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VIETNAM WAR veteran Bob Stack, center, shares a fist bump with a club member during a ceremony on Saturday at Palisades Tennis Club.

Vietnam War veteran Bob Stack honored in Newport for his service

BY ANDREW TURNER

A local Vietnam War veteran got a hero's welcome more than 50 years after his deployment on Saturday afternoon.

Bob Stack was honored with a ceremony at the Palisades Tennis Club in Newport Beach, one which included the presence of a color guard from the American Legion and other veterans at the event.

A Cypress resident, Stack said he served as a member of the artillery attached to the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968, participating in Operation Cedar Falls and Operation Junction City. He added that he was a Purple Heart recipient.

"I'm very happy that I came back alive because I was in an area where there was a lot of [combat] when I was in [that] country," Stack said.

"It happened to be I was in the wrong



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CLUB MEMBERS cheer Stack during Saturday's ceremony at Newport's Palisades Tennis Club.

Activists crash block party for project

A rally to raise support for One Metro West, a proposed residential complex in Costa Mesa, meets opposition.

BY SARA CARDINE

Developers seeking to build a 15.23-acre mixed-use development with 1,057 apartments on an industrial area in Costa Mesa north of the 405 Freeway hosted a block party Friday — days before the project will be heard by the City Council.

Held at the commercial SOCO and the OC Mix, adjacent to the proposed project location at 1683 Sunflower Ave., the rally was intended to drum up excitement and support in advance of a public hearing Tuesday.

But it also attracted the attention of community activists, who came to the shopping complex Friday with posters in hand and marched in the parking lot as guests sipped iced tea and enjoyed complimentary boxed lunches.

At the root of their protest is a belief that city officials, keen on reaping the benefits proposed in a 25-year-development agreement on the table, could potentially seek to amend or overturn Costa Mesa's Measure Y, a 2016 law that requires voter approval of development projects that exceed certain zoning and impact thresholds.

"I want the council to stand up to protect Y — it's the people's initiative," said longtime resident Mary Spadoni, who carried a sign reading: "Free lunch won't buy Costa Mesa."

"If they think they're going to pull some backroom baloney in our city, that's not going to happen."

Spadoni and fellow objectors

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Newport Beach waives 'granny flats' permitting fees through end of 2022

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Permitting fees for accessory dwelling units — colloquially called "granny flats" — in Newport Beach will now be waived through the end of 2022, following City Council action Tuesday.

Accessory dwelling units are small homes or apartments built on the same lots as larger, single-family homes.

That can include attached or stand-alone guest houses, converted garages and apartments built above garages.

Typical costs for permitting can range anywhere between \$1,000 and \$5,000, depending on the



AN EXAMPLE of a "granny flat," or accessory dwelling unit, is shown at right in Santee.

Karen Pearlman
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scope of the project.

The City Council voted to adopt the pilot program to temporarily waive the costs of project plan reviews, building construction per-

mit reviews and other city permits related to the creation of a granny flat or a junior accessory dwelling

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Costa Mesa and Marina cheerleading teams win national titles

BY MATT SZABO

High school cheerleaders dream of winning a white jacket, which signifies talent and a dedication to the sport.

It comes when a team wins at the Universal Cheerleaders Assn. High School Nationals, held each spring in Florida.

Two local teams made their dreams a reality this year, competing in a virtual format where teams had to submit their videos and wait two weeks for the results.

The Costa Mesa High School cheerleading team, coached by Kori Johnson, won the coed nontumble division. It's the Mustangs' third UCA championship, after winning in two different divisions in 2019.

Marina, coached by Vraunwyn Denny, came out on top in the medium nontumble division. It is the Vikings' first win at UCA Na-

tionals in program history.

Costa Mesa has developed quite a reputation for winning in recent years. It also won CIF Southern Section Division 4A championships in 2019 and 2020, the first two years cheerleading was a CIF sport. The CIF cheerleading championships were canceled this year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Johnson is raising money to order championship rings for this year's team. Following the two prior UCA Nationals victories and two CIF championships, the senior class of Kamea Binnquist, Monse Jaime, Dalianna Lopez and Donovan Roa will each have enough rings to fill up every finger on one hand.

