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Don't Miss the Boat

Come take a Cruise of Lights through the sparkling waterways of Huntington Harbour! The Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Committee presents the 45th annual Cruise of Lights... a 45 minute narrated tour, by boat to see thousands of lights on homes, boats, decks and docks. The theme this year is "SURF CITY SOUNDS".



The Cruise of Lights is a holiday tradition, and each year over 20,000 visitors experience the magic! Proceeds from the Cruise of Lights go to fund the Philharmonic Society of Orange County's music programs for over 200,000 school children, from Kindergarten through 12th grade. This year the Cruise of Lights runs from December 13 through December 23. A special Family Night with discounted prices will be on Sunday, December 16.

Cruise times: Monday through Thursday 6, 7, and 8 p.m.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

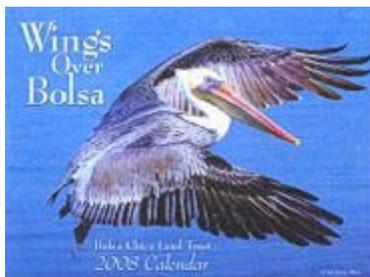
Prices: Monday through Thursday \$13 adults \$8.50 children

Friday, Saturday \$15 adults \$9 children

Sunday (Family Night) \$11 adults \$8 children

For more information, call the HHPC office at 714-840-7542 or visit www.CruiseOfLights.org

2008 Wings over Bolsa Calendar



For the fifth consecutive year, the Bolsa Chica Land Trust has produced their "Wings over Bolsa" calendar for 2008. With stunning full-color photos of the birds and wildlife of Bolsa Chica, this 13-month wall calendar is perfect for home, office, and as a holiday gift. Proceeds help with the Land Trust's education efforts at Bolsa Chica.

The cost is just \$10 each + shipping, or 5 for \$39.95 + shipping (that's like buying 4 and getting 1 free)! They can be ordered by calling (714) 846-1001, or by using the order form at www.bolsachicalandtrust.org. Calendars can also be purchased in person at the Land Trust office in Huntington Beach and from select merchants throughout the city.



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Calling all Food, Wine, and Cultural Connoisseurs

New Zealand Fest to proceed "Light a Light of Love"

The City of Huntington Beach is excited about the Taste of New Zealand event. This event will occur on December 1st and 2nd on Main Street in the downtown Huntington Beach area. Both days of the event will feature live performances by "Te Manawa Maori of Southern California," short films from New Zealand, local musicians, prominent New Zealand chefs, and a delegation from New Zealand. With so much happening in just two days, the city has developed an easy-to-use website to help you prepare for the cultural culinary experience. The city's website now features great information regarding this event and what will be featured. Be sure to visit www.surfcity-hb.org/tasteofnewzealand/ for all the information on times, visiting chefs, wine tastings, films and other activities, featured artists, and opportunity drawings for a trip.

First, the main page of this special event website provides essential background to the culture of New Zealand and its native Maori people. Here you will find a great description of our Sister City, Waitakere and the mayor, Bob Harvey. You will also find a link to the Huntington Beach Sister



City Organization and how you can get involved. Second, this easy to navigate main page features links to everything you will need to know about the event. Along the left-side of the page there are links labeled Food & Wine Tasting, Chefs, Featured Maori Artist, New Zealand Films, Te Manawa Maori of SoCal, Opportunity Drawings for a Trip, HB Restaurants Specials, Media Information, and Presenters and Sponsors.

Food & Wine Tasting: Visit this link for descriptions of indigenous New Zealand food and celebration traditions. Since, the main feature of the Taste of New Zealand event will be the exquisite, indigenous New Zealand food, you can learn about indigenous cooking and food celebrations before you enter the event.

Chefs: This link provides a short description and biography of every New Zealand chef who will be featured at the event and providing food demonstrations. Arriving from very different backgrounds, each chef brings his or her own culinary style and taste to this event. Be sure to visit this section to learn about each chef's unique style and which one's you will want to be sure not to miss.

Featured Maori Artist: Blaine Te Rito is a Maori artist specializing in carving of native wood, as well as other mediums such as bone, ivory and New Zealand jade. His work will be featured throughout the event. Visit this link for more information on the featured Maori artist, including his biography and links to work.

