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Ocean Force Captures a Success Summer in HB

Camera crews and field producers of reality TV show Ocean Force: Huntington Beach, OC headed home after spending nine busy weeks filming Huntington City Beach lifeguards as they respond to an array of calls during the city's busiest summer in history. The show will focus on professional lifeguards in action, documenting what really happens during a summer in Surf City.



Over 600 hours of raw footage were filmed, capturing approximately 300 stories. Fifty of these stories will comprise the eight episodes of this season's Ocean Force.

The first two episodes will air Tuesday, January 1, 2008 from 8-9 p.m. PST on truTV Network. The remaining episodes are scheduled to air Monday nights from 8-9 p.m. throughout January. There are two webisodes scheduled to show exclusively on the Internet. Additionally, Court TV will change its network name to truTV on January 1, 2008.

For the first time at Huntington City Beach, Ocean Force captured on-scene footage of lifeguards as they responded to an array of calls, including medical emergencies, law enforcements, ocean rescues, and public education. This footage will help expose the professionalism of the permanent Marine Safety Officers and seasonal lifeguards of Huntington City Beach.

One of the benefits of having Ocean Force document the city's busiest summer is the footage that will be used for training purposes. Over the course of this summer (2007), the crews captured a Code-X body recovery incident, a 14-year-old boy in full cardiac and respiratory arrest, along with many ocean rescues and law enforcement calls.

Overall, Ocean Force: Huntington Beach, OC was a success, capturing plenty of exciting and dramatic events over the course of this summer, giving viewers a sneak-peak into reality lifeguarding.

Ocean Force: Huntington Beach, OC

January 1	@ 8 p.m.
January 1	@ 8:30 p.m.
January 7	@ 8 p.m.
January 7	@ 8:30 p.m.
January 14	@ 8 p.m.
January 14	@ 8:30 p.m.
January 21	@ 8 p.m.
January 21	@ 8:30 p.m.

Airing on truTV, formerly known as Court TV



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Fourth of July Board Looking for Great Local Talent

The Huntington Beach 4th of July Board is looking for talented individuals and groups to join in next year's festivities. In 2008, the Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade and Celebration will mark 104 years of patriotism and entertainment. The 2008 festivities, like past years, will feature the largest Independence Parade west of the Mississippi River, as well as days of family entertainment at the Pier Plaza Fun Expo.

Last year, an estimated half million people visited the Pier Expo to experience the family activities, which included merchants, food vendors, musical performances, and much more. Next year, the board would like to expand the family activities with the inclusion of more local performers. Artists, comedians, musicians, kid performers, and other entertainers are invited to participate. In particular, the board is requesting bands, comedians and kid performers, such as face painters and balloon artists, to consider joining the Pier Expo in 2008.



This is a great opportunity to be part of a historical celebration, gain visibility in your community, and entertain tens of thousands of people.

If you are interested in being part of this impressive tradition, please contact the Huntington Beach 4th of July Board at (714) 374-1535 or email Board Chairperson Patricia Stier at pstier@socal.rr.com.

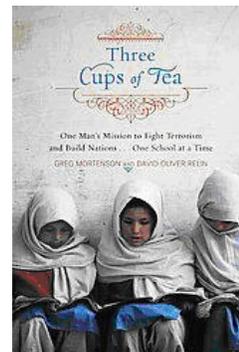
Huntington Beach Reads One Book Reception

As part of the Huntington Beach Reads One Book Project, which is organized by the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force, the Art Center will host a celebration of the N.Y. Times Best Seller *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson and award-winning journalist David Oliver Relin. The reception will take place on Thursday, January 24, at 6 p.m.

Please join members of the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force, the Huntington Beach Library Board of Trustees, and the community as they kick-off this ongoing reading project.

The reception will include Afghan food by Kabul Catering, music, a film and a photo display representing the *Three Cups of Tea* regions.

For more information, visit <http://www.surfcity-hb.org> or call 714.374.1650. This event is free to the public.





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Huntington Beach Reads One Book!

- Photo exhibit, Afghan food, music at Art Center January 24
- Book Fair at Barnes & Noble January 27 – February 2
- Greg Mortenson visits Huntington Beach on February 21
- Local organizations sponsor Reads One Book

Huntington Beach Reads One Book starts the new year by bringing to life *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and award-winning journalist David Oliver Relin for the first city-wide **Huntington Beach Reads One Book** program.