"They're an amazing class," said Johnson, a 1990 Costa Mesa High graduate who has been the cheer coach at her alma mater for



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

MEMBERS OF THE Costa Mesa High School cheerleading team recently won at the Universal Cheerleaders Assn. High School Nationals in the category of varsity coed nontumble. It's the program's third national title.

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FEES

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unit, which are smaller in scale.

Councilmen Duffy Duffield and Noah Blom were absent.

The intent of the program, officials said, is to encourage the development of accessory dwelling units and prompt owners of unpermitted units to seek out permits and come into compliance.

"We really want to encourage property owners with existing, illegal ADUs to reach out and work with our staff to obtain the necessary permits to bring the units into compliance," Mayor Brad Avery said in a statement released by the city on Friday.

"We also expect that property owners who are considering ADU construction or conversion will use this opportunity to save money on city permitting costs," Avery said.

Newport Beach previously eased restrictions on granny flats in 2017 after state lawmakers forced local jurisdictions to lower barriers to increase development in an effort to increase housing stock across California.

Before, the city generally prohibited these add-ons, except for those that were 55 years or older.

City officials are hoping that the growth of this kind of lower-cost housing will be able to help Newport Beach meet its Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers — which quantifies the need for housing — over the next eight years.

The fee waiver will not apply to any accessory dwelling units or junior accessory dwelling units part of a new development project.

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PROJECT

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claim the project is too dense and would unwisely rezone a commercial area that could bring jobs and revenue to the city for years to come, in exchange for a handful of one-time benefits.

Former mayor Sandy Genis said One Metro West's high density would throw off city standards intended to balance development and open space and be a drain on city services and resources.

"They'd pay fees, but it only covers a tiny portion," she said. "That means the rest of us either pay with our tax dollars or with reduced services."

But Rose Equities partner Brent Stoll, who spearheaded Friday's event, has a different view.

Stoll said the area near the project site is home to businesses that employ thousands of workers who currently cannot find housing in Costa Mesa.

"We're in a neighborhood — our neighborhood is SOCO and Vans and the Hive," he said, describing a plan at least seven years in the making. "We're not going anywhere. We believe in Costa Mesa, and we want to be a part of Costa

Mesa's future. That's why we wanted to throw a block party."

The developer briefly engaged with the protesters, attempting to respond to their claims and concerns. He told them he had no plan to upend Measure Y and said the project would be going to a vote.

In addition to its residential units, One Metro West would include a 1.5-acre public park and bike paths that connect to the Santa Ana River Trail, in addition to 25,000 square feet of office space and 6,000 square feet of specialty retail.

Roughly 10% of the 1,057 housing units would be reserved for low-income residents for a 40-year period, and the project would help Costa Mesa get closer to a state-mandated goal to plan and zone for an additional 11,733 housing units by 2029.

In exchange for the entitlements being sought, Rose Equities would pay the city \$6 million to use on public safety, roadway improvements and essential government services, in addition to another \$7.5 million in required city park and development fees and more than \$2 million in traffic and fire impact fees.

"This is an economic



OPONENTS OF

One Metro West speak Friday with Brent Stoll of Rose Equities during a neighborhood block party at the OC Mix in Costa Mesa.

Photos by Don Leach
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powerhouse for the city of Costa Mesa," said Rose Equities principal Leonard Glickman, describing how separate plans by defense contractor Anduril to build its headquarters down the street on Sunflower Avenue could bring in 2,000 employees who earn six-figure salaries.

With no place to reside in town, those workers will look elsewhere, he said. Meanwhile, mandates in the city's Measure Y are prohibiting developers from doing business in Costa Mesa.

"Since Measure Y has been in existence there's only been one applicant — us. Costa Mesa has its hands tied behind its back. They're going to have to do something with Mea-



A RENDERING of One Metro West, a 1,057-unit residential development by Rose Equities, was on display on Friday.

sure Y," he said, adding, "I trust in the wisdom of the new council."

The Costa Mesa City Council will meet virtually on Tuesday at 6 p.m. For

the meeting agenda, visit costamesaca.gov/city-hall/city-council.

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CHEER

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17 years. "I've known them forever, since they were little kids. It's amazing that we could end this way. They definitely are leaving a legacy, for sure ... This year wasn't wasted."

