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Bolsa Chica Conference to raise money for restoration

The Western Alliance for Nature, the Amigos de Bolsa Chica and the Bolsa Chica Land Trust are hosting a two day conference on the Bolsa Chica to be held at the Waterfront Hilton in Huntington Beach on March 24, 2007.



Egret photo by Connie Boardman

The proceeds from the conference will be used to kick off an endowment fundraising drive for the purpose of helping to restore and maintain the entire Bolsa Chica ecosystem.

While the restoration of the wetlands has begun, there still remains much to do, including full restoration of the mesas and future maintenance of the entire ecosystem.

The conference will feature Lt. Gov. elect John Garamendi, stage and screen actor Beau Bridges, State Senator Tom Harman, scientists and members of governmental agencies.

In addition, the conference is sponsored by many environmental organizations including the Los Angeles Audubon Society, Orange County Coastkeeper, Sea and Sage Audubon, Orange County Surfriders, Los Angeles and Orange County Sierra Club.

Tickets for the all-day event are \$150 and include 3 meals, reception, entertainment and all lectures, panels and exhibits.

On day two, there will be several guided tours of Bolsa Chica that are an additional \$25. Please send in your registration for this event as soon as possible since attendance is limited.

For more information call: Western Alliance for Nature 310-456-0611, Amigos de Bolsa Chica 714- 840-1575 or the Bolsa Chica Land Trust 714- 846-1001 or visit their web sites at www.wanconservancy.org, www.amigosdebolsachica.org, www.bolsachicalandtrust.org.



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Children's Library activities for February

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 or call (714) 375-5107.

Special Upcoming Events for February

Family Evening Pajama Storytime

Thursday, February 8, 2007

7:00 PM

FREE

Tabby Storytime Theater

Come celebrate Valentine's Day with stories, songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear.

Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.

Ballet Etudes performs "America Dances"

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

4 & 7 PM

Tickets \$3 Children and \$5 Adults
Library Theater



The Huntington Beach Public Library once again welcomes the popular Ballet Etudes company to the Library Theater for a child-friendly production sure to delight the whole family! Enjoy plenty of tap and jazz dancing as you wind your way along Route 66 in a variety show called "America Dances".

The show includes a special "Stars and Stripes" number to honor Presidents' Day. Come prepared for some patriotic, lively fun! Advanced ticket purchase is **highly** recommended.



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If being a Beach Lifeguard is your dream

Ocean Lifeguard Tryouts - The city is currently seeking applications for the position of OCEAN LIFEGUARD (Recurrent) at \$15.13 hourly. A performance examination will be held on Sunday, March 11 at 8:00 a.m. at the Lifeguard Headquarters, 103 Pacific Coast Hwy.

The performance examination consists of three performance events: a 500 yard ocean swim, 1,000 yard ocean swim, and a 1,500 yard run-swim-run. All events are conducted in prevailing conditions at the Huntington Beach Pier.

Applicants must satisfactorily complete the performance examination to be eligible for further consideration. Up to 36 qualified candidates will then be allowed to register for the lifeguard training (see below).

Interested candidates must submit an application for the performance examination www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs

to the Lifeguard Headquarters located at 103 Pacific Coast Highway prior to March 11. For further information call (714) 536-5285.



Lifeguard Candidate Training Class – Training classes are conducted at the Lifeguard Headquarters over multiple days: March 31 through April 7; April 14 and 15. Candidates must attend all scheduled classes.

At the conclusion of training, those selected for employment must complete an official City of Huntington Beach job application form www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs to be considered for employment and will receive payment of \$175 for successfully completing the training program.

A pre-placement medical exam and drug screening will be conducted upon a conditional offer of employment. Candidates should be in excellent health, and possess 20/40 uncorrected vision in both eyes. Minimum age is 17 by June 1, 2006 (proof required).