Three Cups of Tea has been recognized as a New York Times Best-Seller, TIME Magazine - Asia Book of the Year, and awarded the Kiriya Prize Nonfiction Award, PNBA Nonfiction Book of the Year, and Montana Honor Book Award.

Three Cups of Tea is the true story of Greg Mortenson, a former army medic and mountaineer. Failing to climb to the top of K2, he gets lost upon descent and almost dies. The local villagers who rescue him introduce him to a new world, changing his life forever.



Young girls learn to read at a school built by Greg Mortenson

Join us at the Art Center 6 p.m., January 24

Enjoy a taste of the *Three Cups of Tea* region, when **Huntington Beach Reads One Book** hosts an art center reception with delicious Afghan food, a display of photographs from humanitarians working in Pakistan, film from the region, and your first cup of tea! Meet those working in the region and discuss the book with fellow readers. Free to the public.

Book Fair at Barnes & Noble January 27 – February 2

Huntington Beach residents can support the community-wide “**Reads One Book**” program with their purchase at Bella Terra’s Barnes and Noble January 27 through February 2. Tell the cashier you are supporting **Huntington Beach Reads One Book** and a percentage of your purchase will go toward the community reading program for Huntington Beach.

Greg Mortenson visits Huntington Beach February 21

The author will talk with local high school students during the day, and will speak to the public at an evening event at the Huntington Beach High School gymnasium. Based on calls to the Reads One Book message line, 714-374-1645, the 2000-seat gymnasium will be full of readers!



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Huntington Beach Reads One Book! (Continued)

Who's reading Three Cups of Tea?

Huntington Beach high schools, public and private schools have received and are reading the book, as well as Southern California book clubs. Huntington Beach Reads One Book is receiving calls from book groups and organizations around Southern California, all of whom who are reading the book and plan to visit Huntington Beach to meet the author in February.

Read the book!

Read the book summary and more about Mortenson's work at www.threecupsoftea.com. For information about **Reads One Book**, please look at "What's New" on the right side of the home page for the City of Huntington Beach website, www.surfcity-hb.org, or, call the Huntington Beach Community Services Department, 714-536-5486. Readers' Guides and suggested reading relating to the book are posted on the website page, and information regarding upcoming special events and programs also will be posted on the website.

Support Reads One Book!

Civic and community organizations joining **Huntington Beach Reads One Book** include: Barnes & Noble, Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach, Friends of the Library, American Association of University Women, Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort, the Center for Excellence in Education, and William and Heidi Bumpers. More program sponsors are needed to support this community-wide reading program.

About Reads One Book sponsors:

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force, learn more at www.surfcity-hb.org/government/boards_commissions/human_relation_taskforce.cfm

Huntington Beach Library Board of Trustees, learn more at www.surfcity-hb.org/government/boards_commissions/library_board.cfm.

Barnes & Noble: Barnes & Noble hosts book discussion groups and supports community fundraising efforts—such as the January 27 – February 2 book fair. Learn more at <http://storelocator.barnesandnoble.com/storedetail.do?store=2743>.



Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach: More than 600,000 Kiwanis in 96 countries make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide issues. Learn more at <http://www.hbkiwanis.org/>.



Friends of the Library: Currently over 750 Huntington Beach community members support the Huntington Beach Library, assisting with fundraising efforts that help sustain and expand the library's collection and programs. Learn more at <http://www.hbpl.org/>.



American Association of University Women Westminster – Fountain Valley branch: The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a national organization that promotes equality for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. Learn more at <http://www.aauw-wmfv-hb.com/>.

- Center for Excellence in Education
- William and Heidi Bumpers
- Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort



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Paying Your Bills Just Got Easier



“Give checks the boot!” and visit www.surfcity-hb.org/payments to check out the City Treasurer’s Department three new “paperless” ways to pay your Municipal Services Utility statement, all at “no cost” to you!

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- 💰 Pay by credit card using our voice automated “PhonePay” system at 877-309-4915. If you have any problems with using this service, call our Official Payments customer services representatives at 888-357-8394 and they can assist you in making the payment.
- 💰 To pay using your bank checking account, sign up for our “AutoPay” program and we can deduct your amount due every month directly from your account automatically. Download an application at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments

Find out more about these three options at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments, or visit us at 2000 Main Street on the 1st floor at our cashiering windows and receive a free “stress reliever” when you turn in your AutoPay application!