Though Costa Mesa was unable to compete in stunt competitions throughout the year, the UCA Nationals provided an opportunity to compete at a big event. In the virtual format, though, it was a rush against time.

Johnson said the team had three weeks to put everything together and submit a two-minute 30-second video. It took seven tries for the team to get the

winning routine on film.

"We changed our pyramid the day we filmed," said Jaime, a "flyer" for Costa Mesa and one of two team captains along with Binnquist. "It was definitely a mind game."

Then the Mustangs waited before finding out they won during an online awards presentation on April 23.

Johnson said she was not surprised her team was victorious. She added that it was sweet to win with her daughter, junior Kyra Johnson, on the competition team. Others on the team included juniors Emily Tsuge and Tessa Self and sophomores Meela Ly, Angelina Diaz, Madison Stein and Hailey Boudreau.

Jason Barfield, Toni Green and Desiree Garcia are Kori Johnson's assistant coaches.

"This win actually means more to me than the last two wins, it really does," Johnson said. "This team didn't let adversity affect us. I think this team actually does better under pressure."

Binnquist, overhearing her coach's remarks, smiled and nodded.

"We harness those nerves to win championships, baby," she said.

Marina also was left feeling good after its first UCA Nationals victory. Denny, who has coached the Vikings for 15 years, said her team has finished top-five the last few years at nation-

als but finally broke through.

"I've never seen a team so determined to make something happen so quickly," Denny said. "It was amazing ... They're on cloud nine. They finally won nationals and got that white jacket."

Senior captains Morgan Lane (side base), Mei Tran (side base) and Mariana Hachebe (flyer) led the Vikings. Chloe Ellis, who missed nationals with a torn anterior cruciate ligament, was Marina's other senior.

Juniors Megan Lane, Carly Bauer, Riley Betts, Alyssa Castaneda, Kelly Bello, Maddie Montgomery, Cierra Hughes, Alena Uhamaka and Rachel

Dankin also were on Marina's roster.

Heidi Chisnall, Hannah Piper, Regan Drown, Maleah Gamblin, Leilani Neito and Braylenn Buckingham made up the Vikings' sophomore class, while Jordyn Bustamante was the team's freshman.

Lane, who said she missed most of her junior season with a torn labrum, said it was very gratifying to come back and win a national title as a senior.

"Every cheerleader's dream is to get those white jackets, and we got them," she said. "The feeling is indescribable. It's just amazing. Unbelievable."

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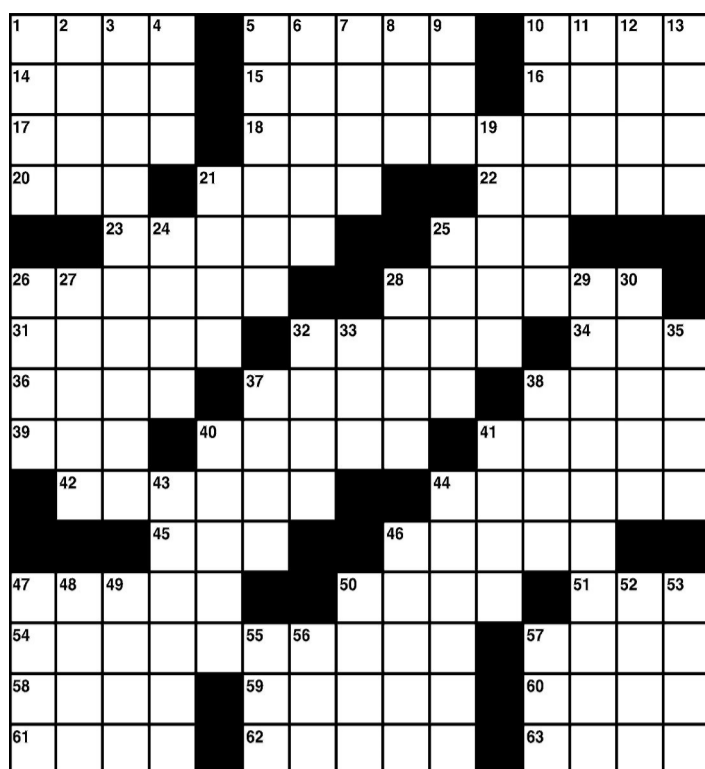
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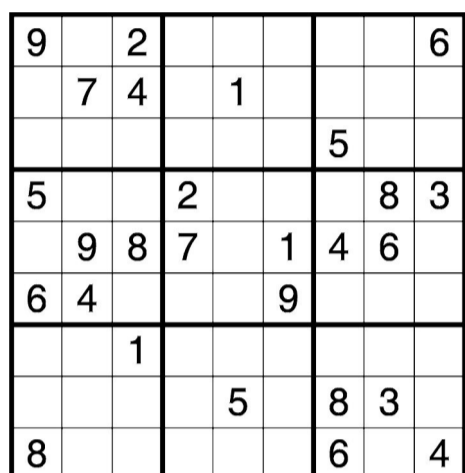
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SUDOKU