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The hot game of Sudoku debuts at Senior Center

Americas' hottest puzzle game is coming to Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. Please join Howard Boyer as he explains the game and offers some of his favorite strategies on solving these fun puzzles. Have fun, keep your mind sharp and join us for Sudoku, Friday, February 23 9:30 a.m.

Sudoku and other great classes, activities and clubs held at Rodgers Seniors' Center are listed in the Bright Outlook Newsletter, a monthly publication of the Huntington Beach Council on Aging (COA) www.hbcoa.org.

The \$5.00 annual COA membership dues include a subscription to the Bright Outlook. For more information or to receive a complimentary copy of the Bright Outlook, call 714-536-9387.



Need A Passport?

The Huntington Beach City Clerk's Office offers passport acceptance services. Conveniently located at the Civic Center, 2nd floor, 2000 Main Street (corner of Yorktown Avenue and Main Street).

Services Include:

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



Passport Acceptance Facility Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM,
Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays

For more information, contact (714)-374-1600 or www.surfcity-hb.org



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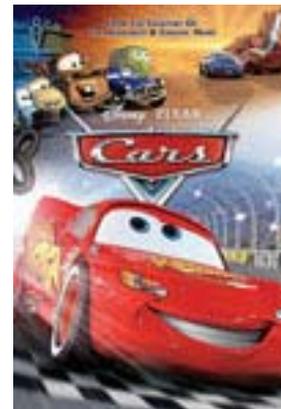
Friday afternoon at the movies

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.

CARS

FEBRUARY 2

Animated Hit on Wheels! Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) is a cocky, rookie race car. Speeding on his way to a big race, he crashes into Radiator Springs, destroying lots of the inhabitants' belongings. In order to make up for what he did, the cocky roadster is sentenced to community service. Though he will do anything to get away from the work, McQueen must learn to respect and bond with the Radiator Springs inhabitants in order to get out of the town and back on the racetracks. Starring the voices of Paul Newman, Cheech Marin, Tony Shalhoub, Jennifer Lewis, George Carlin and Michael Keaton. **Rated G** 2006 Academy Award Nomination for Best Animated Feature. 116 minutes



THE ILLUSIONIST

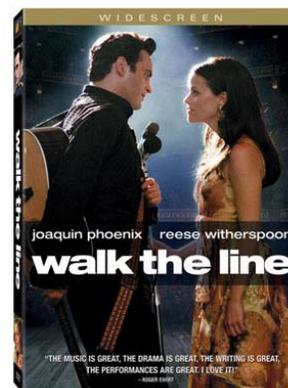
FEBRUARY 16

A little romance for Valentine's Day. Director Neil Burger's screen adaptation of Steven Millhauser's short story "Eisenheim the Illusionist". Eisenheim (Edward Norton) is a magician in early 1900's Vienna, who falls in love with a woman well above his social standing. When she becomes engaged to a Crown Prince, Eisenheim uses his powers to free her and undermine the stability of the royal house of Vienna. Outstanding performance by Paul Giamatti (SIDEWAYS) and Jessica Biel. **Rated PG 13** for some sexuality and violence. 100 minutes

WALK THE LINE

FEBRUARY 23

The love of a woman, given reluctantly, saves a man from addiction and self destruction. "Walk the Line" traces the life of Johnny Cash (Joaquin Phoenix) from his boyhood when he was blamed by his hard-drinking father for the death of his older brother, "God took the wrong son," to 1968 and his twin triumphs of the concert at Folsom Prison and June Carter's hand in marriage. What adds boundless energy to "Walk the Line" is the academy award winning performance by Resse Witherspoon as June Carter Cash. **Rated PG-13** for some language, thematic material and depiction of drug dependency. 136 minutes.



Movies selected are based on suggestions from the audience. Look for movie suggestion forms near the popcorn machine or at the front desk at Rodgers Seniors' Center. For more information call 714-536-9387.



