



NEIL SWAIGLER, a former teacher, shares a hug with Yolanda Johnson, Class of 1980, during Bushard Elementary School's all-class reunion.

Photos by Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

## Bushard reunion brings back memories

Students and teachers from John B. Bushard Elementary School met for an all-class reunion at Zubie's Dry Dock.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Not for the first time, an all-class reunion was held for John B. Bushard Elementary School, but the power of those relationships is evident when one considers it has been four decades since the school closed.

Dozens of people gathered at Zubie's Dry Dock in Huntington Beach Saturday to share food and stories with each other. The attendees included both students and teachers — and as one teacher noted, even a former main office staffer.

Neil Swaigler, who taught math and science at the school from 1972 to 1980, pointed to the people in the room with Hawaiian leis draped around their necks



CATHY CERA Maddox, right, shares her seventh-grade class photo (1973-1974) with Lina Vargas on Saturday.

and said all of them were teachers.

"There were 10 teachers there, and that's 10 people that were committed to an educational

program to make sure that the students achieved what their potential was, and they're still doing it," Swaigler said. "They're still committed to these kids."

The party required five long, banquet-style tables to accommodate the crowd, many of

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## 18 to vie for seats in H.B. council election

4 spots are available on the dais as 3 current members term out and Kim Carr exits to pursue a state Senate seat.

BY MATT SZABO

There will be 18 candidates for four spots on the dais in the Huntington Beach City Council election this November.

Each candidate had his or her nomination papers verified by the Wednesday deadline, earning a spot on the ballot confirmed by the Orange County Registrar of Voters.

The first 10 council candidates to be verified — Amory Hanson, Mike Vogler, Oscar Rodriguez, Tony Strickland, Jeffrey Hansler, Brian Burley, Pat Burns, Vera Fair, Kenneth Inoue and Gracey Van Der Mark — were covered in a Daily Pilot article reporting campaign finances last week.

An additional eight candidates — Bobby Britton, Gina Clayton-Tarvin, David Clifford, Jill Hardy, Casey McKeon, Billy O'Connell, Robert Reider and Gabrielle Samiy — have since been verified.

Emil "Jinx" Varona pulled papers and filed Wednesday but did not have his nomination papers qualified, the city clerk's office confirmed Thursday.

There are four spots available as Mayor Barbara Delgleize, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Posey and Councilman Erik Peterson are all terming out, while Councilwoman Kim Carr elected not to run for reelection as she pursues a state Senate seat.

Britton, an entrepreneur, reported receiving no cash balance from January through June this year in his financial disclosures. He did make a \$450 self-loan.

Clayton-Tarvin, the president of the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees, received \$4,369 in monetary contributions from January through June, and made \$12,542 in expenditures.

Clayton-Tarvin reported an ending cash balance of \$90,465, largely as the result of two self-loans totaling \$90,500 that she took out during the first half of 2021. She had three individuals contribute the maximum amount of \$620 to her campaign, including her mother Dolores, while the California Federation of Teachers also contributed \$620. Clayton-Tarvin is a teacher in the ABC Unified School District.

Hardy, a math teacher at Mar-

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## Old World Huntington Beach to host Plum Fest, whose roots stretch to WWII Germany

BY SARA CARDINE

In Southern California, there's no shortage of festivals extolling the merits of fruits or vegetables harvested during their peak season. But you'd be hard pressed to find one with the unique provenance of Plum Fest in Huntington Beach.

Held each year in mid- to late-August at Old World Huntington — a location known for Oktoberfest celebrations and events with German and European roots — the one-day festival honors the humble stone fruit in a most majestic manner.

From plum crepes, jams and tarts to martinis, schnapps and doughnuts, those able to attend the 27th annual festival this Sunday, from 1 to 6 p.m., can enjoy a variety of fruited delicacies alongside a full Biergarten menu, folk dancing and performances by German band the Bluebirds.

**"Every German knows about [this cake]. It's very flat and it has sliced plums on it. You mix butter and sugar together and put clumps of it on top and serve it with cream — it's to die for."**

— Cyndie Kasko

But the real star of the show is the "pflaumenkuchen," a cake made with plums from Italy that ripen briefly in mid-August, according to Cyndie Kasko, whose parents, Dolores and Joseph Bischof, built the Old World Village in 1976.

Today, Kasko lives on site and oversees operations alongside brother Bernie Bischof.

"There's only one week when this special Italian plum is ripe, so we always order cases and cases of it," Kasko said.

"Every German knows about

[this cake]. It's very flat and it has sliced plums on it. You mix butter and sugar together and put clumps of it on top and serve it with cream — it's to die for."

The dessert is the beating heart of Plum Fest, started in 1995 to honor a promise made between a mother and daughter trapped in Nazi Germany during World War II more than 80 years ago, Kasko recalled in an interview Tuesday.

