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Area Code Overlay

Several key changes to the way you make phone calls are being introduced this year.



First, all calls from the 714 area code will now require that you dial 1 + ten digits: 1 + (714) area code + telephone number. For example, if you used to dial 555-1234, you will now need to dial 1-714-555-1234. This is true for both landline and cellular phones; however, the "1" may be omitted when dialing from a cell phone. For example, dialing 1-714-55-1234 or 714-555-1234 will both work for cellular customers only. Effective February 23, 2008, you should begin using the new dialing procedure whenever you place a call from the 714 area code. Beginning August 23, 2008, you must use the new dialing procedure for all calls. After this date, if you do not dial 1 + (714) area code + telephone number, your call will not be completed, and a recording will instruct you to hang up and dial again.

In addition to changing your dialing procedure, all programmed telephone equipment will need to be reprogrammed to use the new 1 + area code + telephone number dialing procedure. Some examples are fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, alarm and security systems, speed dialers, call forwarding settings, voicemail services, and similar functions. You may also want to check your business stationary and advertising materials to ensure the area code is included. Be sure to complete any changes prior to August 23, 2008.

Second, to ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers, a new area code is being introduced to the geographic region currently served by the 714 code. This new area code, 657, will not replace any existing 714 numbers; instead only new phone numbers will be assigned the new area code. This is called an area code overlay. Beginning September 23, 2008, new telephone lines may be assigned numbers with the 657 area code.

Despite the notable changes, the majority of your telephone activity will not be affected. Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change. The price of the call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the overlay. A local call will still be considered a local call even though you will now dial an area code. Also, you can still dial just three digits to reach 911, as well as 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711 and 811.

If you have any questions regarding the new dialing procedures or the introduction of the new 657 area code, information is available at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) website: <http://cpuc.ca.gov.714areacode> or by contacting the CPUC Public Advisor's Office by calling (866) 849-3891 or by emailing public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov.



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Easter Hunt will be held March 22nd

The City of Huntington Beach, Community Services Department, and the Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club will present the 18th Annual Easter Hunt on Saturday, March 22 in Huntington Central Park. This event will feature an Easter hunt, game booths, entertainment, exhibits, and refreshments. Festivities will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon adjacent to the Central Park picnic area off of Edwards Avenue and Central Park Drive. This free event is made possible by donations and the work of many volunteers. Come early and enjoy a day at the park with music and lots to see and do. We are expecting a visit from the Easter Bunny and there will be plenty of candy for the children. Pancakes and other refreshments will be available for purchase.

Easter hunt times are as follows:

- Exceptional children 9:30 a.m.
- 2 years and under 10:00 a.m.
- 3 - 4 years old 10:30 a.m.
- 5 - 6 years old 11:00 a.m.
- 7 - 8 years old 11:30 a.m.

So, bring your children and enjoy the Easter holiday.

For further information, please call 536-5486.



“A Taste of Huntington Beach” Presale Tickets on Sale

Presale tickets to “A Taste of Huntington Beach” are underway for the region’s only all-inclusive, one-price food-fest of its kind, with proceeds benefiting the Children’s Library as well as Project Self-Sufficiency, April 20. Over 45 restaurants, 20 wineries and breweries will be on hand to indulge the palates and taste buds of food-tasters from 12-4pm.

Presale tickets are \$50 per person until April 6. On April 7, tickets go on sale at the \$60 regular price until sold out. Each ticket sold will include a complimentary souvenir wine glass. Tickets are also \$60 at the entrance on April 20.

Presale tickets are being sold at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue; Duke’s Surf City by the Pier; The Longboard Restaurant & Pub, Main Street, and at King’s Fish House, Edinger Avenue at Bella Terra.

Recorded information is available at 714.375.5023.



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SUNDAY, APRIL 20
12:00pm-4:00pm

At The Beautiful Huntington Beach Sports Complex
(18100 Goldenwest St. at Talbert, across from the library)

BIGGER, BETTER AND IN THE Cool OPEN AIR!

45 RESTAURANTS PLUS 20 WINERIES & BREWERIES
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & MORE!
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Event held rain or shine. Tickets are non-refundable.