City and Rainbow Offer Large Item Pickup

Wondering what to do with all those large trash items and extra trash bags that accumulated over the holidays? Now you have more options.

With the change to automated trash collection in 2007, the City of Huntington Beach and Rainbow Disposal have established a new “10/4 Pick-up Program”. This new program allows households to schedule special collections of up to 10 items per appointment.

Each household may do this 4 times a year. Special collections include items such as excess trash bags that will not fit in the trash cart, appliances, furniture, mattresses, and other bulky items.

Appointments are required for special collections. Contact Rainbow Disposal at (714) 847-3581 to schedule your 10/4 Pickup appointment. Most 10/4 pickups are scheduled for your next regular trash day, and a minimum of 48 hours notice is required. As always, this is a free service to residential trash customers.





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Questions about your trash/recycling service? Here are answers...

With the change to the automated trash collection last year, many residents have questions about their trash pick-up. Besides the new 10/4 Pick-Up Program, there are a few other changes. To aid residents, the City and Rainbow Disposal have answered some of the most common questions here.

Why did Rainbow's truck only collect one of my carts and leave the other carts full?

With the automated trash collection program, there are now three trucks that pick up carts: one for the BROWN trash cart, one for the BLUE recycling cart, and one for the GREEN yard waste cart. Collection begins as early as 7 am and can continue until 6 pm. Each truck may come at a different time of the day, so be sure to leave carts out until they have been emptied. Always look inside to verify that the cart is empty before putting it away.

Why are residents charged for recycling if they are sorting their own trash?

Residents separate recyclable materials from the trash and place all recyclables in the blue recycling cart. Once Rainbow picks up the blue cart, the mixed recyclables are still sorted and processed by type, such as paper, glass, plastics, aluminum, etc. This occurs at Rainbow's state-of-the-art Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). The fee continues to pay for the cost of processing recyclables at the MRF. The advantage of the new system is that contamination of recyclables is greatly reduced, which allows Rainbow to recover more material. The result is less waste sent to the landfill and an increased recycling rate for Huntington Beach.

What do I do if someone has parked a vehicle where my carts need to go?

As long as a vehicle is parked legally, the city cannot issue tickets or require the vehicle to be moved. Neither the city nor Rainbow can reserve the public right-of-way for exclusive placement of trash carts on trash day. Residents are encouraged to look for an alternate location for the carts. If parking space is particularly tight, you can place the carts in the street at the base of the driveway. If possible, try placing your carts at a time when cars are not present, such as in the late afternoon or early evening, or the night before trash collection. You can place your carts for collection as early as noon the day before your scheduled pick-up.

People are scavenging through my trash, what can I do?

To report scavenging, call the Scavenging Enforcement Officer for the City of Huntington Beach at (714) 374-1739. Through its contract with the City of Huntington Beach, Rainbow has funded a full-time city employee dedicated to scavenging enforcement. The scavenging enforcement officer works a flexible schedule that includes early mornings, evenings and weekends as needed to patrol for scavenging. To help reduce scavenging and comply with city ordinance, please put your carts away, out of the street or alley, between collection days.

For further information about trash and recycling in Huntington Beach, contact the Public Works Department at (714) 375-5010.



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Unload Your Old Electronics

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January 25th & 26th
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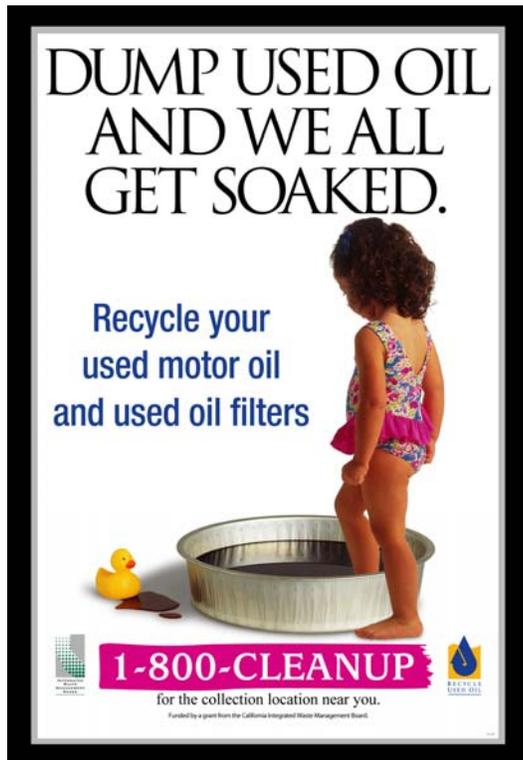
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Free Used oil and Oil Filter Disposal for Huntington Beach Residents

