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## “Then and Now” Car Show will be October 20 and 21

The City of Huntington Beach, in partnership with the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District, the Huntington Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau, and the Huntington Beach Auto Dealers Association are presenting the “Then and Now” Car Show. New vehicles from dealerships located on Beach Boulevard will be showcased side-by-side with classics from various decades. The event will take place on Main Street in the Downtown area.



Come join the fun on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bring your family and friends out for a great time on Main Street. For this event, traffic will be closed between Walnut Avenue and Orange Avenue.

The car show will feature classic and new cars, custom and classic motorcycles, a fire truck from the 1920s, a classic police car, classic car art, live entertainment, food and outdoor dining, and activities for both the young and young at heart.

For additional information, call the Economic Development Department at (714) 536-5582 or visit the following websites: [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org), [www.hbdowntown.com](http://www.hbdowntown.com), or [www.beachblvdofcars.com](http://www.beachblvdofcars.com).

## Family Arts Day coming October 21



This annual event has become one of the community’s most popular creative gatherings. Spend October 21, 12 – 4 p.m., at the Huntington Beach Art Center participating in a variety of family activities including, papermaking, ceramics, mask making, collage, painting and drawing. You’ll also enjoy live music and dance performances throughout the afternoon. The event is sponsored by Target and is FREE to the public. The Art Center is located at 538 Main Street. Call 714.374.1650 or visit [http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art\\_center/](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art_center/) for more information.



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## Huntington Beach Fire holds Open House October 13

It's time for Fire Prevention Week. The Huntington Beach Fire Department wants to remind you to "Practice Your Escape Plan." Being alerted to a fire and knowing what to do to escape from one are extremely important, yet only 23% of households have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan.

### Are you prepared for a fire?

- Install working smoke alarms on every level; and inside each bedroom and outside of each sleeping area.
- Develop a fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside.
- Make sure your plan allows for any specific needs in your household. If everyone knows what to do, everyone can get out quickly.
- Practice your plan, at least twice a year.
- If the smoke alarm sounds: Go to your closest exit, and if there is smoke on your way out, turn and use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit. **Do not** take time to pick up belongings; just get out and help others get out. Move fast but stay calm.



***The Huntington Beach Fire Department invites you to attend "Open House" at all eight fire stations on Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 10AM – 3PM. For more information contact the Fire Department (714) 536-5411***

## Plein Air Paintings Available for Purchase



Many of the beautiful landscape paintings created during this year's Plein Air Festival are still available for viewing and purchase through Sunday, October 7, at the Huntington Beach Art Center. 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. Funds raised from sales help support the Art Center's exhibitions and educational programs. For more information, call 714.374.1650.



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## Public Safety Awards recognizes local heroes

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Huntington Beach Public Safety Awards luncheon was held at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Hotel on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Through this awards program, city employees and citizens in our wonderful community are recognized for their personal involvement in outstanding acts of public service and honored at an annual luncheon. This year, 21 individuals were honored, including eight city employees and 13 citizens. These honorees were treated to a wonderful meal and were able to listen to an outstanding guest speaker, Honorable Jane Shade, Commissioner of the Orange County Superior Court.

There are three different categories of awards that received nominations from the different city departments this year.



The Award for Valor is awarded in recognition of city safety officers (Fire, Police or Marine Safety) for their acts of courage or bravery under hazardous circumstances and beyond the call of duty. The Award of Heroism is in recognition of a citizen or city employee who exhibits courage and bravery that involves extreme personal danger and is beyond the normal scope of their job. The Good Samaritan Award is awarded to a citizen or city employee who has performed an exemplary act that displays a willingness to take quick and decisive action where another's well-being is concerned, but without the involvement of extreme personal danger.

The Public Works Department awarded two city employees, Tony Rizco and Greg Wells, with Heroism Awards when they rescued a driver from an overturned vehicle in a flood control channel.

The Marine Safety Division presented five Good Samaritan Awards. The first awards were presented to Junior Lifeguards Paige Bisson, Kylie Cucinotti, and Carley Zylstra who used their in-line stabilization training to help an injured friend while surfing. Next, Greg Eisele and Shane Kohls were honored. Lifeguard III Greg Eisele was off-duty and surfing near the Pier when he



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helped three boys to safety after they had jumped off the pier. Shane Kohls was also surfing when he responded to a girl face down in the ocean and performed CPR until the girl began to breathe again.