Get presale tickets now at:
HB LIBRARY RECEPTION DESK
DUKE'S SURF CITY AT HB PIER
THE LONGBOARD RESTAURANT & PUB ON MAIN ST.
KING'S FISH HOUSE EDINGER AVE. AT BELLA TERRA
RECORDED INFORMATION: 714.375.5023
SEE THE NEW WEBSITE: hbrestaurants.com or tasteofhb.com

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Huntington Beach Residents - Show the World Your HB!

The Huntington Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau (HBCVB) will host "See My HB" photo and video contests in conjunction with National Tourism Week (NTW), May 10-18, 2008. Residents of the City of Huntington Beach are encouraged to capture their HB to show the world that Huntington Beach – Surf City USA® is the ideal destination for surf, sand, sun and fun! Entries will be accepted only from March 10 through April 30, 2008. Contest is open only to residents of the City of Huntington Beach at the time of entry. Winning entrants will receive assorted HB prizes. For entry rules and guidelines, visit www.surfcityusa.com/seemyhb.

NTW is an opportunity for the HBCVB to promote the importance of tourism to the local economy and encourage residents to be a tourist in their own town! More than 16 million visitors experience Surf City USA® annually. In 2006 visitor spending in Huntington Beach totaled \$329 million!

Lifeguard Tryouts

If you are interested in a challenging and rewarding job this summer, the City of Huntington Beach is seeking responsible men and women to provide first line protection for the City's beaches. The Huntington Beach Marine Safety Division will be holding tryouts for new ocean lifeguards on Sunday, **March 9th** at 8:00 a.m. The tryouts will be held at Lifeguard Headquarters, 103



Pacific Coast Highway, one block south of the Huntington Beach Municipal Pier. The starting pay is \$15.92 per hour (plus 5% for EMT certification and 5% for passing bilingual examination). All applicants must be 17 years of age by June 1, 2008.

The tryouts consist of 3 physical events: a 1000-yard ocean swim, a 500-yard ocean swim and a 1,500-yard run-swim-run. All events are conducted in prevailing conditions around and through the Huntington Beach Pier. Applicants must satisfactorily complete all tryout events to be eligible for further consideration. Upon successful completion of the tryouts, up to 36 qualifiers will be allowed to register for the lifeguard candidate training program. The training program will be held on March 22, 24 – 30, April 5 & 6.

Applications are available at Lifeguard Headquarters or online at www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs. Please call (714) 374-1752 for further information.



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Become a Fire Department Volunteer and Prepare Your Family for Disasters

Why Prepare?

Over the past several years we have experienced several catastrophic disasters throughout the world. These events, while tragic, serve as a learning opportunity for residents within the community of Huntington Beach. Even though we live in a paradise like Huntington Beach, there are still many hazards that face our community. Huntington Beach has experienced major flooding, fires, oil spills, riots, tornados, and has the potential for a tsunami and major earthquakes. The City sits on several active fault lines and could be greatly affected by an earthquake on the San Andres Fault. Most geologists agree that it is not a matter of if, but a matter of when we will see the next major quake in Southern California.

What Can I do?

As member of the community, you can help the city respond to a disaster by preparing your family, home, school and work. Huntington Beach has highly trained and well-equipped public safety personnel, but if a major disaster occurs there could be a shortage of fire and police available to respond to all calls for help. For example, there are only 41 Firefighters on 10 fire engines on-duty at any one time. It could take more than 72-hours before the Fire Department can respond to your home or business during a major disaster.

What is CERT?

CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) is a FEMA endorsed training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community in the event of a disaster. By becoming CERT trained, you will gain the skills to help emergency responders save lives and property. Once you have completed the training you have the opportunity to become a Fire Department volunteer.

What do CERT Volunteers do?

CERT volunteers are trained to prepare and respond to a disaster until first responders arrive. You will be taught to manage a disaster in your home, work, neighborhood or school. After taking care of yourself and your family, you can report to the city and perform such duties as providing damage assessment information about your neighborhood, sandbagging, sheltering, checking on the frail and elderly, working in the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), and providing support to the Fire and Police Departments.



What Will I Learn?