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Parents can help in the fight against graffiti

Graffiti, or "tagging," as it is often referred to, is the act of intentionally damaging private or public property by painting, etching, placing sticker on, or permanently marking it in some manner. More commonly, graffiti is created by individuals using spray paint to tag the outside of buildings, fences, or other structures with letters, pictures, symbols, names, or other markings.

Graffiti has become a serious issue in many cities all across the United States. Huntington Beach is not immune from this problem and has in fact been experiencing a significant increase in graffiti marking incidents. Not only does it take funding and resources away from other community needs such as street and park maintenance or Library operations, but it can also be detrimental to the community's image, display a sense of lawlessness to residents and visitors, and ultimately affect property values.



In response to this increase in graffiti vandalism, the City Council has budgeted additional funding this year to help address graffiti removal. However, we need your help as well in confronting this problem. There are several things that you, as members of the community, can do to assist in helping to rid our City of graffiti vandalism as outlined below.

- The first is education. Talk to your children and their friends about the adverse effects of intentionally damaging public or private property by painting, etching, placing stickers on, or permanently marking it.
- The second is watching and reporting. Keep a watch out and report suspicious activity to the police at (714) 960-8825
- Thirdly, clean it up as soon as possible. Remove or paint over markings on your walls or building as soon as possible. If you come across graffiti on public property or utility boxes, call in the location to the **Graffiti Hot line at 960-8861** and the City will schedule a clean-up crew. If you need information about how to remove the graffiti, please call the Hot line.

It would also be helpful if businesses or vendors chose paper or other forms of advertising rather than handing out stickers, as these tend to end up on walls, signs and utility boxes.

Working together, we can combat graffiti and its negative impacts on our community. Thank you in advance for your assistance in making Huntington Beach a beautiful place to live.



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Emergency Preparedness Classes to be offered

The Huntington Beach Fire Department invites all Huntington Beach residents to the **2007 Save-A-Life Saturday** classes. These classes teach residents how to prepare for emergencies like earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, and terrorism. There are six 4-hour classes open to anyone who lives or works in Huntington Beach. You can take one class or all six. If you take all the classes, you become a Fire Department volunteer, on-call in a disaster.

Following the 1991 tornado that struck Huntington Beach, most of our Police and Firefighters were tied up in only one out of the 133 reporting districts within the city. Following that incident, we determined that neighborhoods need to be self-sufficient in a disaster and not totally dependent on the city's limited public safety personnel. The city has only 41 Firefighters on duty at any one time and 8-20 Police Officers. They cannot respond immediately to all 200,000 residents needs. This is why we ask every family to assemble a 72 Hour Earthquake Kit and take the **Save-A-Life Saturday** classes.

The 2004 Sumatra tsunami that killed over 250,000, and the 2005 Hurricane Katrina that devastated New Orleans, are both examples of how a disaster can impact large areas and disrupt your life.

The Huntington Beach hazard analysis determined the City:

- is sitting directly on the Newport-Inglewood earthquake fault and would be severely impacted by the San Andreas fault
- is located at the mouth of the Santa Ana River increasing our chance of flooding
- would be severely impacted by a failure of Prado Dam
- can be impacted by coastal waterspouts and a tsunami
- has the potential for fires, hazardous materials spills and a pandemic.

Because of this, the City Council of Huntington Beach has made public safety a high priority and has made these classes available to you free of charge.

Classes include:

Disaster Preparedness	Feb. 17, 2007
Disaster First Aid	March 17, 2007
Light Search & Rescue	April 14, 2007
CPR	May (TBD)
Fire Extinguisher Use	June 16, 2007
Drill Your Skills	July 21, 2007

Make it a New Year's Resolution to get your family prepared for a disaster. To register for the **Save-A-Life Saturday** classes, call 714-536-5474 or go on line to www.HBCERT.org.



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ARE YOU PREPARED?