The Fire Department presented six Good Samaritan Awards and four Heroism Awards. First, three members of the Marina High School Athletic staff, Paul Renfrow, Robert Marshal, and Amanda Frank, were honored with Good Samaritan awards for utilizing CPR and an Automatic External Defibrillator to save the life of a fellow coach. Good Samaritans' Cathy Serif and Jamie Murphy were also honored by the Fire Department for performing CPR on a man in need of help while out walking. Huntington Beach firefighter paramedic Kevin Prentiss received a Good Samaritan Award as well for responding to an unconscious man while on vacation and using an Automatic External Defibrillator to help save his life.

The Fire Department presented Heroism Awards to Brandon Prince and Terry Bullock who pulled a victim from a submerged car in the wetlands water. Scott Underhill and Dennis Rafferty also received Heroism Awards from the Fire Department for freeing a man who was trapped inside of his burning, over-turned vehicle.

The Police Department awarded Good Samaritan Police Officer Shawn Randell for saving the life of a small child who had choked and was unconscious at a birthday party. Police Officer Francisco Jimenez was presented with a Good Samaritan Award and Police Officers Frankie Choyeski and Michael Thomas received Valor Awards for their efforts in saving a woman who jumped off the pier into the ocean. Officers Choyeski and Thomas jumped into the ocean themselves to assist the victim while Officer Jimenez obtained a lifeguard paddleboat to help in the rescue.

The 21 honorees were joined by friends, family and community leaders to celebrate their unselfish and meritorious acts at the September 12<sup>th</sup> Luncheon.

## Popular "Art of the Brew" Event to be Held October 25

The Huntington Beach Art Center will hold its annual Art of the Brew event on **October 25, 6 – 8 p.m.** Spend an evening sampling brews and munchies from BJ's Restaurant and Brewery, BrewBakers, Oggi's Pizza and Brewing Company, and the Huntington Beach Beer Company. Tickets are \$15 person and should be purchased in advance since space is limited.

The Art Center is located at 538 Main Street. Call 714.374.1650 or visit [http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art\\_center/](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art_center/) for more information.





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## Thousands enjoy Senior Saturday

Over 2,000 seniors and their families enjoyed the Senior Saturday festivities at the Pier on Saturday, September 8. The sold-out event, sponsored by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging (COA), included 76 booths with information for seniors. Councilmember Joe Carchio



opened the celebration with the Pledge of Allegiance. Entertainment was provided all day and included a Pa Kua Yoga Demonstration, the Singing Goodtimers, Riff Raff, Sam Sings Frankie, and vocal stylist Janice Gerard. Volunteers served participants a \$2 continental breakfast as well as a \$2 hot dog lunch.

COA President Cathy Meschuk said of the event, "All of the hard work really paid off, as this was a truly wonderful event!" 85 Senior Services volunteers gave over 372 hours on Saturday and helped to make this Senior Saturday the best ever!

From the Huntington Beach Senior Services booth, staff passed out information on Senior Services programs, magnets, Gatorade, and paper fans that proclaimed, "I am a *fan* of Huntington Beach Senior Services." Over 260 visitors to the booth answered a quick survey that asked among other questions, "If you could come up with a new term for senior citizen, what would it be?"

Some of the creative responses included, "Young Bunch, Aged Teen, Mature Swingers, Elder Expert, Happy Feet, Cool Cats, Wonderfolk, Live Wires, Forever Young, Super Adult, Top Dog, Experienced Person, Resourceful Citizen, Wise People, Been around the Block Kids, and Over 21."

The respondents also answered questions that asked them to compare how old they really were to how old they felt. The results demonstrated that age is relative and that chronological age has little to do with how a person perceives himself. Out of our 261 respondents, 12% felt the same as their chronological age, 8% felt older than their chronological and a whopping 64% felt younger than their chronological age! 15% of the respondents didn't define themselves by a number instead they used words such "great", "good" or "ok" to define how old they felt.



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## Cookbook celebration of chefs and cuisines

Huntington Beach Friends of the Library hosts two food authors for their October 26 luncheon meeting. Program topics highlight a biography of Julia Child and histories of famous restaurants, their high-profile clientele and signature recipes.



Author Noel Riley Fitch

Noel Riley Fitch's *APPETITE FOR LIFE*, tells the complex story of Julia Child, recognized as the cuisine champion of fresh ingredients when frozen foods and TV dinners dominated American supermarket shelves.

An eclectic writer, Fitch will also review her 2007 release of *PARIS CAFÉ: THE SELECT CROWD*, a history of artists and authors who gathered at the Paris Montparnass cafe during the early 1900s.

Betty Goodwin chronicles stories of Hollywood's heydays through the restaurants stars frequented in *HOLLYWOOD DU JOUR: LOST RECIPES OF LEGENDARY HOLLYWOOD HAUNTS*.