In the *Save-A-Life Saturday* series of classes you will learn how to:

- Prepare your home and family for a disaster
- Perform basic first aid and CPR
- Safely search a building and rescue trapped victims
- Put out small fires using a fire extinguisher
- Survive outdoors if you cannot return to your home because it is unsafe
- Use all these skills together and create a Neighborhood CERT Disaster Team

How Do I Sign Up?

Classes begin April 19, 2008 and continue through September 2008. To register call the CERT Message Line at 714-536-5974 or register online at surfcity-hb.org/cert. For more information contact the Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office at 714-374-1565.



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Transportation Volunteers Needed



The Huntington Beach Senior Services Transportation program needs volunteer drivers to transport seniors in city vehicles to medical appointments, shopping, classes and activities.

Transportation is a vital issue for seniors. It is the number one need of seniors across the nation. Volunteers who provide this service for Huntington Beach seniors say:

"The 'thank yous' I get from passengers really make my day." ~Tom Rasmussen

*"I only give up 1-day of my week and all I do is drive! Not much of a sacrifice on my end and I get so much back! This is the highlight of my week. I love it. I enjoy hearing the same stories that my parents and grandparents told me when I wasn't listening."
~Donna Millfelt*

"It gets me out of the house!" -Bob Wilcox

The award winning Seniors-on-the-Go transportation program provides transportation five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers typically volunteer one morning or afternoon each week. Training is provided. Interested volunteers go on a no-obligation ride-a-long with experienced volunteers. Transportation Volunteers are requested to provide an H-6 form from the DMV and must be fingerprinted. For more information, contact Diane Swarts, volunteer coordinator, 714-374-1544 dswarts@surfcity-hb.org



"It's Too Darn Hot" Climate Change Event

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust will host "It's Too Darn Hot: Climate Change, the Bolsa Chica, and You" on Wednesday, April 30, at the Huntington Beach Public Library. Special guest speakers will illuminate ways to combat global warming on a local level.

Debbie Cook, Mayor of Huntington Beach, will share what the city is doing to reduce the municipal carbon output. Tami Bui of Southern California Edison will have suggestions on how to conserve energy and reduce consumption at home. Kim Kolpin and Laura Pickett, Coordinators for the Bolsa Chica Stewards, will advise people on how to make a positive and beautiful change in their own front yards that will help fight global warming and be the envy of the neighborhood.

The event is free; light refreshments will be served. The meeting begins at 7pm at the Huntington Beach Public Library, 7111 Talbert Ave, Room C/D. For more information please call the Bolsa Chica Land Trust at 714-846-1001 or visit www.bolsachicalandtrust.org.



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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” logo in the store’s window (English or Spanish). 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. 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 of and ending up on our local beaches or in our wetlands.

Surf City Store Celebrating 15th Anniversary

The Surf City Store is celebrating its 15 year partnership with the city to market the city's trademark "Surf City, Huntington Beach". During the 15 years approximately one-half million products have been sold bearing the logo.



To say thank you for your support, locals, with proof of Huntington Beach residency, will receive a 25% discount on all purchases made in the store during the month of March.

The store is located on the beautiful Huntington Beach Pier. Store hours are Mon., Tues., Thurs. - 11-7, Wed., and Fri. 10-7, and Sat. and Sun. 9-7.

For further information call (714) 374-0277.



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RACES Activates for the Surf City Marathon



On March 3, 2008 the City of Huntington Beach hosted the annual Surf City Marathon. Although it was a rainy and windy day, approximately 15,000 runners still attended the race. HB Fire Department deployed the city's state-of-the-art Mobile Command Post, an Engine Company and an Ambulance to support the racers if there were any medical emergencies.

In addition to the deployment of tactical resources, the fire department activated its Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) volunteers and positioned them at various points around the course and at four first aid stations. RACES is a volunteer organization that provides auxiliary communications for the city in the event of a disaster. The group began in the late 1970s and has been activated for fires, floods, oil spills, and communication failures. They are a crucial part of the city's emergency response plans. Assisting RACES were several CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) communicators, another volunteer organization that supports the city in disasters.

Even with the poor weather, these volunteers maintained a constant communications network and reported several injuries to paramedics. Although only one individual was transported to the hospital, there were many cases of cold weather and other running related injuries. The City of Huntington Beach would like to recognize the following individuals for their outstanding service to our community.

