZ

A 33-year-old San Bernardino man was arrested after a fight broke out during a Saturday protest near the Huntington Beach Pier, where supporters of former President Trump gathered following the announcement he had been indicted.

Daniel Salvador Angulo Serrano was arrested around 1:30 p.m. after a fight broke out near the pier, according to Huntington Beach Police. He was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon that was not a firearm, according to police records.

"We did have, for the most part, a peaceful protest," said Jennifer Carey, public affairs manager for the city of Huntington Beach. A person who suffered "minor injuries" related to the fight was taken to a hospital as a precaution, Carey said.

The Times previously reported that two demonstrators at the protest were hit with skateboards, and one of the victims had been leading chants that denounced the indictment against the former president. The victim was bleeding from the head. One demon-



Eric Licas

SKATEBOARDERS CLASH with a group of demonstrators gathered in support of recently indicted former President Trump in front of Huntington Beach Pier on Saturday.

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Bouncer gets 18 months for dealing drugs in N.B.

BY PAUL ANDERSON

A 49-year-old former security manager for a Newport Beach bar, who was acquitted of distributing fentanyl that killed a man at the club seven years ago, was sentenced Monday to 18 months in federal prison for possessing and dealing other drugs.

Sean Robert McLaughlin was

acquitted Oct. 26 of one count of distribution of furanyl fentanyl resulting in death and serious bodily injury. Jurors deliberated for about a day.

However, McLaughlin was convicted of a count of distribution of cocaine and four counts of possession with intent to distribute cocaine, methamphet-

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Courtesy of Melissa Vandenbosch

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LUPE MELGOZA, center, was named one of the Huntington Beach Union High School District's 2024 Teachers of the Year.

Courtesy of Huntington Beach Union High School District

Melgoza, Gillett honored as H.B. Union High School District Teachers of the Year

BY MATT SZABO

For more than two decades, Guadalupe "Lupe" Melgoza has been the Practitioners of English Language Learning (PELL) coordinator at Marina High.

Several years ago, she also became the English Language Learners facilitator for the entire Huntington Beach Union High School District.

Taking that second position required some coaxing from her husband, she said.

"I think the most rewarding thing about teaching is the fact that you have the opportunity, as an educator, to sort of push your students to leave their comfort zone," Melgoza said. "I know that for me, personally, that's how I've grown. When this position opened up as a facilitator, I had

no intention of coming in."

But she pushed forward. Melgoza, who has taught English at Marina High for the last 24 years, makes a positive impact on the Viking campus and in the district.

She and Ocean View High teacher Courtney Gillett have been named the 2024 Huntington Beach Union High School

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Irvine pharmacist sentenced to 15 years in \$11M scheme

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A former Orange County pharmacist was sentenced Monday to 15 years behind bars for her role in a healthcare fraud scheme that bilked the U.S. military's healthcare plan out of more than \$11 million.

Sandy Mai Trang Nguyen, 43, of Irvine, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Otis D. Wright II, who also ordered her to pay \$11,098,755 in restitution, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

Nguyen was convicted

in November in Los Angeles of 21 counts of healthcare fraud, and one count of obstruction of a federal audit.

The scheme involved the filling of more than 1,000 bogus prescriptions for compounded medications at the expense of the Tricare healthcare plan.

Compounded drugs are tailor-made products doctors may prescribe when the Food and Drug Administration-approved alternative does not meet the health needs of a patient.

Nguyen was the lead pharmacist at the now-shuttered Irvine Wellness Pharmacy. From late 2014 to May 2015, Nguyen and others under her supervision filled about 1,150 compounded prescriptions for pain, scarring and migraines, with Tricare funding reimbursements of tens of thousands of dollars per prescription.

Prosecutors said the bulk of the prescriptions were directed to the pharmacy by so-called market-

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District Teachers of the Year.

Melgoza, who is also a leader for the Marina Youth Theatre program, said she empathizes with her students. Though she was born and raised in Huntington Beach, both of her parents are immigrants from Mexico.

She taught an Intro to Theater summer school course last summer and convinced many of her English language learners to take the course. She said that many ended up riding their bikes from Marina to the Huntington Beach High theater, as Marina Youth Theatre readied for its initial production of "Shrek the Musical."

"I myself was an English language learner in kindergarten, all the way to maybe third grade," she said. "These kids mean a lot to me because I feel like there's a connection. I know exactly what they're going through. Missing home is something that I grew up with, too. Not that I missed home, because I was born and raised here, but I experienced watching my mom also miss home."