New Zealand Films: The Taste of New Zealand event will feature four short films from New Zealand shown outdoors on plasma screens. These films include Watermark, Kerosene Creek, Hawaikii, and A Very Nice Honeymoon. On Saturday night, the Pierside Surf City Cinema will show the feature film, The World's Fastest Indian, starring Anthony Hopkins. This screening will be followed by a Q&A session with the film's director. Be sure to visit this link to learn more about the short and feature films screening at the event and to learn about the great cinematic achievements from New Zealand.



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Te Manawa Maori of SoCal: Te Manawa Maori of Southern California is a New Zealand Maori Dance troupe tutored by a native Maori of New Zealand. This troupe will be performing during the event. Visit this link to find out more about the dance troupe's performances, background, and privileges.

Opportunity Drawings for a Trip: The special opportunity drawing will be a trip for two to New Zealand. Click on this link for the full flyer describing the four-day trip to Auckland, trip features, and how to enter.

HB Restaurants Specials: Many downtown restaurants will feature dinner recipes created and presented by the visiting New Zealand chefs, along with wine tastings, on Saturday. New Zealand specials will be featured from Friday through Sunday. Visit this link for a list of downtown restaurants that are participating.

Media Information: This link features information for media and the public, including a flyer and press release for the event. Be sure to visit this link if you would like to print a copy of the event flyer, which includes event features and times.

Presenters & Sponsors: This special event could not take place without the assistance of several presenters and sponsors, including Waitakere City, Navigator Tours, HB Downtown Business Improvement District and the HB Restaurant Association. A complete list of presenters and sponsors, along with links to each organization, can be found on this website.

The Taste of New Zealand will take place Saturday from 11 am to 7 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 3:30 pm, followed by the "Light a Light of Love" parade at 4:00 pm on Sunday. For additional details, be sure to visit the Taste of New Zealand website on the city's website at www.surfcity-hb.org/tasteofnewzealand/ or call Huntington Beach's Economic Development Department at (714) 536-5542.

Spaces still available for Sister City New Zealand trip

Reservations are still being accepted for a first-ever Huntington Beach trip to New Zealand, from February 20 to March 1, 2008. The delegation will first be royally greeted and entertained by officials of our sister city, Waitakere. The remainder of the trip will include points of interest in both the North and South Islands, with stops at Waitomo, Rotorua, Christchurch, Lake Tekapo/Mt. Cook, and the alpine resort of Queenstown.

Visit Rainbow Springs and the Antarctic Centre in Christchurch, taste New Zealand wine at various wineries, cruise on Milford Sound, and be charmed by authentic experiences of local hospitality. Many say that the fantastic landscape of New Zealand is unrivaled; a trip such as this truly is a once in a lifetime experience!



For a detailed itinerary and inclusive price, please contact Carmen Erber, Sister City Association. Phone: (714) 846-7685, or e-mail: gerber@socal.rr.com



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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 are 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.

Marine Safety Lieutenant Michel Baumgartner stated the department's stats increased almost 50% from previous summers, reflecting an overall rise of activity in all areas of response. 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.

Marine Safety Officer John Elser feels that Ocean Force will provide viewers with insight into lifeguarding, and help dispel the preconceived stereotypes that lifeguards only respond to ocean rescues. Elser also stated that Ocean Force "gives us the opportunity to show the professionalism and quality of customer service our department provides."

Marine Safety Officer Chris Clarke also stated how important it was that Ocean Force documented the things that happen at Huntington City Beach. "People don't know how crazy it gets down here, and the show will expose the professionalism of the lifeguards at this department during the busiest hours,"



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As luck seemed to have it, Elser was one of the most highly filmed Marine Safety Officers on this season's Ocean Force. "It's tough responding to calls with a camera crew of five extra people in the truck," Elser stated, "because I am responsible for their safety along with my partner's, but I was lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time to get a lot of calls."

The camera crews received much acclaim for understanding that the job came first and the story came second. Both Clarke and Elser stated how the crews were professional while documenting the calls. "They didn't get in the way, which allowed us to do our job," Clarke said.

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.

"The footage we got this summer is rare and extremely valuable in the field of Emergency Medical Service," Elser stated, "it shows the complexity of the calls for us lifeguards, and can be shared between different public safety agencies for training purposes." Elser also stated how the footage can be reviewed and used for feedback in an effort to improve the department's standard of care during emergency 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.