Steven Albert, Shell Lothringer, Roy Lothringer, Peter Shores, Peter Barbour, Jim Hansen, John Caughlan, Jim Barry, Jeff Turlis, Chris Maddy, Chris Owens, William Witt, Darrell Sullivan, Vaughn Densley, Jeff Campbell, Tim Sawyer, Marilyn Sawyer, Gary Stuart II, Walter Glowski, Manny Vizihno, Joe Tom, Robert McElhiney, Barbara Beck, Michael Binder, Pat Cohen, Mike Cohen, Kenneth Mailman, Richard Powell, Kevin Emery, Ned Bailey.



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City of Huntington Beach Passport Acceptance Facility

Your first easy step abroad starts at home!
Stop by and experience our convenient,
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Services include:

- First time & renewal passport processing
- Standard application fees
- On-site passport photo service



Hours: Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
(excluding holidays)

For more info, call
(714) 374-1600
www.surfcity-hb.org

Traveling by Land or Sea?

January 31, 2008: U.S. citizens will need to present either a Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)-compliant document, or a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, plus proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) also proposes to begin alternative procedures for U.S. children at that time.

SUMMER 2008: Full implementation of the WHTI land and sea phase expected (date to be determined), requiring most U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry to have either a U.S. passport; a U.S. passport card; a trusted traveler card such as NEXUS, FAST, or SENTRI; a valid Merchant Mariner Document (MMD) when traveling in conjunction with official maritime business, or a valid U.S. Military identification card when traveling on official orders.

Updates on the WHTI can be found at
<http://travel.state.gov>.

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Obsessive Compulsive Exhibition Opens with March 7 Reception

The Huntington Beach Art Center presents a new exhibition opening in the main galleries, entitled, *Obsessive Compulsive*. The exhibition features works by four artists: Gina Han, Pascual Sisto, Charlotte Smith and Sayon Syprasoeuth. Concurrently, a new exhibition will open in the HBAC Project Room entitled, *Small Pleasures*, a year-long project by artist Ingrid Lilligren.

Explosive and yet meditative, the artists' works investigate a range of choices and media including painting, video, sculpture, mixed media and site-specific installation. The exhibitions open with a reception on Friday, March 7 from 7 to 9 p.m., at the HBAC located at 538 Main Street. Artists Gina Han, Pascual Sisto, Charlotte Smith and Sayon Syprasoeuth will be in attendance, and the reception is free to the public. The exhibition continues through April 13.



Gina Han



Pascual Sisto



Charlotte Smith



Sayon Syprasoeuth

Han's new acrylic paintings continue her exploration of East Asian pop culture and its extreme joining of opposite sides such as cuteness and violence, sweetness and sexiness, and other contrasts. She will be completing a site-specific wall and floor installation for *Obsessive Compulsive*.

Sisto will be installing a variable video installation that is site-specific. Collaged layers of explosions taken from stock images for the film industry are arranged in different compositions that illuminate the space with a pulsing rhythm.

Smith's new sculptural wall works continue her exploration with materials and shapes. Her acrylic paint drops stack up and form complex piles and rhythms in a form of abstract pointillism. This density of the stacked dots intentionally draws in the viewer and is purposely obsessive.

Syprasoeuth's work begins with a strand of hair dipped in glue and rolled in glitter. This work contains elements of low art versus high art and sculptural versus architectural.

Lilligren's year-long project, *Small Pleasures*, contains 243 separate works of art from working in her studio daily in 2007. Each collage is 7 x 7 inches and created with eggshells and dry pastels. After completing each one, she emailed it along with a note to 90 of her closest friends. The work will be displayed chronologically in the HBAC's project room and will feature 142 of the collages.

Collectively, the artists are in numerous museums and collections and are represented by several Los Angeles galleries. For more information, call the Art Center at (714) 374-1650.



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HB Art Center's Spring Camp takes on the Modern Theme, *Worlds Collide*

This year's Art at the Beach: Spring Camp takes campers on an extraordinary virtual tour of art and cultures from around the world. Campers will explore everything from traditional to contemporary art styles and processes from the Americas, Europe, Asia, Australia, and Africa. Daily activities include visual presentations, painting, drawing, assemblage, installations and other art media processes.