Are you a “do-it-yourself” mechanic who needs to dispose of used motor oil and used oil filters? Then take advantage of our Used Oil & Oil Filter collection program. . You can arrange for pick-up at your home by calling our residential “curbside” collection service at 1-800-449-7587, or you can drop off used oil and filters at most area auto parts stores where you buy your new oil; look for the blue and yellow “Recycle Used Oil” placard in the store’s window. The service is free to local residents, funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board



What Happens to My Used Oil?

- Used oil collected from consumers and businesses is recycled into re-refined oil.
- One gallon of used oil can produce 2.5 quarts of re-refined oil, and at only 1/3 the energy cost of refining the same amount of motor oil from crude oil.
- Re-refined oil is the same quality as virgin oil. Motor oil does not break down during use, it simply gets dirty and additives become depleted. The re-refining process cleans up the used oil, filters out sludge and particulates, and reformulates it with necessary additives so it meets the same SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) and API (American Petroleum Institute) standards as virgin oils.
- Re-refined oils are used by the United States Postal Service and the National Park Service in their fleet vehicles. The State of California’s General Services Agency purchases approximately 189,000 gallons of re-refined oil per year for use in the State’s fleet vehicles.

The Used Oil & Oil Filter collection program collects over 1000 gallons per year from residential pick-up service, and another 20,000 gallons per year from drop-off locations at auto parts stores and auto service centers, keeping it from being illegally disposed and ending up on our local beaches or in our wetlands.



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Shipley Nature Center

The **California Native Plant Sale** continues at Shipley Nature Center located in Huntington Beach Central Park Mon-Sat from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. A great selection of California Native Plants is available for the Winter planting season.

Our Natives – Stroll through the eight habitats and see how California Native Plants provide food, shelter and beauty for our local birds and wildlife and conserve water at the same time. The Toyon (California Holly) is in bloom now with the bright red berries attracting birds. Sugarbush, Fuchsia Flowering Gooseberry and Ceanothus the California Lilac are also blooming.

Membership – Become a member of the Friends of Shipley Nature Center and take part in the growth of Huntington Beach’s little part of nature.

Shipley Restoration Day – The first Saturday of every month from 9:00 am to noon is Restoration as Recreation Day at Shipley. Come to volunteer and help keep Shipley in top shape for residents and visitors.



Open Monday-Saturday 9 am to 1 pm, Thursdays in summer 8 am to 8 pm. Located in Huntington Central Park. Parking at 17829 Goldenwest Street near Talbert. There is no fee to visit the Center!

For additional information, visit www.shipleynature.org, call 714 842-4772 or email info@shipleynature.org.



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THE AGE WAVE: Are You Ready for the Ride?

Huntington Beach Senior Services believes that Civic Engagement is the key to the future of volunteerism and, to support this belief, is offering a free 5-week class on aging. The Age Wave-Are You Ready for the Ride.

The class will be held Wednesdays February 6—March 5, 2008 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Rodgers Seniors' Center and includes CPR training.

Huntington Beach Senior Services staff will cover the following topics:

- ❑ Myths and Realities of Aging
- ❑ Maintaining Boundaries
- ❑ Basic Communication & Active Listening
- ❑ Understanding the Grieving Process
- ❑ Baby Boomers Redefining Aging
- ❑ Signs & Symptoms of Abuse
- ❑ Special Needs of the Homebound Elderly
- ❑ The Aging Network & Community Resources



Volunteers are essential to the success of Huntington Beach Senior Services. Last year volunteers donated over 43,500 hours. Volunteers transport seniors, package and deliver meals, visit the homebound, provide information and referrals, and much more. By offering this class, *The Age Wave-Are you Ready for the Ride*, Huntington Beach Senior Services prepares volunteers to better serve this section of our community. Some of the volunteer positions in Senior Services require this training including Friendly Visitors and Volunteer Escorts. Friendly Visitors visit with senior clients who have limited social contact. Volunteer Escorts work through the transportation program to assist frail seniors on their errands, shopping or to the doctor's office.