Aired on truTV, formerly known as Court TV



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New Cooking Show Comes to HBTv

Verizon Video Customers can see HBTv-3 on Channel 37

Looking for a cooking show for regular people? Then check out the new programming on HBTv. Sam the Cooking Guy is an easy-to-follow cooking show featuring an everyday guy, using regular words, showing everyday people how to cook easy, great food. With no fancy equipment or fancy chef-speak, Sam, the host of Sam the Cooking guy, has found a way to make cooking casually understandable and fun. If you want food that is big in taste and small in effort, then this is the show for you.

Sam the Cooking Guy is shot in Sam's own kitchen sometimes filled with his kids, dogs, and neighbors. He started the cooking show, not because he was a fantastic chef, but because he believed cooking shows needed simplification. The show has now won eight Emmys, is a national series on Discovery's Health Channel, and will produce a book next year.

Sam the Cooking Guy program airs every day, most days twice a day. Sam the Cooking Guy program airs Sundays at 1 pm and 5 pm, Saturdays at 9 am and 7 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 12 pm and 7 pm, and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 pm. On certain Monday and Wednesday evenings, the 7 pm show times will not air due to City Council and City Planning meeting broadcasts and rebroadcasts. Please note that these times are subject to change. A complete monthly schedule can be found on the city's website at www.surfcity-hb.org. You can also request a monthly schedule from the Public Information Office by emailing Lpayne@surfcity-hb.org.



If you are a Verizon customer, now you can view Sam the Cooking Guy and all of the other great city programming, too. The City's government channel is now featured on Channel 37 for Verizon customers.

Santa's Home Visits



The very popular Santa Home Visit Program is in full swing.

To schedule a visit, call 536-5486 and reserve a time between 6 – 9 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, December 5 - 21; or between 12 - 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, December 8 - 22.

The fee is \$30 for fifteen minutes for up to five children.



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Senior Santa & Friends

Bring holiday cheer to the frail elderly and disabled adults of Orange County!

As the holiday season approaches, we find ourselves thinking of our family and friends and looking forward to playing "Santa." There are hundreds of older and disabled adults in Orange County who will, for various reasons, be forgotten during this special time of year.

SENIOR SANTA



& FRIENDS

With your help, the Senior Santa & Friends Program provides holiday gifts and essentials to elderly & disabled adult clients of the Orange County Social Services and Health Care Agencies.

Huntington Beach Senior Services is helping spread the word & collect gifts again this year. There will be pink tags with gift ideas & collection boxes located at City Hall on the 5th floor, at Huntington Beach Central Library & at the Senior Outreach 1718 Orange Ave, Huntington Beach.

Due to staffing limitations, only donations of **new, unwrapped** items are accepted. Some gift ideas are: new clothing, blankets and throws, Heaters and fans, microwaves, cordless telephones, white cotton socks and slippers, sheet sets and pillows (twin or full), hand and bath towels, Ensure and Boost nutritional supplement, Gift certificates for discount, drug or grocery stores, Monetary donations (checks payable to Senior Santa & Friends) & gift certificates. Gifts can be hand delivered to: HB Seniors Outreach at 1718 Orange Ave., Huntington Beach CA 92648 or mailed to Senior Santa & Friends at PO Box 22006, Santa Ana CA 92702-2006.

Questions can be directed to Michelle Yerke 714-374-1521 HB Senior Services or Kim Pham 714-825-3111 Social Services Agency.

New Year's Eve Senior Ballroom Dance

Dance into the New Year with the swinging sounds of the Bob Warren Trio. The Huntington Beach Council on Aging hosts their annual New Year's Eve Ballroom Dance on December 31, 2007 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue. The evening will include live Big Band music, a delicious dinner catered by Stonefire Grill, beverages, dessert and the "Grand Countdown Champagne Toast." Singles are welcome. Tickets are \$35.00 and are on sale now. This event sells out every year. Get your ticket today at Rodgers Seniors' Center front counter.

The Council on Aging is a non-profit organization that supports programs and services for Huntington Beach Seniors through the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center and the Huntington Beach Seniors' Outreach Center.



For more information, please call the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' center at 714-536-9387.



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HB Firefighters Collect Toys with “Spark of Love” Toy Drive

Although there are other worthwhile toy drives, the ABC 7 and Firefighters “Spark of Love” campaign is the only one started and conducted by firefighters.