Art at the Beach: Spring Camp is open to young people ages 6 to 12, and is held at the Huntington Beach Art Center the week of March 24 – 28. **Registration begins March 10 for mail-in, and March 17 for walk-in.** Camp fees are \$190 (\$170 HBAC members) for the one-week, full-day session; \$115 (\$100 HBAC members) for the one-week, half-day session. All art materials and one camp t-shirt per youth is included in the fee. Full-day campers must bring their own snacks, lunches and beverages.

For information and reservations, see the *Sands* brochure on the City's website at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org>, call the Art Center at 374-1650, or visit us in person at 538 Main Street, Huntington Beach.

Classes at HB Art Center Begin in Early April

The Huntington Beach Art Center offers exciting opportunities for everyone in the community to discover the arts: fine art, music, dance, theater, photography and more!

- Build self-esteem and showmanship in *Polynesian Dance*
- Go on a "thematic" journey in *Pencils, Paints, Pastels, and More*
- Practice to be a Broadway star in *For the Love of Music*



Mail in registration begins as early as March 11. Please see the Sands Brochure at www.surfcity-hb.org for the class schedule and registration information.

Art Center members receive discounts on events, classes, tours and workshops. The Art Center is located at 538 Main Street, Huntington Beach. Please call 714-374-1650 for more information.



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Greg Mortenson visit to HB attracts SoCal crowd of 2,000

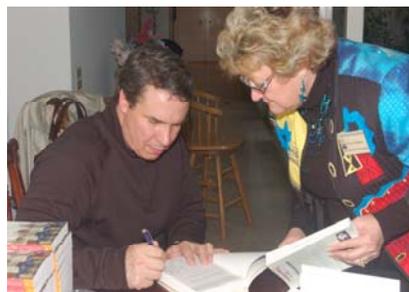
“Here, we drink three cups of tea to do business; the first you are a stranger, the second you become a friend, and the third, you join our family, and for our family we are prepared to do anything — even die.”

Three Cups of Tea, Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

Author Greg Mortenson attracted large crowds throughout the day on February 21, with a large area high school assembly in the morning through a public program in the evening at Huntington Beach High School. The **Three Cups of Tea** events—organized by the Human Relations Task Force and the Library Board of Trustees—were part of the first annual **Huntington Beach Reads One Book** program.



Seven buses brought about 800 students from seven area high schools to meet Greg Mortenson and hear about his mission to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Cheered like a rock star, Mortenson walked among the students, engaging them with jokes and questions. Afterward, students stood in line to get his autograph and talked about how Mortenson’s work has inspired them.



That evening, nearly 2,000 more people—from around Orange County, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Palm Springs and San Diego—began arriving two hours in advance of the program, braving the rainy night. Prior to the program, attendees viewed the photographs of Afghan American journalist and humanitarian Nadia Maiwandi which vividly portray the people and life within Afghanistan. People also stood in line to purchase copies of *Three Cups of Tea* from the Barnes & Noble kiosk.

The overflow audience sat in bleachers, chairs and on the floor of the gymnasium, viewing the slide presentation about Mortenson’s work in the Central Asian region. The program was frequently interrupted by applause and laughter as Mortenson told his story. (Cont. next page)



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Mortenson's story

Raised in Tanzania by missionary parents, Greg was instilled with a curiosity for the world and other cultures. Trained as a nurse, Greg set out to climb K2, the second-tallest mountain in the world, though generally regarded by mountaineers as the most challenging. During the climb, Greg was forced to relinquish the summit to save the life of a man on his team.

Upon returning down the mountain, Greg got lost and wound up in Korphe, Pakistan, a tiny village whose members nursed Greg back to health. In the process, he learned about the village's "school," where children were forced to scribble in the dirt with sticks without shelter from the Himalayan elements. Appalled, Greg promised to build them a new school one day. This is how the journey begins in *Three Cups of Tea*.

Three Cups of Tea made the New York Times bestseller list just two months before it was selected by the Huntington Beach Reads Committee. Today it has maintained its place on the NYT list for 54 straight weeks.