In 1939, when her mother Dolores was just a child, she trav-

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Courtesy of Cyndie Kasko

A FRESH plum tart next to a photo of Elly Schwarzer and Dolores Bischof, who inspired Huntington Beach's annual Plum Fest.



# Toddler struck and killed by Amazon van in Irvine

BY GREGORY YEE

A toddler was struck and killed by an Amazon delivery van in Irvine on Tuesday, according to authorities. The crash occurred around 3:30 p.m. in an apartment community in the 300 block of Estancia, the Irvine Police Department said Tuesday night. "Preliminarily, it appears a collision occurred in the

parking lot between an Amazon van and the child," police said. "The van is operated by a third party contractor." The victim was a 23-month-old girl, police said. Officers and Orange County Fire Authority personnel responded, but the girl was declared dead at the scene, police said. The child was not identified by police.

The crash's cause is under investigation, but police said Tuesday night that alcohol and drugs "do not appear to be a factor." Anyone with information on the crash is asked to contact Police Det. Christopher Ostrowski at (949) 724-7047 or at [costrowski@cityofirvine.org](mailto:costrowski@cityofirvine.org). Gregory Yee is a reporter for the Los Angeles Times.



Raul Ora

**EIGHTEEN CANDIDATES** have qualified to appear on the November ballot in their bids to join the Huntington Beach City Council. Four seats will be open in the election.

## ELECTION

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ina High, previously served four terms on the City Council and was mayor in 2005 and 2015. She reported no monetary contributions or expenditures made during the first half of 2022, and finished the period with a cash balance of \$5,571. McKeon is a business owner and Huntington Beach Finance Commissioner. He reported \$7,280 received during

the first half of the year, and \$3,869 of expenditures. He finished the period with a cash balance of \$12,730. McKeon reported four donors contributing the maximum \$620, including former Huntington Beach councilman, county supervisor and state Assemblyman Jim Silva. O'Connell, the co-founder and executive director of Huntington Beach nonprofit Colette's Children's Home, previously served on the City Council in 2014 through

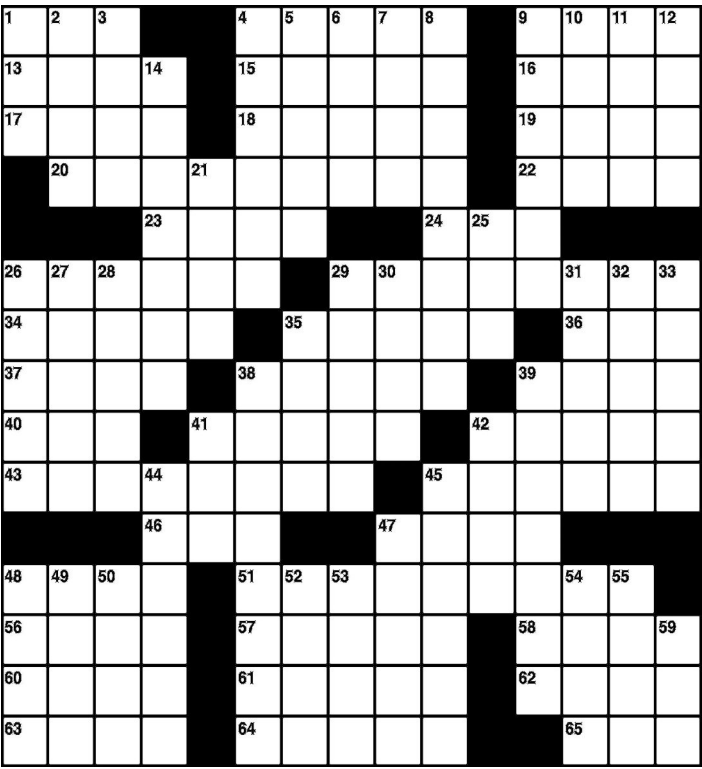
2018. He reported no monetary contributions received and \$541 expenditures made, finishing with a cash balance of \$2,320. O'Connell also still has \$91,500 of outstanding debt as a result of a \$100,000 self-loan. Financial disclosures were not available for Clifford, Reider and Samiy. Clifford is a transportation executive, Reider a senior business consultant and Samiy a student. [matthew.szabo@latimes.com](mailto:matthew.szabo@latimes.com) Twitter: @mjszabo

## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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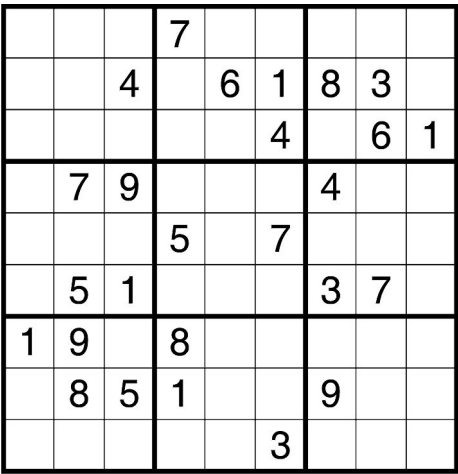
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- 24 Org. for Kings & Bruins
- 26 Climbed
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- 35 Schleps; lugs
- 36 Big \_; trucker's truck
- 37 Blackjack cards
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- 39 More than a few
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- 42 Arrangement
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- 45 Truthful
- 46 "Cat \_ Hot Tin Roof"
- 47 \_ for; cheer on
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- 51 Golfing highlight
- 56 Alda or Rickman
- 57 1930s Dust Bowl victims
- 58 Cincinnati team
- 60 Rational
- 61 Bread ingredient
- 62 Cooking herb
- 63 Peach stones
- 64 Actor Lew
- 65 T. \_; large dinosaur



## SUDOKU

By The Mephams 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 A3.

### DOWN

- 1 Pork product
- 2 Stench
- 3 Word with Scotch or duct
- 4 Remained
- 5 Accepted standards
- 6 Verdi opera

- 7 Walk like a Clydesdale
- 8 In a peaceful way
- 9 Snide remark
- 10 Van Winkle & others
- 11 Body's largest joint

- 12 Sutures
- 14 Viral disease
- 21 Doe or stag
- 25 "Elvis \_ left the building"
- 26 Marsh
- 27 Tree with pods
- 28 Highly skilled
- 29 Zesty-tasting
- 30 Inconsiderate
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- 33 Giza's nation
- 35 Weather forecast
- 38 Boxer Oscar
- 39 Trusted advisers
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- 42 Shortly
- 44 Daniel & Pat
- 45 Lifts with effort
- 47 Della, for one
- 48 Flying insect
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- 52 "\_ dokey"; affirmative
- 53 One not to be trusted
- 54 Nigh
- 55 Rim
- 59 Gender

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**YOLANDA JOHNSON**, center, Class of 1980, Gina DiGiovanni-Pearson, second from left, Class of 1978, and Jim Criss, Class of 1974, share a laugh during Bushard Elementary School's all-class reunion at Zubie's Dry Dock on Saturday in Huntington Beach.

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whom enjoyed looking at childhood pictures and several years of yearbooks from their time at Bushard. Students attended the school through their eighth-grade year.

Long since demolished and developed into housing, Bushard — a Huntington Beach school that was part of the Fountain Valley School District — made a lasting impact on those who passed through its doors.

Debby Lundberg Shifflett, who completed the eighth grade in 1975 and organized the event, brought an autograph book to the reunion, and some took the time to leave yearbook-worthy messages. Happy to have the chance to stay in touch, an individual had left their phone number on the front page.

Reunions bring up a variety of memories, and Lundberg Shifflett laughed jovially when commenting that she had run into her first boyfriend at the gathering.

The upbringing of some of the students was a major

topic of conversation, too, as some recalled their time growing up in the Continentals, a neighborhood that had come to be defined by crime.

“There was a wall that divided us from a place called the Continentals, and those were townhouses, and then there were people who lived on the side of the school that lived in [single-family] homes,” Lundberg Shifflett said. “In the 1970s, there was a lot of turmoil in the Continentals and a lot of broken homes.

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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eled with her mother Elly Schwarzer by boat to Germany to bring Schwarzer's parents back with them to the U.S. They did not know

the specter of World War II loomed on the horizon. Because Schwarzer still had German residency, she was not allowed to return home with her daughter, so the two hunkered down. But when full-scale fighting broke out in the region,

Schwarzer was forced to send a 5-year-old Dolores to a children's home for temporary safekeeping. Dolores had always received a homemade plum cake from her mother for her Aug. 21 birthday and, in 1939, found herself stuck in an orphanage facing the prospect of turning 6 with no celebration to speak of. But Schwarzer had a trick up her sleeve.

"Somehow my grandmother figured out how to get those plums. She baked a cake and sent it through the soldiers to the kindergarten," she said. "My mother always swore that was the best tasting cake she'd ever had."

When Kasko's mother and grandmother were finally reunited, Schwarzer promised Dolores she would always make her a plum cake for her birthday. And she kept that promise, even as the pair remained in Germany for the next nine years.

"My grandmother baked her last cake when she was 100 years old," said Kasko, adding Schwarzer passed in 1995 at age 103.