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Whether you plan to volunteer in the senior community or care for an aging loved one, this class prepares volunteers and caregivers to better serve seniors. The Age Wave is an expected 64% increase in the senior population over the next few years. In Huntington Beach, there will be 53,000 seniors who are parents, neighbors, friends and loved ones. Are you ready?

For additional information or to enroll please contact: Diane Swarts, Volunteer Services Coordinator, (714) 374-1544.



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Social Work Team works to help seniors and caregivers



The Social Work Team works with seniors, families and caregivers to provide support services in Huntington Beach. Our goal is to help ease the challenges of late life transitions and to support aging in place.

The Social Work Team should be considered a tool for those who are struggling with any senior issue. We have an extensive resource database and can provide information and referrals for a variety of concerns. Services are provided over the phone or in person.

Care management can be short term or ongoing depending on a person's need. The staff will complete a phone intake, make a home visit, develop a plan of care, facilitate services, re-evaluate and follow up as agreed upon by the client

and the social worker. This service is provided free of charge, is voluntary and is based on need. Common services provided are:

- Education about HB Senior Services
- Assessment of needs and strengths
- Individualized care plan development
- Connection to HB, Orange County, volunteer and private senior services
- Long term planning information
- Connection to low income services
- Emotional support in times of need
- Information and referral to a variety of resources
- Senior advocacy

Please feel free to let seniors in Huntington Beach know about this program. Seniors can call in on their own behalf or anyone can make a referral to the Seniors' Outreach office if they think a senior may benefit from our services.



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Youth Basketball Registration Open Now

The City of Huntington Beach Youth Basketball program provides a fun and safe environment where community youth can enjoy sports. This league is both instructional and competitive. Boys and girls will learn not just basketball skills, but also important lessons about life. Youth sports programs help young people develop commitment, confidence and self-esteem, help them learn to resolve conflicts peacefully, teach them ways to take care of their health and well-being, and help them develop skills for communicating with others.

The City of Huntington Beach Youth Basketball league is open to boys and girls in the 3rd through 8th grades. Girl and boy teams are determined by grade level. The league season consists of two evaluation days, a practice game and six regular season games played at local community centers and high school gymnasiums. All of the games will be played on Saturdays.



Those who are interested in playing basketball may sign up at the City Gym and Pool, Murdy or Edison Community Center.

Sign-ups continue on a daily basis until evaluation day on January 12, 2008. The league fee is \$45.00 per child and every participant will receive a team shirt. For more information on the youth basketball league or other youth sports programs, please contact Community Services at (714) 536-5486.

21st Annual Authors Festival & Gala Reception at Central Library

On Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the entire community is cordially invited to attend a gala afternoon reception at the Huntington Beach Library to celebrate the 21st annual Authors Festival, sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

Enjoy a library-wide book signing, with a local bookstore providing the authors' books for purchase. Thirty-five local authors will have been "authors-in-residence" for the day at schools in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. At 2:30 PM, in the Central Library, many of these authors and illustrators will attend a community reception to greet children, parents, local dignitaries, and the public. Festivities will include special events such as author and illustrator book signings and three read-alouds in the library's Tabby Theater. Refreshments will be served. The event begins at 2:30 pm and will run until 4:30 pm.



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Sign up Today for Classes at Huntington Beach Art Center

Classes Begin This Month!

Take advantage of what the Art Center has to offer in the areas of art, music, dance and theater. Walk-in registration begins January 3, and classes start as early as the week of January 7. Art Center members receive discounts on events, classes, tours and workshops. The Art Center is located at 538 Main Street. Call 714-374-1650 for more information or view the class schedule in the Sands Brochure at www.surfcity-hb.org.

Centered on the Center Art Exhibition

Artist submissions take place January 4 and 5

All artists are invited to take part in *Centered on the Center*, the Art Center's annual group exhibition opening January 18. A participation fee of \$15 for one submission and \$25 for two is required. Artwork needs to be delivered on Friday, January 4, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Art Center members only) and 2 – 5 p.m. for all artists; or January 5, from noon – 4 p.m. for all artists. Artwork is accepted until the galleries, the store and other public places at the Art Center are full. For more information, call 714.374.1650, go to http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art_center/, or visit the Art Center at 538 Main Street, Wednesday through Saturday, 12 – 6 p.m. or Sunday 12 – 4 p.m.