As in the past, the Orange County “Spark of Love” Toy Drive will combine efforts with the Marines - Toys for Tots and Social Services Agency - Operation Santa Claus. Together, these campaigns will collectively gather toys to be disseminated to the various charitable organizations throughout Orange County through one central warehouse. The Huntington Beach Fire Department will collect and contribute toys for the Project Self Sufficiency Holiday Party. If you know of a family in need you can contact Leti Save with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul @ (714) 288-5600.



All eight fire stations in Huntington Beach along with the Civic Center lobby and the Police Department lobby will serve as drop-off sites for the public to bring new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment. Through the “Spark of Love” Toy Drive, the holiday spirit will be felt throughout our communities as well as in the hearts of less fortunate children. Boxes will be set up from November 23 through December 24, 2007. For additional information, please contact Martha Werth in the fire department at (714) 536-5419.

SmarTimer Rebate Program Available through MWD

We all know that Orange County needs to save water. Now, the Municipal Water District of Orange County offers new ways to save water and money. The “Smart” Timer Rebate Program will provide a rebate when you upgrade your old, obsolete water controller to a new, qualified “smart” irrigation controller. The goal of the smart irrigation controller is to reduce outdoor water use and promote healthy and attractive landscaping by improving watering efficiency.

This new “smart” technology will save you money by applying the correct amount of water to your landscape, help protect the environment by reducing urban runoff, and simplify your life by nearly eliminating the need for manual controller adjustments.

The program works by providing you with a rebate when you purchase and install a new, smart irrigation controller. The rebate is available to Orange County customers who live in a participating water agency’s service area and meet program qualifications. A list of participating water agencies and how to receive a rebate is located on the Water District’s website at <http://www.mwdoc.com/SmarTimer>.

In three years, only 23 units have been installed in Huntington Beach. Start saving money on your water bill, help protect the environment, and simplify your life by joining the SmarTimer Rebate Program now. For more information, call 1-866-846-3725 or visit <http://www.mwdoc.com/SmarTimer>.



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Southland Senior Olympics Surf Competition held in HB



As part of the 17th Annual Southland Senior Olympics, Huntington Beach Council on Aging sponsored the Senior Olympic Surfing Competition for surfers 50 and older on November 3, at 7 am, on the south side of the pier. This marks the first year ever for the inclusion of the surf competition. "It's a brand new thing," said Chris Cole, recreation coordinator for the Senior Center. "This is something to get our feet wet, and to see how it goes out there."

The event brought out several Huntington long-time locals who can be seen out in the water regularly. The majority of the 15 surfers ages 50 and older who participated in the first Senior Olympic Surfing Competition were Huntington Beach locals. Athletes competed within a five-year age group of their peers and surf competition judges looked for wave selection, maneuvers, fluidity, and style.

The winners for the 50-54 age division were first place winner Rick Fignetti, second place winner Alan Attardo, and third place winner Bob Crandall. The winners for the 55-59 age division were first place Tom Knight, second place Mike Ester, and third place Marc Faircloth. The winners in the 60-64 age division are first place Mike McCormick, second place Robert Bolen, and third place Mike Pincetich. The first place and only winner in the 70 plus age division was Wayne Gardner.



Photos by Chris MacDonald

The surfing competition was part of the 17th Annual Southland Senior Olympics hosted by the city of Anaheim, which ran November 1 – 17. Anaheim, in partnership with the cities of Huntington Beach, Bellflower, Long Beach, and Orange, offered a variety of sporting activities to senior adults 50 and older. Senior athletes who competed in the Olympics (other than the surfing contest) will qualify to compete in the California Senior Championship Games to be held in 2008. Fourteen additional competitions were held throughout the month in Anaheim, Bellflower, Long Beach, and Orange including archery, bocce ball, team bingo, softball, volleyball, push-ups, horseshoes, tennis, billiards, ping-pong, shuffleboard, bowling, golf, and ballroom dance.



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Need a Passport?

The Huntington Beach City Clerk's Office offers
Passport Acceptance Services and is conveniently
located
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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Huntington Beach Officially Branded “*Surf City USA*®”



The Huntington Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau (HBCVB) knows the power of the brand is everywhere. Like consumer products, destinations such as Huntington Beach compete and need to be marketed to attain awareness, recognition and preference, too.

By branding Huntington Beach and all of its tourism related entities as *Surf City USA*®, we help Huntington Beach remain in the public consciousness and build on the powerful imagery of Southern California’s surf culture and its laidback, beach lifestyle.