Her death not only left a void in the family but left Dolores — at that time in her 60s — without reliable access to her beloved

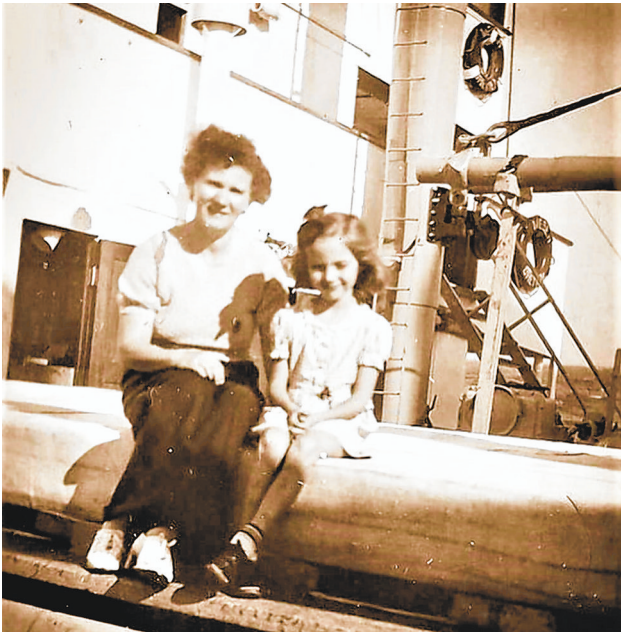


Courtesy of Willy Sanjuan

**AN EMPLOYEE** at Biergarten at Old World Huntington Beach assembles plum tarts in advance of the site's annual Plum Fest. The 27th annual celebration returns this Sunday.

pflaumenkuchen. That's when she and her family members, living and working in Old World Village, decided to serve the cake on site.

Since 1995, Plum Fest has grown into an event that attracts hundreds to the Huntington Beach plaza and has become a well-loved tradition among members of the founding family and those who work



Courtesy of Cyndie Kasko

**ELLY SCHWARZER**, with daughter Dolores, 5, in 1939 on a ship bound for Germany. It would change their lives forever.

there. Keven Shaw has been head baker at the German Deli and Biergarten for the past seven years and has pitted quite a few plums in her tenure. When more than 30 cases arrived in Huntington Beach from Italy on Friday, it was all hands on deck.

Teams of prep staff will work from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. pitting thousands of the stone fruits before chopping, juicing and blending them into signature dishes.

"They come in at the last minute, and you have to make all the plum cakes," Shaw said. "It's just a crazy fun thing that we're used to."

It's a huge undertaking, but one employees are happy to perform each year, especially in the years since Dolores' passing in 2010.

"The thing that makes it special is it had so much meaning for Cyndie and Bernie's mother and their grandmother," Shaw said of the significance of plum cake. "And this day celebrates them."

Old World Huntington Beach is located at 7561 Center Ave., in Huntington Beach. Admission and parking are free. For more, visit [oldworldhdb.com](http://oldworldhdb.com).

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"What ensued from that were a lot of kids — latchkey kids — single moms raising us, kind of clung to each other, and those friendships were so important because we needed each other, and at that age, we didn't share a lot of the broken home stories."

Swaigler recalled that the students who came from that situation showed an uncommon interest in the school, which he surmised happened because it provided structure in their lives. He said teachers would keep their classrooms open long after the final bell had rung.

The teachers went be-

yond teaching the curriculum, fashioning themselves as counselors to provide much-needed positive experiences for their students, Swaigler said.

"It wasn't a situation where they didn't want to go to school," Swaigler said. "They wanted to go to school because every day was brand new for them, there was something different going on. That's why our curriculum that we came up with was so rewarding — because it was student-driven. Make everything positive so that they felt good about themselves, instead of feeling like the whole world was coming down on their shoulders."

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP



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**THE FOUNTAIN VALLEY** girls' volleyball team celebrates a point on the way to victory against Ocean View on Monday.

Fountain Valley girls' volleyball improves to 2-0

The Fountain Valley girls' volleyball team defeated host Buena Park 25-10, 25-18, 25-9 on Wednesday evening in a nonleague match.

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— Andrew Turner

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The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. 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The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916)939-0772 or visit this internet website <a href="http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx">http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx</a>, using the file number assigned to this case CA2200287358 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected</div></div>	<div><div>Legal Notices</div><div>in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m(c) of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916)939-0772, or visit this internet website <a href="http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx">http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx</a>, using the file number assigned to this case CA2200287358 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last</div></div>	<div><div>Legal Notices</div><div>and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving, TX 75063</div></div>	<div><div>Legal Notices</div><div>First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772 NPP0414478 To: ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT 08/19/2022, 08/26/2022, 09/02/2022</div><div><div>MERCHANDISE</div><div>800</div></div><div><div>Miscellaneous Merchandise</div><div>Vinyl Records Wanted \$55 Top cash paid 4 all or part of collection. Jazz, Classical, Psychedelic, Blues 949-933-6777 Mike</div></div></div>
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