Reception and exhibition

Centered on the Center features the work submitted by artists earlier this month in a salon-style, group setting at the Art Center. More than 400 works in a variety of media will be showcased. The opening reception takes place Friday, January 18, 6 – 9 p.m., and the exhibition runs January 18 – February 17. Both events are free to the public.

January Piano Recitals at HB Art Center

The Music Teacher's Association of California, Orange County West Branch, presents two superb performances this month at the Art Center.



Brian Kim

On January 5, at 7 p.m., Young Artist Guild pianist Brian Kim will perform Beethoven Sonata no. 24 op. 78, Schumann Carnival op. 9, and Rachmaninoff Sonata No. 2 op. 36 (revised edition). General admission is \$6; HBAC member \$5. Contact Theresa at teresaloy@hotmail.com or 714.847.3195 for tickets.

Peter Seivewright

British-born pianist Peter Seivewright, will perform a solo recital with works by J.S. Bach, Baldassare Galuppi, Charles Ives, Cyril Scott, and Moritz Moskowski on Sunday, January 20, at 1 p.m. Admission is \$10. Contact Anna Hanh Pham at 626.216.3867 for tickets.



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Need a Passport?

The Huntington Beach City Clerk's Office offers
Passport Acceptance Services and is conveniently
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at the Civic Center, 2nd floor,
2000 Main Street at Yorktown Avenue

Passport Acceptance Hours are 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Monday through Friday (excluding holidays)

Services Include:

- First-time passports
- Passport renewals
- Passport photo services
- Passport expediting

For more information, contact (714) 374-1600
or access the City's website
www.surfcity-hb.org



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January Events at the Central Library

The Central Library offers a variety of programs and activities for children! In addition to participating in weekly storytimes and crafts, kids can visit the Children's Department for computer and Internet access. Visit our website at www.hbpl.org for a listing of our regularly scheduled storytimes.

Special Upcoming Events for January 2008:

Family Evening Pajama Storytime with Miss Barbara

Tabby Storytime Theater – FREE -- Thursday, January 10, 2008 7:00 PM

Come celebrate winter with Miss Barbara! There will be stories, songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.

“Illusions by Allen” with Magician Allen Oshiro

Wednesday, January 16, 2008 4:00 PM -- Library Theater
-- \$3 Children \$5 Adult

Join us as we welcome Allen Oshiro, a performing member of the Magic Castle, to the children's library! Allen's show will include a live rabbit and doves, sleight of hand, levitation, ball and card tricks, and a Rocky the Raccoon puppet. Audience participation and comedy for all ages -- kids, young adults, and families alike. Tickets on sale now.



Special Sunday Family Storytime

Sunday, January 27, 2008 2:00 PM -- Tabby Storytime Theater – FREE to the public

As part of the celebration of the 21st Annual Authors Festival sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library, please join us for a special Sunday Storytime with storyteller Amy Friedman in the Central Library. The entire family is invited to come and hear the author Amy read from “Tell Me a Story”, her collection of timeless folktales from around the world – and also from her latest CD, “Tell Me a Story 2: Animal Magic.” Copies of these two CDs will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation.



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The Friends of the Library Presents: *Mystery over Lunch*

The Friends of the Library invites you to attend an author luncheon on Friday, January 18 when they present, Naomi Hirahara. Hirahara's award-winning mystery series features Mas Arai, a Hiroshima survivor, now living in Southern California and struggling to put the past behind him. A curmudgeon L.A. gardener and inveterate gambler, Mas soon finds himself in situations where he manages to solve mind-boggling mysteries involving his past life, current friends and even family. The Mas Arai series has won several awards, including the 2007 Edgar Award in the category of Best Paperback Original.

Hirahara is a freelance writer and journalist who served several years as an editor of the largest and highly-acclaimed Japanese-American daily newspaper, THE RAFU SHIMPO. Hirahara and her husband Wes live in Southern California where she is working on her next mystery, a standalone novel.



Doors open at 11:30 AM – lunch is at Noon and followed by author's program. Book sales and signings are offered before and after the luncheon.

Please make checks payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or deliver to Friends Gift Shop. Reservations and checks must be received no later than **Monday, January 14**. For questions, please contact the Friends Gift Shop at (714) 375-8429.