Gillett said she is rarely



Courtesy of Huntington Beach Union High School District

COURTNEY GILLETT, center, was named one of the Huntington Beach Union High School District's 2024 Teachers of the Year.

speechless, but she was just that when she found out about earning Teacher of the Year honors.

She is the teacher behind the Ocean View IDEAS program, an inclusive program designed to support students with special needs.

Gillett also serves as the district liaison for Unified Sports, which hosts events across the district that unite special education students with their classmates in a game setting. Last fall, Ocean View High was honored as a Special Olympics National Banner Unified Champion School for 2022.

"It's really exciting, every step that it grows,"

said Gillett, who has been at Ocean View since the 2019-20 school year and was at Fountain Valley High before that. "I'm always looking like, what better can we do? People are starting to see the value of it. Even the [general education] kids at Ocean View are like, 'When's the next tournament?' It's exciting to see the excitement."

One thing that's unique about the IDEAS program is that Gillett has her students for all four years. She said that's led to a bit more urgency in her teaching, coming back from the coronavirus pan-

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ASSAULT

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strator who said he witnessed the attack on fellow demonstrators told The Times that the attack was

unprovoked.

Earlier last week, Trump's attorneys confirmed the former president had been indicted in New York City on charges related to an alleged payment made to a porn actor during the final days

of the 2016 presidential campaign. It is the first time in history that a former U.S. president has been criminally prosecuted.

Melissa Gomez is a reporter for the Los Angeles Times.

RALLY

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socialism.

About 50 people joined Cooper and Tran during the rally. Some bore signs, flags or crosses as they chanted "stand up for Trump" and other slogans, occasionally garnering honks and thumbs up from passing motorists.

Palm Springs resident Martha Hart, 70, stays at a second property in Huntington Beach on weekends and stopped to take in the rally as she passed by the pier Saturday. She describes herself as pro-Trump and said all of her friends and relatives do too.

"Everybody I talk to now is supporting Trump ... everyone I know is on the same page," she said. "I think the charges are a ridiculous joke."

Another passerby, Huntington Beach resident Sean Olson, 46, said he didn't vote for Trump in 2016. But he approved of his leadership and said he dislikes what he has seen so far from the Biden administration.

Olson said he believed the charges filed against Trump were "political grandstanding" on the part of Manhattan Dist. Atty. Alvin Bragg. But, he said, a guilty verdict would cause him to reevaluate his position and should cause other conservatives to do the same.

"I think any case he's found guilty, that absolutely should [be taken into consideration]," he said. "But until there's a guilty verdict, that's pretty tough because in this country it's supposed to be innocent until proven guilty."

A few people with bullhorns made repeated references to the gender identity of the suspect in the shooting that left six people dead at a school in Nashville,



Photos by Eric Licas

FRANCES EDWARDS, right, gets into a heated debate with supporters of former President Donald Trump on Saturday.



NICK TAURUS wipes blood from his face after he was struck by a skateboard during a fight at Huntington Beach Pier.

Tenn. They were heard saying "Hey, tranny [sic], leave those kids alone" and "build the wall."

Not everyone who encountered the demonstrators was supportive.

Frances Edwards, who identifies as a Christian, was born and raised in Huntington Beach and moved to Northern California about three years ago. She was visiting over the weekend and became upset when she heard demonstrators claim that God was on their side and that Donald Trump was a "king."

"Nobody is king of the United States, that was the whole point of the constitution," she told the Daily Pilot after getting into a heated discussion with several Trump supporters. "It just makes me so sad because this is not Huntington Beach."

The rally was briefly interrupted when a fight broke out at about 12:30 p.m. A handful of people exchanged blows after a group of young men passing by exchanged insults with people at the protest.

One Trump supporter, vocal Orange County conservative Nick Taurus, was left bloodied after he was struck in the head with a skateboard. He was taken to a hospital, while Huntington Beach police took a suspect in the altercation into custody.

The suspect was identified by police as Daniel Salvador Angulo Serrano, 33, of San Bernardino. He was released after posting \$25,000 bail, and charges had not been filed against him as of Tuesday.