Goodwin reviews eighteen best-remembered—but long-shuttered—restaurants (e.g., Brown Derby, Cock'n Bull, Romanoffs) through recipes, photographs and stories of the past seven decades.



Author Betty Goodwin

Doors open at 11:30 for the noon luncheon, followed by the speakers' lectures, in room C/D of the Central Library. Prepaid reservations are \$18 and must be received by Monday, October 22.

Checks, payable to FOTL, can be delivered to the Friends Gift shop (first floor) or mailed to 7111 Talbert Ave., 92648. For information, call 714-375-8429.



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## Library celebrates National Friends of the Library Week

The Huntington Beach Library will be spending the week of October 21-27 celebrating its Friends of the Library (FOTL) and Friends of the Children's Library (FOTCL). These dynamic volunteers work year round to raise the money and community awareness crucial to maintaining the library's status as a first-class institution.

"Volunteers are the backbone of the Library organization. We simply could not provide Library services without them." notes Ron Hayden, Library Director.



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Currently over 750 community members contribute annually to the FOTL and FOTCL and approximately 100 of these members actively volunteer their time each month to assist with fundraising efforts that help sustain and expand the library's collection and programs.



Some of the fundraising efforts include staffing and managing the gift shop and used book sale, organizing events such as author luncheons and festivals, hosting the annual Wassail Party and the Taste of Huntington Beach, along with offering monthly children's programs and the Festival of Folktales, which kicks-off the Summer Reading Program.

To celebrate our Friends, the library will be offering special children's programs based on the theme of

friendship. You can enjoy these programs during our regularly scheduled storytimes.

Refreshments will follow storytimes at the Central Library on Tuesday, October 23. The library will also display books in the adult collection highlighting the spirit of friendship and volunteerism. Join us in celebrating the hard work of the library's "Friends!"



Please contact the library at (714) 842-4481 to get an updated list of library programs.



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## Brunch for the Arts

*Tickets for the Art Center Foundation's Annual Fundraiser are now Available*

This elegant celebration is the Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation's largest and most popular fundraiser. The event features silent and live auctions, a gourmet brunch, fine wine and champagne, a live performance by Ballroomisback.com, and sprawling ocean views from the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort. Auction items include trips, sports and amusement tickets, gourmet gift baskets, and much more. This annual event generates funds for the Art Center's exhibition and educational programs.

*When: Sunday, November 11, 11:15 a.m. – 3 p.m.*

*Where: Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort*

*Donation: \$85*

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please call 714-536-5258 for ticket information.

## Shelf Life Exhibition featured at Art Center

The Huntington Beach Art Center is presenting a solo exhibition of paintings, sculpture and installation by Los Angeles-based artist, Mark Dutcher. The exhibition will include 10 new large-scale paintings, three sculptural pieces, and an installation containing both objects and paintings. Dutcher's paintings are oil and mixed media on canvas and have never been exhibited.

Included in this solo exhibition are two new sculptural pieces made of wax, cardboard, and mixed media that reflect the imagery in his paintings. In addition, an installation entitled "Shelf Life" that also reflects the exhibition's title, will be completed by the artist and will contain various items including paintings and objects from his collections and studio.



Dutcher's work has been exhibited throughout California galleries and museums, most recently at Santa Monica Museum of Art, Torrance Art Museum, and SolwayJones in Los Angeles. His work was also included in the 2004 California Biennial at the Orange County Museum of Art. Dutcher, who lives and works in Los Angeles, will be in attendance at the exhibition opening on October 19.

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. Gallery admission is free through the generosity of the Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation. For more information, call 714.374.1650 or visit [http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art\\_center/](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art_center/)



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Invites you to

*Catch the Wave ≈ ≈ of Opportunity and  
Ride the Crest of your Career with us!*

Join "Surf City, USA" in sunny southern California and *ride the wave* of change! Be part of this exciting time of growth and development in a city of over 200,000 residents and 1,100 employees. Set your goals high and "surf" our website. Job listings are posted regularly as opportunities become available throughout the year.

Place our web address on "FAVORITES" and visit us often!