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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Huntington Beach City Council will consider flying LGBTQ flag each year

BY MATT SZABO

Huntington Beach could soon be flying the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride flag for six weeks each year. An item at Monday night's City Council meeting...

colored flag would be flown for the six-week period each year, likely just below the Huntington Beach city flag. "Really, for me, I think this is just long overdue," Carr said...

"The flag is a symbol of unity, it's a symbol of love, and I just think all of those attributes really do mean so much more this year, when we've had so much divisiveness." Carr said that she hopes the item will pass by a unanimous vote of 6-0...

police raid in Greenwich Village on June 28, 1969. Monday's virtual City Council meeting begins at 6 p.m. and can be watched on channel HBT3-3 or on-line at huntingtonbeach.legistar.com...



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MEMBERS OF Newport Harbor Post 291 of the American Legion color guard march to center court at the ceremony to honor club member and Vietnam War veteran Bob Stack.

VETERAN

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place at the wrong time, and I just survived, so I'm extremely excited about that." The missions Stack were associated with took place in an area known as the "Iron Triangle." He said he has tended to shy away from sharing the details of his time in the service. "My time in Vietnam, that's what's so hard is I kept having to recycle those situations that I was in," Stack said...



Stack accepted a certificate of recognition signed by California Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris. Palisades Tennis Club, where he is known by members as "Bob the Lob" for his defensive skills on the court. Cyndie Martin, another club member, said she felt strongly that Stack should be recognized, saying that it would help provide an element of healing for other veterans to see that one of their own was being honored. Three years after he was asked to participate in a similar celebration, Stack agreed to partake in this one. "This is kind of cool," Stack said...

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COLUMN | **PATRICE APODACA**

Though many of its residents are peaceful, Orange County hasn't avoided an upward trend of hate

Orange County, we have a problem. The problem is hate, and it won't do for us to ignore, excuse, down-play or deny it. It's real, it's destructive, and it's not just relegated to isolated events, for it is woven into the fabric of many of our communities.

The trend is worrying. According to reports by agencies and organizations that track such data, the number of hate-related incidents has been on the rise.

Indeed, for years now we've seen a steady increase in hate-related activity. The Anti-Defamation League found 49 hate-inspired incidents in the county in 2020.

And those are just the ones that were reported; the actual number is likely much higher.

According to the Orange County Human Relations Commission's annual Hate Crime Report released last fall, the number of crimes and incidents rose for five consecutive years.

It found that in just one year, from 2018 to 2019, hate crime surged 24%.

I doubt the reports for this year will show any abatement, for in the past month alone the local news has been filled with disturbing stories of verbal and physical assaults on residents of Asian descent; an attack on a transgender woman; the distribution of Ku Klux Klan fliers to homes in Newport Beach and Huntington Beach and plans for a "White Lives Matter" rally in Huntington Beach.

Two important caveats: First, it's not just Orange



Brian van der Brug | Los Angeles Times

COUNTER-PROTESTERS gather in response to the "White Lives Matter" rally in Huntington Beach on April 11.

County. The ominous upward trajectory of hate activity is occurring nationwide.

The ADL's Center on Extremism, for example, tracked a near-doubling last year of white supremacist propaganda efforts, including the distribution of racist, anti-Semitic and anti-LGBTQ materials.

The 5,125 reported cases represented the highest number recorded by the anti-hate organization.

The scope of the problem is so massive that the Department of Homeland Security now considers domestic white supremacist violence to be the most lethal overall threat facing the United States.