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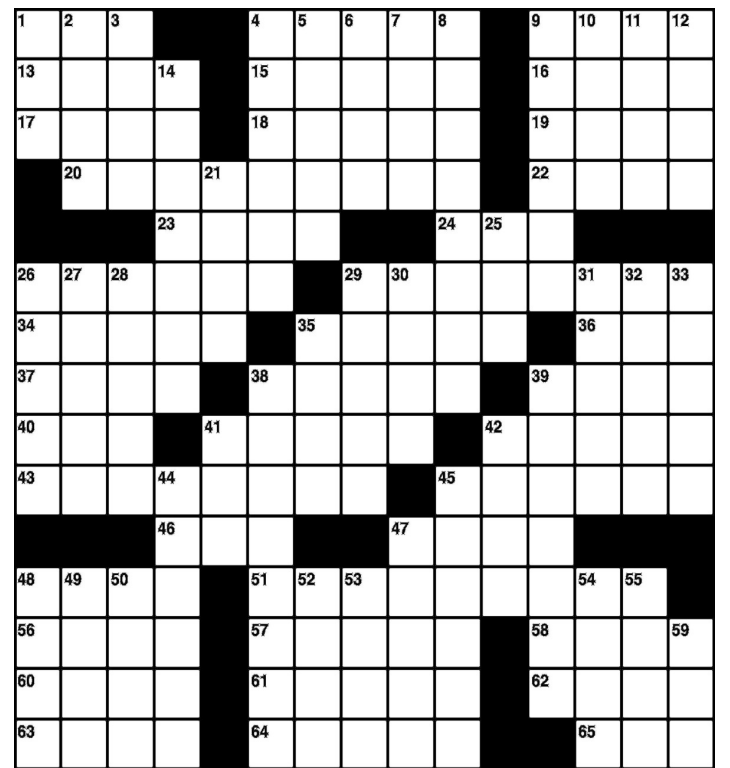
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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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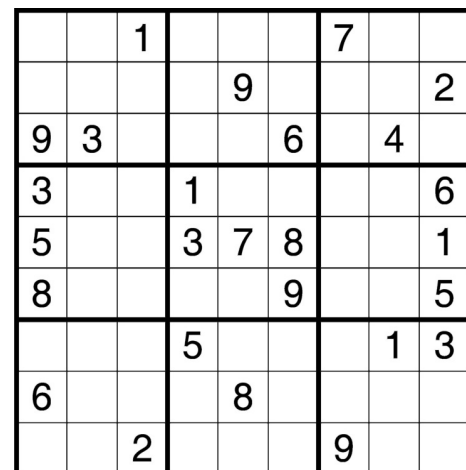
- 1 Flood refuge
- 4 As _ a hornet
- 9 Think deeply
- 13 Cry loudly
- 15 _ legislation; make laws
- 16 As straight _ arrow
- 17 Minstrel's harp
- 18 Concur
- 19 _ a hand to; assist
- 20 Most emaciated
- 22 Vexes
- 23 Realtor's delight
- 24 Mattress problem
- 26 Dwell in
- 29 Virtue
- 34 Once the world's largest retailer
- 35 Mortgages, e.g.
- 36 Kick oneself for
- 37 Walking aid
- 38 Pieces of silverware
- 39 Sketch
- 40 "Not _ Stranger"; Sinatra film
- 41 Hereditary factors
- 42 Pet _; thorn in one's side
- 43 Fell off the wagon
- 45 _ together; united for a cause
- 46 Yoga pad
- 47 Accepted standard
- 48 Having the needed skills
- 51 Crucial
- 56 Luau spoiler
- 57 Legally binding
- 58 Bug spray
- 60 Not indecent
- 61 Make laugh
- 62 Approx. 2.2 lbs.
- 63 Not his, mine or yours
- 64 Beer
- 65 Gen. Robert E. _



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.

DOWN

- 1 Belt-maker's tool
- 2 Sunbeams
- 3 Actor Douglas
- 4 In a cruel way
- 5 Girl's nickname
- 6 Take a risk
- 7 Large diamonds
- 8 Cowboy hats
- 9 Vilify
- 10 Drug addict
- 11 Didn't float
- 12 Loose _; unfinished business
- 14 Free time
- 21 Takes a rest
- 25 Product pitches

- 26 Green Muppet
- 27 Discontinue
- 28 Erie or Panama
- 29 Pierced
- 30 Thousand _ , CA
- 31 Misspoke
- 32 Smoothly charming
- 33 Made clothes
- 35 "The _ Ranger"
- 38 Gala event
- 39 European nation
- 41 Univ. admission factor
- 42 Hair line
- 44 Rectifies; reforms
- 45 Outermost edge
- 47 Bang or boom
- 48 Prefix for enemy or angel
- 49 Actor Christian
- 50 One not to be trusted
- 52 First word, perhaps
- 53 Sink stopper
- 54 Hammerer's target
- 55 Rummikub piece
- 59 " _ , a deer, a female deer"

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SCHEME

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ers who received kickbacks of nearly 50% of the Tricare reimbursements.