The HB City Council and Pakistan Consul General join Mortenson

Mortenson started his talks by describing "failures" in his life that preceded his establishment of the Central Asia Institute. Mortenson points to this as an example that anyone can achieve and make a difference. He also credits children from his mother's elementary school—who donated over 6,000 pennies from their piggy banks—as giving him the real push he needed to dedicate his life to building schools in Central Asia. The penny donations led to the nationally-known "Pennies for Peace" campaign.

Joining Huntington Beach Reads for the program was Huntington Beach Mayor Debbie Cook, Mayor Pro Tem Keith Bohr, and City Council members, Jill Hardy, Gil Coerper, and Joe Carchio. The city council endorsed the Huntington Beach Reads program in 2007, with council members reading *Three Cups of Tea* along with the community. The city council also supported the purchase and distribution of book copies to area high schools.



Also making a special appearance was the Consul General of Pakistan, Mr. Syed Ibne Abbas, making the four-hour round trip from the Consulate offices in Los Angeles. Consul General Abbas talked to the audience about the current situation in Pakistan, and warmly embraced Mortenson to thank him for his work in the region.

After speaking and answering audience questions, Mortenson stayed for another three hours to autograph copies of his book for people until the last book was signed after 11 p.m. Mortenson took a moment to shake each person's hand and talk with them.



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What's Next for Huntington Beach Reads One Book?

Huntington Beach Reads One Book now begins the task of selecting a book for the second annual community-wide reading program. Book suggestions for the Huntington Beach Reads program can be sent via email at HBReads@socal.rr.com or by calling (714) 374-1645.

Film Forum Returns to Huntington Beach Central Library



After last year's successful Johnny Depp film series, the Film Forum will return to the Central Library starting this March. This time the program will be called "Cinema Francaise: Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves". On Saturday, March 8th, we will start with *Chocolat* (of course we will start with another of Johnny Depp's finest!). The program will continue with *Charade* on April 12th; *French Kiss* on May 3rd; and finally, *Moulin* from 2pm to 5pm in the Library theatre. Please plan on joining us for this series!!

Exciting News!!! Main Street Branch Library Recently Renovated!

Come see the beautiful **Main Street Branch Library** in downtown Huntington Beach! This historic building has been recently updated with new tile flooring, carpet and paint, and soon will have completely remodeled restrooms. Built in 1951, the library is located at 525 Main Street, across from the Art Center. Stop by to see the fresh, new look and to browse the library's collection of fiction, nonfiction, children's and "Sight Saver" large print books, or to use the public access computers. The library is in the process of obtaining new computers and new workstations for the computer lab, and will be adding two additional terminals to the four now available for public use.



To help raise public awareness of the beautiful and newly renovated Main Street Branch, there will be a special event just for children outside on the lawn! Come enjoy the Puppets & Players Little Theater and their production of the children's favorite "Puff the Magic Dragon".



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Mark your Calendars!

Special Children's Event to be held on Main Street!

"Puff the Magic Dragon" from the "Puppets & Players Little Theater"

Main Street Branch Library – front lawn area outside

Wednesday, May 14 4:00 PM

\$3 children/ \$5 adults

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 March 2008:

In-N-Out Burger "Food for Thought" Reading Program



Children's Department at the Central Library, and all branches

Saturday, March 8, 2008 – Saturday, April 26, 2008

FREE

Come sign up for the "In-N-Out" Burger program between March 8 and April 19, 2008. (Redeem completed bookmarks for hamburger certificates until April 26). Children between the ages of 4 and 12 can participate. They can earn up to three certificates for a free hamburger for every five library books they read.

Family Evening Pajama Storytime

Tabby Storytime Theater

Thursday, March 13, 2008 7:00 PM

FREE

Join Miss Barbara as she celebrates spring, kites, Easter, the In-and-Out program and Leprechauns with stories, songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.



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Huntington Beach Sports Complex (across from the Central Library)

Sunday, April 20, 2008 12:00-4:00 pm

Tickets: \$50 until April 6; \$60 starting April 7 & at the door



Join us at a new location for our ever-popular Taste of Huntington Beach at the beautiful Huntington Beach Sports Complex. Dine on selections from 45 of your favorite Huntington Beach restaurants and over 20 wineries and breweries, all while listening to great entertainment!