The *Surf City USA* brand was introduced in 2004 following an unprecedented, year-long market study conducted by the HBCVB that included tens of thousands of consumers and residents of Huntington Beach, the “Surf City” of Jan & Dean’s 1960s anthem to sun, sand, waves and youth. The logo was developed with help from both *The Independent* and *The Huntington Beach Wave*; these local publications ran front-page opinion polls that encouraged residents, as well as visitors, to assist in the final selection of the logo.

The brand was officially awarded to Huntington Beach after a small legal battle in 2006 with a Santa Cruz, CA merchant who filed a lawsuit over the registration of the trademark. Neither city, Huntington Beach or Santa Cruz, were party to the lawsuit or incurred any legal expenses. The costs for defending the trademark have been borne entirely by the HBCVB’s insurance company. In all, nine *Surf City USA*® trademarks are registered, but not the general term “Surf City.” The Huntington Beach trademark does not currently affect any business that prior used the term in Santa Cruz, Huntington Beach, or anywhere else in the world. Currently, there are at least 70 businesses in Huntington Beach that incorporate that name, and the number keeps growing each month. Clearly, most of the world associates 1960’s surf culture and beach lifestyle with Southern California, particularly Huntington Beach.

To help drive the success of the *Surf City USA*® brand, the HBCVB has retained a dozen licensing partners offering products and services, including clothing and bags, financial services, beach cruiser bicycles, bottled soda drinks, photography and numerous other gifts and promotional items. Over the next ten years, the HBCVB anticipates devoting every dollar generated by licensing into marketing initiatives including event sponsorship, advertising and other forms of brand promotion that benefit the community and help to improve the quality of life for both residents and visitors.

The HBCVB is excited about the new developments. By reaching their goal of trademarking *Surf City USA*® for Huntington Beach, they have created a brand that is clearly associated with a lifestyle and state-of-mind; the Southern California beach culture. To learn more about the Huntington Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau, visit their website at www.surfcityusa.com or call 800-729-6232.



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Huntington Beach Reads One Book!

Support the Huntington Beach Reads One Book program with your purchase at the Bella Terra Barnes & Noble, December 2 to 8.

Huntington Beach residents can support the community-wide “Reads One Book” program with their purchase at Bella Terra’s Barnes and Noble during the week of December 2 – 8. Tell the cashier you are supporting **Huntington Beach Reads One Book** and a percentage of your purchase will go toward the community reading program.

The Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force and the Huntington Beach Library Board of Trustees selected **Three Cups of Tea** by Greg Mortenson and award-winning journalist David Oliver Relin for the first city-wide **Huntington Beach Reads One Book** project based on the reaction of readers across the country.



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

The book is a compelling story about how one American changed the lives of people in Pakistan and Afghanistan (read MSNBC feature on Greg Mortenson at <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21883828/>). **Three Cups of Tea** has been recognized as a New York Times Best-Seller, TIME Magazine - Asia Book of the Year, and awarded the Kiriyama Prize Nonfiction Award, PNBA Nonfiction Book of the Year, and Montana Honor Book Award.

The true story of Greg Mortenson is an engaging tale of his introduction to a culture very different from his own. A former army medic and mountaineer, Mortenson attempts to climb the highest mountain in the world to honor his late sister. Failing to make 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.

Seven area high schools have received the book and Southern California book clubs also are participating. **Reads One Book** includes book discussion groups, a **reception at the Huntington Beach Art Center on January 24**, a second **Barnes & Noble book fair January 27 through February 2**, and a **visit to Huntington Beach by the author 7 p.m., Thursday, 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 Huntington Beach High School.

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, <http://www.ci.huntington-beach.ca.us/>, or, call the Huntington Beach Community Services Department, 714-374-5307. 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.



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HB Children's Library Offers Programs in December

The Central Library offers a variety of programs and activities for children! In addition to participating in weekly story times 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 story times.

Special Upcoming Events for December 2007:

Family Evening Pajama Story time with Miss Barbara

Tabby Story time Theater -- FREE
Thursday, December 13, 2007 7:00 PM

Come celebrate the Winter Holidays with stories, songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.



Special Sandcastle Story time with Miss Barbara

Tabby Story time Theater – FREE – ALL AGES!
Friday, December 28, 2007 10:00 and 11:00 AM



Be sure not to miss our special story time for all ages the Friday of Christmas week. Join the amazing Miss Barbara for fun stories, songs, finger plays, puppets and more!