[www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs)

FULL-TIME VACANCIES	Closes
Director of Public Works	9/28/07
Water Systems Technician	10/8/07
Civil Engineering Assistant	10/17/07
Police Officer (Experienced)	10/27/07
Police Recruit (Trainee)	10/27/07
Police Recruit (Academy Trained)	10/27/07
Ambulance Operator	10/31/07

PART-TIME VACANCIES (Continuous Filing)
Arts Education Coordinator (Department Services Aide IV)
Recreation Leader I, II
Aquatics Lifeguards / Instructors (Pool)
Senior Services Aide - DRIVER
Maintenance Worker Assistant
Parking Attendant
Parking & Traffic Control Officer
Police Cadet

OPEN UNTIL FILLED	OUF
Building Inspector II/III	OUF
Personnel Analyst, Principal/Senior	OUF
Senior Traffic Engineer	OUF
Sr. Information Systems Analyst	OUF
Housing and Real Estate Manager	OUF

UP-COMING RECRUITMENTS
Water Conservation Coordinator
Principal Electrical Inspector
Transportation Coordinator (PT/perm)
Alarm Services Coordinator

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## Hundreds attend Patriot Day Ceremony



A moving Patriot Day Ceremony was held at Huntington Beach Pier Plaza on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 to remember those involved in the tragedy of September 11, 2001 and to commemorate the efforts of those who risked their lives.

The valor, dedication, and heroism of Veterans, members of the Fire Department, and members of the Police Department were acknowledged and commended by American Legion Post 133, Fire Chief Duane Olson, and Police Chief Kenneth Small.

One speaker each from the Fire Department, the Police Department, and the military were featured. For the first time, the ceremony also recognized a Huntington Beach Fire Department employee, Police Department employee and Marine Safety employee for "Officers of the Year."



*Officer of the Year awards went to Fire Captain Michael Perry, Marine Safety Officer John Elser and Police Officer Ed Clair.*



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## Sister City offers tour to New Zealand

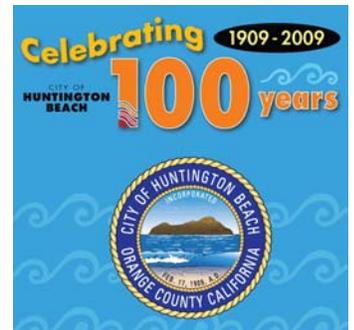
The Huntington Beach Sister City Association is sponsoring a first-ever visit to New Zealand. In addition to being royally welcomed and entertained in our sister city of Waitakere, the trip includes points of interest in Auckland, and visits to Waitomo, the Ruakuri Cave, and Rotorua which is the home of authentic Maori culture. After a flight to South Island, the group will visit Christchurch, Mt. Aoraki and Queenstown.

For information and a complete itinerary, please contact Carmen Erber at 714-846-7685 or [gerber@socal.rr.com](mailto:gerber@socal.rr.com)

## Applications available to serve on Centennial Committee

The City will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of incorporation on February 17, 2009. An exciting year-long celebration is in the works for 2009, including events, exhibits, and much more. The Public Information Office, in conjunction with the Community Services Department, has begun to prepare for the Centennial Celebration.

The City Council has approved a resolution establishing a volunteer Centennial Committee to plan the City's Centennial Celebration. The Centennial Committee will be an advisory body to the City Council and will be responsible for planning the City's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



All members of the 10 to 20 member committee will be residents and electors of the City of Huntington Beach, representing businesses, tourism, preservation of history, residents, education, service clubs and other entities within the City. Members of the Centennial Committee will serve until December 2009.



If you are interested in serving on the Centennial Committee you will need to fill out an application. Applications are available on the city website at [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org) and from Laurie Payne, Community Relations Officer for the City of Huntington Beach, at [lpayne@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:lpayne@surfcity-hb.org). Completed applications should be returned to the City Council Offices, PO Box 190, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or in person to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of

City Hall, 2000 Main Street (at Yorktown). The deadline to apply is October 26, 2007. If you have any questions, please email Laurie Payne at [lpayne@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:lpayne@surfcity-hb.org).



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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 at [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org)



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## Entertainment Books available

Once again, Entertainment Coupon Books are being offered! These Books offer great values in the way of significantly reduced rates for Hotels, Movies, Theatres (including our very own H.B. Playhouse), Restaurants and Attractions of all sorts. Needless to add, they make great gifts at Holiday time and save previous time shopping for “stuff” that all too often gets returned anyway!

It might even pay dividends to keep one handy when planning on getting the most out of one’s vacation as well. While most attractions are Orange County-based, many of the locales and best values offered have sites in other counties and even other states (including Hawaii). All coupons are “good” thru November 2008, so the sooner a Book is acquired, the longer one has to contemplate at one’s leisure and enjoy accordingly. Books will not be available much beyond Christmas, so if you are thinking of acquiring one, do not put that thought off too long!



The price is \$35. Those interested may contact: City Yard-Julie Bott @ 5522, or Arnie Ross @ 5238.