Proceeds will benefit the Children’s Wing of the H.B. Library and Project Self-Sufficiency.

Tickets are limited, so purchase yours at the

Library reception desk, The Longboard, King’s Fish House, or Dukes Restaurant. This year it’s Bigger, Better and in the COOL Open Air!

April means Ballet at the Library

Ballet Etudes presents “Candyland”

Library Theater

Wednesday, April 23, 2008 and Thursday, April 24, 2008

4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

\$3 per child \$5 per adult

Tickets go on sale for our next ballet program in the Children’s Department on Saturday, March 29 at 9:00 AM. This time we will be in for a special treat as Ballet Etudes brings the popular children’s board game “Candyland” to life!

Sweet! Get your tickets early, as they will sell out.

For more information call (714) 375-5107.





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Author Talk and Book Signing Event features Stephen J. Cannell

The Friends of the Library invite you to attend an Author Talk and Book Signing event when they present Stephen J. Cannell at the Central Library on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 7PM.

Stephen J. Cannell is the best-selling author of twelve novels, including the critically acclaimed Shane Scully series. His latest release (2008) is Three Shirt Deal. An Emmy award-winning writer/producer and chairman of Cannell Studios, Cannell has overcome severe dyslexia to become one of television's most prolific writers.

Cannell has created or co-created nearly 40 different (mostly) crime drama shows, including The Rockford Files, The Greatest American Hero, The A-Team, Wiseguy, 21 Jump Street, Silk Stalkings and The Commish. In the process, he has scripted more than 350 episodes, and produced or executive produced in excess of 1,500 episodes. Cannell is a third generation Californian who lives in the Los Angeles area.

Doors open at 6:30PM – Book sales and signings are offered before and after the program. Cookies and coffee will be served following the program.



Cost of the event is \$10 for each person. 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 Saturday, March 22.** For questions, please contact the Friends Gift Shop at (714) 375-8429.



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March Events at Central Library and Cultural Center

Saturday, March 1st is the last chance to see the exhibit of Bill Hudson's paintings entitled "The Watermen" in the HB Central Library Artist's Corner Gallery. Bill's watercolors and giclee prints should not be missed. Library hours on Saturday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 13th Friday, March 14th, Sunday, March 16th
Mater Dei High School Drama Department, under the direction of Linda Seeley, will present "Twelve Angry Jurors" in the Library Theater.
For ticket information call 714/754-7711

Saturday, March 15th BB Jazz presents an intimate evening with guitarist, singer, songwriter Jonathan Butler.
Two shows- 7 pm and 9pm. You may choose to have dinner, prior to each performance, in the private banquet rooms adjacent to the Theater.
For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.bbjazz.com or call 714/377-7574.

Sunday, March, 16th Pianist Vern Nelson will perform his second "Best Concert Ever" of 2008 at 6pm. Tickets are available the night of the concert at the door.

Saturday, March 29th LifeLine Entertainment Film Company is hosting the highly anticipated World Premiere of their new supernatural thriller "AMHURST" from director Rocky Costanzo. Locally filmed in Big Bear, the cast and crew set up "camp" at an old Victorian-style house, which is known by locals to be "haunted". Information on "AMHURST" can be found at www.amhurstmovie.com.
This gala red carpet celebration for LifeLine's fourth feature-length motion picture will be the first time that the general public has been invited at no charge; however, because of the extensive guest list, seating will be limited.

Mark your calendar for April 1st -30th to enjoy the traveling exhibition of Ildefons Cerda, a visionary urban planner, which will be in the Windows portion of the Huntington Beach Library & Cultural Center's Art Gallery. Reception and Lecture on April 6th, 3pm-5pm. Free admission and parking.

For more information contact : Marius Cucurn at 714/717-6207 or mcucurny@gwc.cccd.edu.



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Friday Afternoon at the Movies is Free!

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.