- All other regularly scheduled story times, starting on December 24, have been cancelled due to the holidays.
- Please note the shortened Monday hours of 1:00 to 5:00 on December 24 and 31.
- The library will be closed on Sunday, December 23 and Tuesday, December 25.



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HB Art Center Now Accepting Class Registrations

Classes Begin in January

Open the door to the world of art! Take advantage of what the Art Center has to offer in the areas of art, music, dance and theater.

- Are you the next American Idol? Find out in the *For Love of Music* class.
- Curious about current art trends? Sign up for *Street Art for Young Adults*.
- Does your tot have an interest in theatre? *In Search of Fairies and Dragons* is perfect!



Art Center classes are designed for ages pre-school through adult. Mail-in registration postmarked on or before December 11 will be randomly processed first, and those received after December 11 will be processed in postmark order. 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.

Shelf Life Exhibition

Artist Mark Dutcher Receives High Praise for Art Center Exhibition



Mark Dutcher's solo exhibition of paintings, sculpture and installation at the Huntington Beach Art Center is receiving excellent reviews and mentions by local media including *ArtScene*, the *Orange County Register* and the *Huntington Beach Independent*. The exhibition, which continues through December 16, features

17 new large-scale paintings, five sculptural pieces, and an installation containing both objects and paintings.

Dutcher's work has been exhibited throughout California galleries and museums, most recently at Santa Monica Museum of Art, Torrance Art Museum, and Solway Jones in Los Angeles. His work was also included in the 2004 California Biennial at the Orange County Museum of Art.

The Art Center is located at 538 Main Street, and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 12 to 6 p.m., Sunday 12 to 4 p.m., and closed Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call 714-374-1650 or visit http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art_center/.



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Brunch for the Arts

An original Persian rug, a two-night stay at wine country's Hotel Healdsburg, and a precious puppy were just a few of the prized items auctioned off to a lively crowd of 230 supporters at the Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation's Brunch for the Arts. This fabulous event took place Sunday, November 11, at the scenic Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort Hotel.

Guests started the morning by sipping Mimosas and champagne, while browsing the silent auction room with friends, members and other supporters. More than 100 silent auction items were up for bid including, dinner and Salsa lessons at Habana Cabana, an Aquarium of the Pacific Family Package, tickets to Clippers, Angels and UCLA games, and many amazing restaurant, chocolate, wine and pet baskets. All items were graciously donated to the auction and beautifully assembled by silent auction chair Mary Lou Shattuck.



Guests then moved into the Grand Ballroom for an exquisite gourmet buffet, fine wines, delectable desserts and a live auction led by Dr. Carl Hartman, a dedicated supporter of the Art Center. One of the most popular items auctioned was an adorable female Rat Terrier puppy donated by Allison Naito, DVM, from Huntington Pet Vet, Inc. The event closed with guests absorbed in an energetic dance performance by talented artists from Ballroomisback.com.

This year's Brunch for the Arts was made possible with the generous support of the Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation and volunteers in various capacities including, event co-chairs Alex and Dr. Sharon Gerstenzang, Mike Adams, and Kate Hoffman; honorary co-chair Diana Casey; silent auction chair Mary Lou Shattuck; and numerous volunteers who assisted in event preparation or worked the day of the event.

Brunch for the Arts is the Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year. Funds generated through tickets sales, sponsorships, underwriting and the auctions are used to support new and existing exhibition and education programs at the Art Center.

Centered on the Center – Call for Artists

Artists of all levels are invited to take part in *Centered on the Center*, the Huntington Beach Art Center's annual group exhibition taking place January 18 – February 17, 2008. This non-juried, salon-style exhibition attracts nearly 200 artists with 400 works in a variety of media including paintings, installations and video.

A participation fee of \$15 for one submission and \$25 for two is required. Artwork needs to be delivered on Friday, January 4, 2008, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Art Center members only) and 2 – 5 p.m. for all artists; or January 5, 2008, 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 a detailed prospectus outlining the rules and timeline, please visit http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art_center/, call 714-374-1650, or visit the Art Center at 538 Main Street Wednesday through Saturday, 12 – 6 p.m. or Sunday 12 – 4 p.m.