Second, it should also be acknowledged that the majority of Orange County residents undoubtedly are peaceful, tolerant, compassionate people who simply want to live in harmony with their neighbors regardless of their differences.

This is a beautiful place

to live most of the time, and that is something to be celebrated.

But it can hardly be a coincidence that these hate-fueled incidents are occurring more frequently here at the same time that we are experiencing significant demographic change and moving toward a more racially and ethnically diverse population.

The county has made great strides toward shaking the dark shadow of a notorious past known for KKK street patrols, allegiance to the John Birch Society, skinheads and policies intended to exclude anyone deemed to be an outsider.

Now we are subjected to a backlash by forces of intolerance that seek to undermine the progress that has been made in fostering a more inclusive society.

In confronting this reality we must recognize that — while understanding that there's nothing new about hate and big-

otry — there has been a big change in the methods that hate groups use to recruit, organize and incite.

In the old days, hate organizations like the KKK recruited on the local level and often held meetings in places like garages, basements and woods, said Rabbi Peter Levi, the Orange County regional director for the ADL.

But since the advent of smart phones, hate groups have grown more adept and aggressive in utilizing the internet and social media to organize, identify potential followers and spread propaganda, often lacing their white supremacist ideology with coded, patriotic-sounding rhetoric.

Even as much of this activity has been banned from mainstream platforms, it has proliferated on alternative sites.

"With the internet and social media, any seventh-grader on an iPhone using their parents' Wi-Fi in the middle of the night can find a hate group," Levi said. "And that's what's happening."

There have been alarming reports recently of extremist groups using video games to recruit and radicalize youth, luring in children as young as 7 with appealing graphics and characters — all the while promoting racial tropes and disinformation.

A concurrent trend is harder to define or quantify; nonetheless, it's impossible to ignore. We find ourselves in an era when hate groups feel they have license to be louder and more brazen.

Those who espouse racist, anti-Semitic, anti-LGBTQ and other bigoted ideology are not hiding under rocks. They are dropping banners over the 405 Freeway, distributing leaflets on college campuses and running for public office. They are emboldened, and they are working hard to normalize their toxic way of thinking.

Though it's tempting to try to tune these voices out — why should we help amplify their messages of hate and intolerance? — we do so at great risk.

As Levi explained, "Paying attention to it and addressing it isn't the

same as giving the haters and extremists a megaphone."

So what do we do? Do we need to understand hate — where it comes from and why some people are more susceptible to it — in order to deal with it? How do we stamp it out? Is that even possible?

I'll attempt to find some answers for my next column.

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NFL DRAFT

Houston's Grant Stuard, picked by Tampa Bay Buccaneers, becomes newest Mr. Irrelevant

BY ANDREW TURNER

Celebrating the underdog is what Irrelevant Week is all about, but where the newest member of the Mr. Irrelevant fraternity is going, his team will be anything but.

The Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers selected Houston linebacker Grant Stuard with the 259th and final pick in the 2021 NFL Draft on Saturday in Cleveland.

"It felt amazing," Stuard said of hearing his name called. "I wasn't expecting to even go in the draft, at that point, you know. That was the last pick. I was kind of just waiting to make my free agency deal, waiting to talk to those coaches and stuff like that."

"It was amazing, just having that moment with my family, all the people around me that I love, so it just was awesome. I just felt like God's promise was fulfilled in my life, so I'm good."

Stuard averaged an American Athletic Conference-leading 8.7 tackles per game for Houston in 2020, a senior season during which he served as a team captain for the Cougars.

During a four-year career at Houston, Stuard amassed 190 tackles and 17 tackles for a loss.

"I've known it since I was little," Stuard said of chasing his dream to play in the NFL.

"I realized I had the ability to be great. I realized I had the ability to be the best, and so I'm still

going after that goal of being the best that I can possibly be."

There have been multiple success stories for the Mr. Irrelevant family, which now welcomes its 46th member, within the last year alone.

Tae Crowder, who was chosen by the New York Giants with the last pick of the 2020 NFL Draft, made the roster.

Irrelevant Week CEO Melanie Salata Fitch said that Crowder, a linebacker out of Georgia, became the first Mr. Irrelevant to score a defensive touchdown.