NO RESERVATIONS

Master chef Kate Armstrong (Catherine Zeta-Jones) leads a regimented, very ordered existence running the kitchen of an exclusive restaurant. When Kate's sister is unexpectedly killed in an automobile accident her 9-year old niece Zoe (Abigail Breslin) comes to live with her and Kate's life is turned completely upside down. Enter a newly hired, fun-loving, opera-singing sous chef Nick Palmer (Aaron Eckhart), whom Kate perceives as a serious rival, and thus begins an impassioned struggle on Kate's part to rein in Nick's exuberance and maintain control over her kitchen staff. Kate is inexplicably drawn toward Nick. Abigail Breslin (last seen in Little Miss Sunshine) gives a strong and heartfelt performance. Rated PG 104 Minutes.

MARCH 7



ENCHANTED



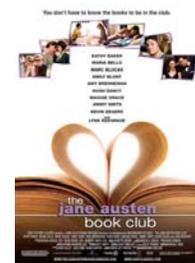
Enchanted begins in the animated fairytale world of Andalasia where Princess Giselle (Amy Adams) is destined to marry Prince Edward (James Marsden) and live happily ever after. Problem is Queen Narissa (Susan Sarandon), who will do anything to get Giselle out of Edward's life. Narissa pushes Giselle into a well that magically lands her smack in the middle of the real world of Time Square in New York City. Giselle finds herself alone on a stormy night in the wrong end of town, but a chance encounter with a single father and his princess loving daughter leads to a warm, safe place to spend the night and the beginnings of a complicated, yet compelling relationship. Also stars Patrick Dempsey. Rated PG. 107 Minutes

MARCH 21

JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB

This film is a modern-day comedy of manners, with deeply felt emotions, repressed feelings, unquenched desire and embarrassing relatives--all staples of Austen works. The film centers on a group of six friends in Sacramento, Calif., who gather to distract themselves from loss (a newly dumped Sylvia, played by Amy Brenneman), repressed disappointment, or a life of unrealized dreams. All are devoted Austen fans, except the lone man, Grigg (Hugh Dancy), who has an ulterior motive for joining the chick-lit gang. As the minuet of relationships and alliances unfolds over the months, the emotions are real and the leavening humor spot-on. Rated PG-13 106 Minutes.

MARCH 28



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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Income Tax Assistance from AARP

Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center will host A.A.R.P. **FREE** income tax assistance for seniors 55 and older on Tuesdays beginning February 5 through April 15, 2008.

Appointments begin at 12:00 noon and the last appointments will be 3:00 p.m. The senior center is located at 1706 Orange Avenue in Huntington Beach. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, call the senior center at 714-536-9387.

Please bring the following with you when you come:

- Current year's tax forms and preparation booklet
- Copy of last year's income tax return(s)
- W-2 form from each employer
- Unemployment compensation statements
- SA-1099 form if paid SS benefits
- All 1099 forms
- All forms indicating federal income tax paid
- Dependent care provider information
- All receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions
- Social Security numbers for all dependents
- Driver's license or ID card.



Before your scheduled appointment, enjoy the Community SeniorServ lunch. A hot 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. Each Tuesday, the lunch menu has a Polynesian flair.



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Lieutenant Michael Reynolds Receives February Mayor's Award



Mike Reynolds began his illustrious career in law enforcement in June of 1977, as Cadet for the Huntington Beach Police Department. In February of 1979, he was hired as a Police Officer with the City of Westminster and remained there until August of 1982, when he was hired as a Police Officer with the City of Huntington Beach.

Some of the more prominent specialized events he has been in charge of are: Fourth of July Celebration, Every 15-Minutes Program, P.R.I.D.E. Foundation's Red Ribbon Kick-Off Event, the Surf City USA Marathon, and the annual Steve Phillips Memorial Ride.

In June of 1996, Mike was promoted to Sergeant as a Patrol Supervisor. Shortly thereafter, he supervised the Vice and Intelligence Unit. Mike was promoted to Lieutenant in January of 2004. In this capacity he has worked as a Patrol Bureau Watch Commander and is presently in charge of the Directed Enforcement Unit. He received the award on February 19, 2008 and is shown with Mayor Debbie Cook, Police Chief Ken Small and members of the HB Police Department.



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March 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

March 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	March 3 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast March 4 @ 10 am & March 5 @ 7 pm March 17 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast March 18 @ 10 am & March 19 @ 7 pm
Planning Commission Meeting	March 11 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast March 13 @ 7 pm March 25 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast March 27 @ 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.