Learn More About Your Finances and Retirement – For Free

The American Library Association (ALA) has teamed up with the Investor Protection Trust (IPT) to create *Investor Education @ your library*®, a national public education and awareness campaign to help individuals make informed investment decisions.

With so many investment options to choose from, how do you know if the financial choices you make today are the right choices for the future? *Investor Education @ your library* is designed to provide investors with accurate and reliable financial information they need to make smart decisions for themselves and their families.



Developed and conducted by the Evelyn Brust Foundation, the non-commercial seminar includes a 90-minute plenary session focusing on the process of investing. The seminar will be followed by optional, one-on-one counseling sessions for participants.

This free seminar will be at the **Huntington Beach Public Library**, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach on Saturday, February 2nd, at 9:00 am and again at 1:00 pm, in the Talbert Room. Please call (714) 960-8836, for more information or to pre-register for this important event.



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Free! Friday afternoon at the movies

No lines, no tickets to purchase! Enjoy a free afternoon at the movies at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Complimentary popcorn and drinks make this a must see event. Movies are selected based on suggestions from the audience.

SHALL WE DANCE JANUARY 4

John Clark is a meek workaholic who feels trapped in a dull, mind numbing existence. But one night, his whole life changes when the sight of a beautiful dance instructor inspires him to break out of his mold and sign up for ballroom dancing lessons! Now, he'll have to step lightly—and do some fancy footwork—if he expects to keep his exciting new passion a secret from his family and friends. Starring Richard Gere, Jennifer Lopez and Susan Sarandon, with a great supporting cast. Rated PG13 106 minutes



WAITRESS JANUARY 11

Keri Russell stars in this 'slice-of-life' tale of a waitress at a small-town diner with a gift for pie-making. The film offers a rich variety of supporting characters, from her quirky-but-lovable fellow waitresses (Cheryl Hines and Adrienne Shelly), her less-than-lovable husband (Jeremy Sisto), the gynecologist (Nathan Fillion) who falls for her, and, best of all, the cantankerous yet funny owner of the café, 81-year-old Andy Griffith, (who deserves a 'Supporting Actor' Oscar for this role!) Rated PG-13 108 minutes

OCEAN'S 13 JANUARY 18

It's bolder and riskier, the most dazzling heist yet. George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon and company reunite the team with director Steven Soderbergh for a split-second caper that stacks the deck with wit, style and cool. Danny Ocean again runs the game, so no rough stuff. No one gets hurt -except for double-crossing Vegas kingpin Willy Bank (Al Pacino). On opening night of Bank's posh new casino tower The Bank, every turn of a card and roll of the dice will come up a winner for bettors. And they'll hit him in his pride, making sure the tower doesn't receive a coveted Five Diamond Award. That's just the start, the boys are out to break The Bank. Place your bets! Rated PG-13 122 minutes



DECEMBER BOYS JANUARY 25

They share the same birth month, so the orphanage calls them December Boys. But these teens, "Maps, Spit, Spark, and Misty" have much more in common. With no hopes of ever joining a family, they form their own familial bonds. The four lads are to spend time with a family at a tiny ocean cove setting. Delighted, they enjoy the time of their lives. Then the unexpected news comes that a young couple may adopt one of them, and the long-time pals suddenly share something else: a rivalry to be the chosen one. This fine Australian film explores the true meaning of family. Rated PG-13 105 minutes

Come early and enjoy the Community SeniorServ lunch. Lunch is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. A donation of \$2.50 for those 60+ is recommended for the lunch. \$3.50 is charged to those under 60.



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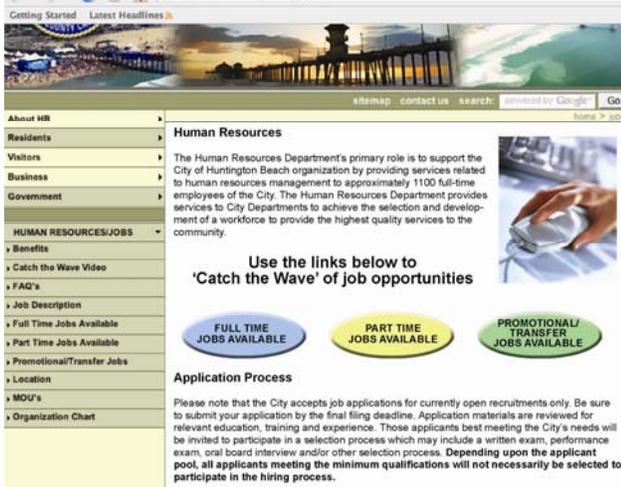
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NEOGOV Arrives in Huntington Beach

“Catching the Wave” of job opportunities with the City of Huntington Beach has become much easier and much faster now that NEOGOV has arrived. NEOGOV is a web-based applicant tracking software product that allows the City of Huntington Beach to accept job applications online.