Ryan Succop, the Mr. Irrelevant selected in 2009, won Super Bowl LV with the Buccaneers.

Stuard now will look to take advantage of his opportunity to make his own mark.

"I'm going to do my absolute best not [just] to make the team, but to establish an important role on the team," Stuard said.

"That is what I'm striving towards is becoming important to the organization, becoming important to the guys in the locker room, and to have something to do with the success of the team."

The Irrelevant Week festivities, which are traditionally held in Newport Beach, remain in the planning stage due to COVID-19 and the availability of the honoree, Salata Fitch said.

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Stephen Pinchback | Courtesy of University of Houston Athletics

GRANT STUARD, a linebacker from the University of Houston, was selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with the 259th pick in the 2021 NFL Draft, becoming the newest member of the Mr. Irrelevant fraternity on Saturday.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Huntington Beach softball extends its winning streak to seven games

Sophia Knight had three hits and drove in a run to help the Huntington Beach High School softball team to a 4-3 win over visiting Orange Lutheran on Saturday in a nonleague game.

Devyn Greer also had two hits and a run batted in for Huntington Beach (16-1), which scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to rally for its seventh consecutive win.

Jaylene Duarte also had a hit, an RBI and a run scored for the Oilers.

Huntington Beach 6, Newport Harbor 2: Sophia Knight had four hits to lead Huntington Beach on Friday in a Sunset Conference crossover game.

Emma Francisco allowed two runs on eight hits and four walks in a complete game for the Oilers. Francisco also struck out five batters, adding a home run offensively.

Jaylene Duarte also had a base hit and two runs batted in for Huntington Beach.

Lindsey Blanchfield went three for four for Newport Harbor (8-4). Eliana Gottlieb and Kendall Kelly each



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HUNTINGTON BEACH'S Jaylene Duarte, left, high-fives Zoe Nakutis in the first inning during a Surf League softball game against Marina at Huntington Beach High on Wednesday.

had two hits and drove in a run, and Lily Larkins had a double.

Edison 5, Fountain Valley 3: Isabella Espinoza had two hits and two runs batted in to lead the Chargers on Friday in a Sunset Con-

ference crossover game at home.

Jenna Gorden had three hits and drove in a run for Edison (5-7). Kaitlyn Reynolds earned the win, allowing four hits and striking out five over 5½ innings

pitched.

Fountain Valley is now 3-10 overall.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Newport Harbor 62, Mission Viejo 21: Chase Dionio paced the host Sail-

ors with 16 points to go with four rebounds and two steals in Friday's non-league game.

Cydney Jover added 14 points, five steals and three assists for Newport Harbor (8-2).

Emma Fults had six points, eight rebounds, seven assists and two blocked shots and Emma Coatsworth chipped in with seven points and six rebounds.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Laguna Beach 57, Newport Harbor 51: Nolan Naess scored 30 points to lead the Breakers on Friday in a Surf League game at home.

Jackson Sirianni and Kanoa Panganiban each scored eight points, Willie Rounaghi added seven points and Chase Hall chipped in with four points for Laguna Beach (10-0, 2-0).

Newport Harbor dropped to 2-3 overall and 0-2 in league.

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Newport Harbor 3, Edison 0: Kyle McKibben had a team-high nine kills for the visiting Sailors in their

25-15, 25-19, 25-18 win on Saturday in a Sunset Conference crossover match.

Jake Read had six kills and eight service aces, and Brendan Read added eight kills for Newport Harbor (9-3).

Edison fell to 3-5 overall.

Corona del Mar 3, Los Alamitos 0: Vanis Buchholz had nine kills and five blocks to lead the Sea Kings to a 25-16, 32-30, 25-20 victory on Saturday in a Sunset Conference crossover match on the road.

Luke Chandler had nine kills and Sterling Foley added eight kills for CdM (7-1).

BOYS' GOLF

Corona del Mar 162, Marina 191: Calder Overfelt was the medalist with a seven-under-par 28 for the Sea Kings on Friday in a Sunset Conference crossover match at Willowick Golf Course.

John Tipton (-4), Peter Hu (-2), Heman Liang (-1), Justin Huang (+1) and Ryan Davis (+1) were the other starters for CdM, which improved to 10-3 overall.

Marina is now 1-6 on the season.

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