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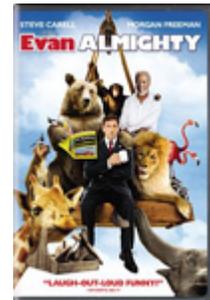
Free! Friday Afternoon at the Movies

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.

Evan Almighty

December 7

You won't want to miss this fun comedy! Everyone's favorite funnyman Steve Carell is at his hilarious best as junior congressman Evan Baxter, whose wish to "change the world" is heard by none other than God (Academy Award winner Morgan Freeman). When God appears with the perplexing request to build an ark, Evan is sure he is losing it. But soon mysterious deliveries of wood and tools are being dropped on his doorstep, animals of every shape and size are flocking to him two by two, and his self-absorbed life goes from overnight success to almighty mess! It's a great time for everyone! With John Goodman, Wanda Sykes and Lauren Graham. Rated PG, 96 minutes



Last Holiday

December 21

Enjoy Yourself . . . It's later than you think! It's advice to follow for shy New Orleans cookware salesclerk Georgia Byrd (Queen Latifah) when she's led to believe that she has less than a month to live. It's time to give her life a serious makeover, so Georgia jets off on a dream vacation to live like there's no tomorrow! Enjoy hearty laughs and rollicking comedic misadventures when Georgia shakes up a glamorous European resort spa while enthusiastically embracing a new look...new moves...and a new attitude. LL Cool J is the handsome suitor back home who's not about to let Georgia slip away. Timothy Hutton, Gerard Depardieu also star in this comedy hit that makes the good times last forever. RATED PG, 111 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. .

Due to the holiday schedule, there will only be two movies in December. Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center will be closed for maintenance December 24-31.



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Police Recruit (Academy Trained)	

PART-TIME VACANCIES (Continuous Filing)
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Huntington Beach CERT Response to the Santiago Fire

By Brevyn Mettler, HBFD Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office

Just hours after the Santiago Fire began on October 21, 2007, a request was made from the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) for CERT volunteers who could assist with various support duties in the Command Post. Very quickly the OCFA leadership determined that resources to battle this fire were going to be inadequate and that they needed individuals to assist in support roles such as food service, gate security, deliveries, etc. The call went out to CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) programs from throughout Orange County to see if we could activate our volunteers to assist the fire service. When the call came in to Huntington Beach CERT, the volunteers jumped at the chance to help.



On Monday the 22nd, HB CERT responded with 6 volunteers to work a 12 hour shift from 6 PM to 6 AM. The volunteers arrived at Irvine Park and immediately were put to work serving food, making coffee, guarding the front gate, shuttling supplies and personnel, as well as many other duties. Many of the CERT volunteers ended up staying longer because there was an urgent need for support personnel.

By Wednesday morning, mutual aid resources began filtering in to help battle the fires, but CERT's job was not over. CERT volunteers quickly began running donations management and provided needed supplies such as pillows, tooth brushes, razors, socks, sunscreen and chapstick to the firefighters and law enforcement. Quickly, the CERT command post took on the name *CERT Mart*. Along with *CERT Mart*, volunteers began setting up outposts that provided hot coffee, snacks, and Gatorade to the responders and with this *CERT bucks* was born. Not only were the volunteers there to provide a service, but they were there to cheer on the responders and show their appreciation, and for this the responders were grateful.

The coordination for this call out was made possible because of a Homeland Security sponsored program called CERT Mutual Aid Program (CMAP). CMAP, of which Huntington Beach participates, is comprised of 17 CERT programs from throughout the Orange County that joined together to develop mutual aid plans for in the event that another community needed assistance in an emergency. Although CERT is a FEMA sponsored national program, nothing like this has ever been attempted before and this is the first time CERT volunteers have been used on a wildfire. When given the opportunity, CERT volunteers jumped at the chance to get out there and support their hero's.

In addition to CERT, Huntington Beach Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES), provided mutual aid to OC RACES. RACES volunteers worked in the County Emergency Operation Center monitoring various emergency radio frequencies. RACES also helped in the communications trailer at the fire Command Post by monitoring radios, charging batteries, programming radios and so on. Since



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the end of the fire they have also deployed to San Diego to monitor radios for the Governors Office of Emergency Services (OES).