Applicants will now be able to view job opportunities and apply for those positions directly from the City's Human Resources website. Over 4,000 users from state, county and local government agencies nationwide use NEOGOV, and now the City of Huntington Beach is one of them.



This new, easy-to-use application process will allow the City of Huntington Beach to accept applications online, auto-screen applications, e-mail application status notices, schedule interviews and tests online, and much more.

These new additions will streamline the application and interview process for applicants as well. Those interested in positions with the City of Huntington Beach can now search for city positions, apply for jobs, and track the status of

their respective applications all online.

The website itself is clear and organized. On the Human Resources website, positions are categorized into full-time positions, part-time positions, and promotional/transfer positions. All you have to do is click on one of the links to search for available jobs and start the application process.

You can then apply online by clicking on the job title you are interested in and clicking on the “Apply” link. You will then be prompted on how to complete an application. The entire process should only take about 15 minutes. It is that easy!

Be sure to check out the new site for yourself at www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs. For additional information, please contact Vicky Berg at (714) 536-5547 or Patricia Albers at (714) 536-5498.



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Beverly Campos presented with December Mayor's Award



Beverly Campos was hired in November 2004 as an Office Assistant II for the Maintenance Operations Division of Public Works.

Beverly has been instrumental in recordkeeping for all of the tree petition packages, compiling all of the photographs and rankings for the new petition process and communicating with our petition list residents. She is also instrumental in organizing and maintaining the Tree Removal Permit Log and in developing a new daily tracking system for our tree department.

Beverly is currently in the acting position of Scavenging Enforcement Officer, and will be going to that position permanently at the end of this month. Scavenging Enforcement is a new position for Public Works, funded by Rainbow Disposal as a result of our new curbside recycling program. We are confident that Bev will meet the challenges of her new position with her characteristic grace and positive attitude.

Beverly received the award at the December 17th City Council Meeting. She is shown with Public Works Director Travis Hopkins, Mayor Debbie Cook and fellow Public Works staff members.



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Outgoing City Administrator is recognized by City Council



City Administrator Penny Culbreth-Graft received many accolades during her last City Council meeting on December 17, 2007. During the meeting, City Council Members and City Attorney Jennifer McGrath (representing the department heads) praised her for her work for the City of Huntington Beach during the last 3 ½ years.

City Administrator Culbreth-Graft is leaving to work for the City of Colorado Springs as their city manager. She is shown in the photo with the City Council and the artwork they presented her.

Deputy City Administrator Paul Emery was named Interim City Administrator and will start in that position on January 3, 2008.



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Scenes from “A Taste of New Zealand”

Downtown Huntington Beach was the place to be, December 1st and 2nd, when visitors from New Zealand shared their culture, food and art at the first Taste of New Zealand. Participants enjoyed sampling foods and wines from New Zealand, as well as, watching dancers performing traditional dances and rituals and artists demonstrating their craft.





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January Calendar of Events

For a complete listing of events in Huntington Beach, visit the Huntington Beach Conference and Visitor's Bureau Calendar at www.surfcityevents.com

January Television Schedule for Channel Three

Community Bulletin Board	Daily - Be sure to check out the new look to the Channel 3 Bulletin Board!
City Council Meetings	January 7 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast Jan. 8 @ 10 am & Jan. 9 @ 7 pm January 22 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast Jan. 23 @ 10 am
Planning Commission Meeting	January 8 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast Jan. 10 @ 7 pm January 23 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast Jan. 24 @ 7 pm

Be sure to check out Surf City Highlights on Channel 3 and the City's website! For a complete program schedule – go to the City's website www.surfcity-hb.org. Click on Government then Public Information Office. You can download or view the schedule.

City Hall Veteran's Memorial is Re-Dedicated

A ceremony was held on December 17th to honor three Marines who died while fighting in Iraq. Their names were added to the Memorial located at City Hall and the ceremony honored the fallen soldiers and their families.





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