Disaster & Terrorism Preparedness Class



CLASS 1

Prepare yourself, your family, your neighborhood, school, and business.
Saturday, February 17, 2007 7:45 AM - 12:00 Noon



Location:
**Huntington Beach
City Council Chambers**
2000 Main Street, Lower Level

Presented by:
**Huntington Beach Fire Department
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

For further information, or to register by phone, please call the CERT Message Line at 714-536-5974.

Learn:

- *The threats to Huntington Beach: fire, flood, earthquake, terrorism, etc. and how the City responds to emergencies.*
- *How to prepare your home and family for earthquakes and other emergencies.*
- *Guest speaker Captain Gary Finney HBFD, discussing lessons learned from his 30-day assignment to Hurricane Katrina.*
- *Guest speaker Chuck Reynolds, Weapons of Mass Destruction Program Manager HBFD, discussing terrorism preparedness.*



REGISTRATION FORM - TEAR OFF & RETURN

Class Registration
Participant's Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Email Address _____

Course Title	Date/Time	Fee
Disaster & Terrorism Preparedness	February 17, 2007 7:45 AM-Noon	Free

I realize every precaution is taken to eliminate any injuries or hazards and a competent supervisor is present at all classes, however, in the event of an injury, I hereby waive, release and hold harmless from any liability for damages or claims for damages for personal injury, including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damage which may arise in connection with the above named activity, against the Supervisor, Huntington Beach Fire Department personnel and the City of Huntington Beach.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Mail to: City of Huntington Beach, EOC, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or FAX to 714-374-1591



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SANDBAGS

FREE to
Huntington Beach Residents
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Go to:
City of Huntington Beach Corporate Yard
17371 Gothard Street
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday – Friday
when raining or rain is predicted
(Hours may be extended during major storms)

- Bags are for residents only, not businesses.
- 20 bag limit (*bring personal identification and proof of residency, like a current utility bill.)
- Bring a shovel and be prepared to fill your own bags unless you are physically unable.
- Elderly and disabled Huntington Beach residents may call the HB Fire Department CERT Message Line to have sandbags delivered by Volunteers. Call 536-5974.

For information
Call 960-8861

For information on flood preparedness, call the
Huntington Beach Fire Department Emergency Services Office at 536-5980.



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Police Officer Erik Krause receives January Mayor's Award

Police Officer Erik Krause started with the City of Huntington Beach as a cadet in 1987. He started the Police Academy in August of 1989 and was sworn in as a police officer in 1990. Officer Krause has worked patrol, as a field-training officer and he worked in the Vice Department for five years.

Police Officer Erik Krause was recognized for his outstanding work in our city and was given the Mayor's Award on January 16, 2007. He is shown in the photo above with his family, Police Chief Ken Small, Mayor Gil Coerper.



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Free Income Tax Assistance for Seniors

Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center will host A.A.R.P. **FREE** income tax assistance for seniors 55 and older on Tuesdays beginning February 6 through April 10, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rodgers is located at 1706 Orange Avenue in Huntington Beach. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, call Rodgers 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.



February 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

February Television Schedule for Channel Three

Community Bulletin Board
City Council Meetings

Daily
February 5 @ 6:00 pm
Rebroadcast Feb. 6 @ 10 am and Feb. 7 @ 7 pm
February 20 @ 6:00 pm
Rebroadcast Feb. 21 @ 7 pm
February 13 @ 7 pm
Rebroadcast Feb. 15 @ 7 pm
February 27 @ 7 pm
Rebroadcast March 1 @ 7 pm

Planning Commission Mtgs

Informational programming will be running on Channel 3 according to the following schedule: (Subject to change) Mondays from 9 am to noon, Wednesdays from 2 pm to 5 pm, Fridays from 6 pm to 9 pm, Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

The Classic Arts programming runs Sundays 8 am to noon and 7 pm to 11 pm; Mondays 2 pm to 6 pm; Tuesdays 5 pm to 7 pm; Wednesdays 8 am to noon; Thursdays 3 pm to 7 pm; Fridays 8 am to noon; and Saturdays 4 pm to 6 pm and 8 pm to 10 pm.