According to prosecutors, beneficiaries were solicited to provide their Tricare insurance information for medications they did not need, and most were never examined by a physician.

The jury in Los Angeles federal court heard that Nguyen knew the prescriptions were written by doc-

tors who didn't live in the same state as the supposed beneficiaries. In some cases multiple members of the same families received the same medications. In one case, a 13-year-old boy in Chicago received the same prescription as an 86-year-old woman in Orange County who turned out to be Nguyen's grandmother, prosecutors said.

The pharmacy billed beneficiaries for hundreds of dollars in required co-payments, but they balked at the payments, saying

they understood the medications were fully covered by Tricare. The total co-payments due during the scheme exceeded \$16,000, but the pharmacy never collected them.

Nguyen obstructed a federal audit by providing bogus, cut-and-pasted prescriptions to cover-up Tricare's effort to validate millions of dollars paid for the same prescriptions.

Last month, Marcus Armstrong, 56, of Miami, was sentenced by Wright to 9½ years in federal prison

for his role in the scheme. Armstrong was once the director of operations at the Irvine pharmacy. He pleaded guilty in October to two counts of paying illegal kickbacks for healthcare referrals.

Codefendants Leslie Andre Ezidore, 53, of West Los Angeles, and Alexander Michael Semenik, 51, of Las Vegas, have pleaded guilty to felony charges in this case and await sentencing.

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demio. "As a teacher, I struggled through COVID," she said. "I had my own kids at home too, so they were struggling. I hated every second of being home, and I think now it's just really given me a new perspective."

"I mean, there are still mornings where I'm like, 'Oh, my gosh, it's cold, I'd rather stay in bed.'" But

seeing how happy our students were to come back, they craved social interaction with each other. I think I've just learned not to take anything for granted."

Melgoza and Gillett will be honored this spring by the Orange County Department of Education. If selected to represent the county, they may move on to compete at the state level.

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CASE NO. 30-2023-01315584-PR-LA-CJC
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KATE LOSCALZO in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KATE LOSCALZO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Sue Matsuyo Teraoka.**

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THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on **May 04, 2023 at 1:30 P.M. in Dept. CM6** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Oilers capture prestigious tournament title

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach High baseball team won the prestigious National High School Invitational tournament on Saturday. The Oilers defeated Orange County foe JSerra 8-1 in the championship game, held at the USA Baseball Training Complex in Cary, N.C.

Huntington Beach won the NHSI for the second time in program history; the 2016 team also won the title. Sophomore right-handed pitcher Tyler Bellerose, who pitched into the seventh inning of the title game and also pitched three scoreless

innings in relief earlier in the tournament, earned tournament MVP honors. Bellerose is committed to Pepperdine University.

Senior USC signee Dean Carpentier and senior Arizona State signee Ralph Velazquez also earned all-tournament team honors for Huntington Beach (12-6), which has now won 10 straight games.

The Oilers took a 1-0 lead in the third inning of the title game on Tony Martinez's RBI single, before JSerra tied it up in the seventh. The score stayed 1-1 until the ninth, when Huntington Beach erupted for seven

runs.

After sophomore Linkin Garcia drove in a run, senior Aidan Espinoza tripled with the bases loaded to give the Oilers a 5-1 lead. Senior Bradley Navarro added a two-run triple of his own.

Huntington Beach became the third team to win multiple NHSI titles, joining Mater Dei and Orange Lutheran. Three of the four semifinalists also were from Orange County; Huntington Beach beat Bishop Gorman of Las Vegas 3-2 in one semifinal, while JSerra beat Santa Margarita 4-1 in the other semifinal.

Following the win, Huntington Beach jumped up to No. 5 in the CIF Southern Section Division 1 rankings released Monday. The Oilers were unranked last week.