The following individuals deployed to the Santiago Fire: CERT: Al Collins, Alan Hill. Bill Slope, Billie Brandon, Brian Dazey, Carol Burtis, Christy Varni, Darren Croteau, Ed Klotz, Janet Abad, Jim Griffen, Jim Russell, Joan Ashley, Judy Ann Morris, Judy Durante, Kathryn Lui, Ken Mailman, Linda Vircks, Lori Keller, Miriam Daugherty, Nick Spagnoli, Ozzie Wuestehube, Pam Bertz, Peter Petrelis, Richard Batistelli, Rick Kasper, Robert McElhiney, Robert Preston, Roy Alzua, Sharon Talbutt, Tara Twitty, Traci Hughes, Virginia Petrelis. RACES: Jim Hansen - KG6ZDP, Peter Barbour - N6RAS, Gary Labb - KM6VC, Bill Prats - K6ACJ, Peter Shores - AD6TN, Manny Vizinho - KG6IQL, Si Zeller - WB6BMR, Joe Tom - KB6JOE, William Witt - K6WGW, Steve Albert - KE6OCE, Vaughn Densley - KE6V, Chris Maddy - KF6TIU, Larry Henderson - KF6ZB.

Veterans Day Ceremony Held at Pier Plaza

Hundreds of people gathered at Pier Plaza on Sunday, November 11 to honor veterans at Huntington Beach's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony. The ceremony was presented by Huntington Beach Veterans, including American Legion Post 133, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11548, and the Jewish War Veterans Post 595, in cooperation with the City of Huntington Beach. Many Huntington Beach veterans and their families attended the ceremony and were recognized for their dedication and for the sacrifices they made for their country.



The Huntington Beach High School Band opened the ceremony at 11 am, which included a flag raising, rifle salute, and the playing of taps. Retired Lieutenant Colonel Jim Ghormley was the Master of Ceremonies for the day. Mayor Gil Coerper gave the City Welcome for the ceremony after an introduction from Ned Metsch of the American Legion Post 133. This year's speaker was Gordon Dillow from the Orange County Register. Ceremony Remarks were given by US Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, State Senate Assemblyman Tom Harman, and Golden West College Dean Ron Lowenberg. Rich Enroth from VFW Post 11548 provided moving opening and closing prayers for the crowd that gathered to honor its veterans.

The Annual Veterans Day Ceremony and the day itself was a celebration to honor all of America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. A veteran is someone who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard. Even after Veteran's Day has passed, there are many ways to honor veterans and their contribution to Huntington Beach and the global community. You could display the American flag at home, send a card to a service member overseas on www.Legion.org, learn about and respect the values of other nations, pledge to work for world peace, and most importantly, thank veterans for their service.

For more information on how you can honor and assist your local veterans, contact the American Legion Post 133 of Huntington Beach at www.hbpost133.com or call their Commander Bob Davis at (714) 377-9771. The American Legion is the largest veteran's organization in the world, with a membership of nearly three million wartime veterans and 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide.



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Rotarians Come Out to Assist Seniors



Rotary Club Members and other recruits generously donated their time and talents to do a “Rotary Refresh” at homes belonging to low income seniors in Huntington Beach. Thanks to a partnership between Huntington Beach Senior Services, the Rotary Club and the Huntington Beach Council on Aging (COA), the Rotary volunteers built a wheelchair accessible ramp at the home of a couple who have disabilities and are extremely low income. The Rotary club provided the labor and talent and the COA funded the project. Huntington Beach Senior Services social workers select the clients most in need.

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To pay your Utility Statement using PhonePay, call the toll-free number at 1-877-309-4915. To pay online using ePay, just click on our web site at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments. All credit card payments will be credited to your account the next business day. Just have your complete account number and the amount you want to pay. Follow the instructions to make your payment. Your payment information will be securely transmitted to the City Treasurer’s Department. It’s that easy! If you need to make a payment credited the same day, you’ll need to come in to City Hall and pay by check, cash or credit card. In addition, we have a telephone at the counter table in the Civic Center lobby where you can also call the 877 number directly.

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December 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

December 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

December 3 @ 6:00 pm

Rebroadcast Dec. 4 @ 10 am & Dec. 5 @ 7 pm

December 17 @ 6:00 pm

Rebroadcast Dec. 18 @ 10 am & Dec. 19 @ 7 pm

Planning Commission Meeting

December 11 @ 7 pm

Rebroadcast Dec. 13 @ 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.

Photographs from the Veteran's Day Ceremony