Huntington Beach has a home-and-home with Corona del Mar this week in Surf League action, playing at the Sea Kings' field on Tuesday and at home on Thursday. Next week the Oilers play in another prestigious tournament, the Boras Baseball Classic, hosted by Mater Dei and JSerra.

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Courtesy of Melissa Vandembosch

HUNTINGTON BEACH HIGH defeated JSerra 8-1 in the prestigious National High School Invitational tournament over the weekend in Cary, N.C.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

H.B., Marina reach semifinals of Michelle Carew Classic

BY ANDREW TURNER

After another storm impacted the scheduling for the Michelle Carew Classic — cutting it down to two days of play — a couple of local softball teams produced better than fair showings in the restructured tournament.

Huntington Beach and Marina both reached the semifinals of the Sweet Sixteen bracket, earning notable wins along the way in a weekend spent at Peralta Canyon Park in Anaheim.

A dramatic opening day saw Marina notch extra-inning wins over Esperanza, 6-3, and Murrieta Mesa, 6-1. The Aztecs and Rams entered the week ranked No. 6 and No. 3, respectively, in the CIF Southern Section Division 1 poll.

"We just have slowly been putting it together," said Shelly Luth, who coaches Marina along with Dan Hay. "We've got really good senior leadership. We have a freshman pitcher on the mound who is really good. She's competitive, and the whole team has got fantastic chemistry, and I think that's the difference is the chemistry on the team. It gels. It's working, and we are there to battle every game and do our very best. We're all committed to one another."



MARINA'S MIA VALBUENA (44) pitches against St. Francis in the Michelle Carew Classic softball tournament at Peralta Canyon Park in Anaheim on Saturday.

Center fielder Makayla Mathis had a four-hit game against Esperanza, while shortstop Anaya Togia homered against Murrieta Mesa. Freshman pitcher Mia Valbuena, an all-tournament team selection, covered all 16 innings Friday for the Vikings.

Marina (17-3), the top-ranked team in Division 2, was silenced by Mountain

View St. Francis in the semifinals. Boise State-bound Shannon Keighran struck out seven in a no-hitter, as the Lancers edged the Vikings 1-0 Saturday afternoon.

"I noticed in like the fourth inning, but I was like, 'Nope, not happening,'" Keighran said of not letting the no-hit bid become a distraction. "I changed my mindset and

just kept grinding."

Alexis O'Gorman, a UC San Diego commit, homered to start the fourth. In the bottom half of the inning, she robbed Rachel Ruiz of a game-tying home run, flipping over the fence as she made the catch.

"I love robbing home runs," O'Gorman said when asked which she enjoyed more. "I think it's so fun. I've actually never hit



MARINA'S COURTNEY HAMES (3) tags St. Francis' Rebecca Quinn (12) at second in the Michelle Carew Classic.

a home run before in a high school game, so I think hitting it was really fun, too. Probably robbing the home run, though, just because [Keighran] got a no-hitter out of it, and it really helped the team."

Huntington Beach authored wins over top-ranked Norco, 2-0, and Canyon View by a count of 8-5 on Friday. Los Alamitos, which went on to win the tournament, beat the Oilers 12-3 in the semifinals.

Zoe Prystajko, the Stanford-bound ace of the Oilers, had 17 strikeouts in the nine-inning win over the Cougars.

"Zoe was amazing," Huntington Beach coach Jeff Forsberg said, recalling

a number of close calls against Norco. "The kids played great, the energy level was up. We've always been knocking on the door, could never move on through the door with Grace [Uribe], Devyn [Greer] and all those kids. This time, Zoe just went through the door and pushed the door open."

Sophia Knight and Prystajko were named to the all-tournament team for Huntington Beach (10-4), Forsberg said. The Oilers finished third in the bracket with Marina forfeiting the third-place game.

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DEALING

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amine, MDMA and hydrocodone.

McLaughlin would have faced 20 years to life in prison if convicted of dealing fentanyl leading to death, his attorney, Dan Chambers, said.

Federal prosecutors argued for 21 months in prison, and probation officials recommended 15 months.

U.S. District Judge David O. Carter credited McLaughlin for his rehabilitation through Alcoholics Anonymous.

"I want to compliment you on your rehabilitation," Carter said. "It's genuine ... On the other hand this is a horrific occurrence."

Carter said McLaughlin was in a "position of trust" as head of security and he exploited that to deal

drugs.

McLaughlin, who relies on a wheelchair, was recently diagnosed with diabetes in addition to other health issues related to pneumonia and a bout with COVID-19, so Carter recommended to prison officials that they prepare for an inmate with significant health issues. Carter also recommended the defendant enroll in a program for addicts that could knock off a few months from his prison term.

McLaughlin was given until June 26 to surrender to authorities. He wanted to stay out of custody so he could still celebrate his wife's birthday before he goes to prison.

McLaughlin said he got into dealing drugs because his wife was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease.

"So when my wife was diagnosed, the love of my

life, I didn't know how to react," he said. "I went to go get her medication and I learned at that time that medication was not covered by insurance and we could not afford that medication."

McLaughlin said he was also grieving deaths in the family and was preparing for his mother-in-law to move in with them.

"So we were overextended," he said. "I made a very poor decision on emotion."

McLaughlin said he did not believe in counseling, but he reached out for help when he fell into a deep depression following the death at the club. He said he has participated in Alcoholics Anonymous meetings daily.

"I do what I can do to share my experience," he said. "To help people, to prevent them from making the same mistakes ... I have doubled down on my recovery."

McLaughlin had been accused by prosecutors of selling the lethal dose of fentanyl to 25-year-old Ahmed Said of Santa Ana on Nov. 18, 2016.

Chambers argued that there was a "mystery man" at the bar that night who likely gave the drugs to the

victims. He said the lack of fentanyl in the bar and at McLaughlin's home complicated the argument that his client was the dealer.

In closing arguments, Assistant U.S. Atty. Melissa Rabbani argued that while there was a "mystery man," who was also dubbed "the haircut guy" at the bar that night, two of the overdose victims who survived testified that McLaughlin sold them the fentanyl.

Said and two other men who overdosed had the "designer drug" in their system, Rabbani argued.

"They told you who gave them those drugs," she said.

The prosecutor said McLaughlin was an "amateur" drug dealer, who looked up online how to "cut cocaine," which is how dealers add in other drugs.

"He was selling cocaine, he was doing Google searches and watching videos on how to cut cocaine," Rabbani argued. "There's absolutely no reason to watch a video on how to cut cocaine other than you're getting started as a drug dealer."

Rabbani also pointed out how McLaughlin deleted messages from his phone after the investigation began and had an iPad wiped.

Another man also overdosed at the bar that night, but he was not a charged victim in the case. Rabbani suggested that perhaps he got drugs from the "haircut guy."

Rabbani argued that investigators did not find fentanyl in searches of the bar or defendant's home because he had time to dump them.

"In November of 2016, defendant Sean Robert McLaughlin worked at a bar in Newport Beach known as American Junkie," Assistant U.S. Atty. Bradley Marrett told jurors in his opening statement. "He had two jobs — head of security ... and he was also the bar's resident drug dealer."

McLaughlin kept his "stash" in a locker at the bar on Newport Boulevard, Marrett said. When Newport Beach police conducted a search warrant on the bar after the overdoses, "They found a pharmacy of drugs" in the locker McLaughlin allegedly used, Marrett said.

There were "baggies of cocaine ready to be doled out to customers," the prosecutor said.

Police also found he searched for small glass vials such as the ones "loaded with cocaine" that

were found in his locker, the prosecutor said.

Investigators also recovered text messages from patrons to McLaughlin, Marrett said. In one exchange, a patron messaged the defendant, "need a bag," and McLaughlin responded, "bathroom."

The bathroom was the one place in the bar without surveillance cameras, Marrett said.

The prosecutor showed jurors surveillance video at American Junkie from when the victims overdosed. The video was accompanied by audio of a 911 call in which a dispatcher attempts to coach security guards to do CPR on the victims as paramedics raced to the scene.

In addition to Said, patrons Joshua Selley and Daron Muratyan overdosed, but they were revived with Naloxone, a drug that can block opioids and save the lives of overdose victims, Marrett said. Another patron, Francisco Alvarado, also overdosed at the bar, but not as a result of the drugs McLaughlin distributed, the prosecutor said.

Chambers said surveillance video shows the "mystery man" going into the bathroom with the four overdose victims.

The unnamed suspect is also seen at the tables of the men, Chambers said. The "mystery man" is seen again returning to the bathroom with the victims, and when they exit he returns to their table to resume partying, according to the defense attorney.

Alvarado happened to be partying with a different group of people, Chambers said.

Just before the men overdosed, "Who slinks out? That's right, the mystery man," Chambers said.

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