## Identity theft serious problem

Senator Tom Harman reports that his office has received an unusually high number of calls regarding identity theft over the past few months. Culprits of identity theft are constantly finding new ways to steal Social Security numbers, credit card numbers and other personal information from unsuspecting residents every day. Once someone gets his hands on your information, the nightmare begins!

Studies show it takes identity theft victims an average of 330 hours and \$2,671 in out-of-pocket expenses and lost wages to clean up their names and get their lives back to normal. Fortunately, Californians enjoy stronger legal protections against identity theft than people in any other state in the nation. The California Legislature has passed a number of bills to protect individuals, yet passing new laws is only half the battle. Public education is extremely important to ensure individuals know their rights and how to protect themselves.

Senator Harman encourages residents to take the time to visit the Office of Privacy Protection online at [www.privacy.ca.gov](http://www.privacy.ca.gov). The Office of Privacy Protection assists individuals with identity theft and other privacy-related concerns; provides consumer education and information on privacy issues; coordinates with law enforcement on identity theft investigations, and recommends policies and practices that protect individual identity theft investigations.

For other ways to protect yourself from identity theft, you can call Senator Harman’s office at (714) 957-4555.



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## Shipley Nature Center

### 2007 Annual Fall Native Plant Sale



*Ribes speciosum* Fuchsia Flowering Gooseberry

Saturday  
October 13  
9 AM to 1 PM

- Advice from Master Gardeners  
Shipley Nursery Volunteers
- Mini lectures throughout the  
morning
- Over 100 species to choose from
- Shuttle service for shoppers &  
plants
- Refreshments available while you  
browse



*Cercis occidentalis* Western Redbud

Huntington Beach Central Park  
Parking at 17829 Goldenwest St.  
Information: 714-842-4772  
[www.shipleynature.org](http://www.shipleynature.org)



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## Children's Library plans busy October

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](http://www.hbpl.org) for a listing of our regularly scheduled storytimes.

Special Upcoming Events for October 2007:

### Halloween Magic Show with Johnny Ace Palmer

Library Theater

Wednesday, October 17, 2007 – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$3 Children/\$5 Adults

### World Champion Magician Johnny Ace

**Palmer's** fun-filled show will delight children of all ages! Watch him pull a rabbit out of a hat! This Magic Show sells out every year so buy your tickets in advance. Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and join in a Costume Parade around the library after the show. Tickets on sale now!



### Family Evening Pajama Storytime

Tabby Storytime Theater

Thursday, October 11, 2007 7:00 PM

FREE

Come celebrate Halloween with Miss Barbara! There will be not-so-scary stories, funny songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas or your Halloween costume and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.

### "Don't Miss The Bus: Read!" Fall Reading Program

Central Library and all branches– FREE

**Last day to sign up is October 13!!!**

Join our Back-to-School reading program before it's too late! Read five books, 250 pages or spend 2 hours reading and earn a prize! Pick up a fun reading log to record your progress at the children's information desk or branch before October 13.

**For more information call (714) 375-5107**



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## Senior Services offer Autumn Health Fair

The City of Huntington Beach Senior Services is sponsoring an autumn health fair in conjunction its annual free flu shot clinic on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Ave. Huntington Beach, 92648.

On average each year, the County of Orange Health Care Agency administers 650 inoculations to seniors 60+ at the center.

This year, in addition to their shot, seniors will also have access to a variety of information regarding senior health and successful aging.

Transportation is provided for Huntington Beach seniors to the Autumn Health Fair and flu shot clinic by HB Senior Services *Seniors on the Go* program. Unique to this flu shot clinic is the opportunity for elders too frail to wait in line to be inoculated from the comfort of their bus seats.

*Seniors on the Go* will pick the seniors up their homes, bring them to the center where a nurse will board the bus and give shots to all who remain seated. Then they will be bussed back to their homes.



The Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center is a focal point for an array of programs and services important to the quality of life for the seniors in our community.

The center is a multipurpose facility and offers opportunities for involvement and companionship with a wide range of social, recreational and educational activities.

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



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## Huntington Beach Sister City Tour to New Zealand

February 20 - March 1, 2008

### THE TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round trip airfare (Domestic fare to South Island)
- 4\* & 5\* hotel accommodations
- Some meals included
- By deluxe motorcoach, visit the following:
  - ✓ Waitomo
  - ✓ Rotorua
  - ✓ Christchurch
  - ✓ Lake Tekapo/Mt. Cook
  - ✓ Queenstown
  - ✓ Milford Sound

.....ALL FOR JUST

**\$3,290**

PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

You'll taste New Zealand wine at various wineries, visit the Waitomo Cave, Rainbow Springs, and the Antarctic Centre in Christchurch, cruise on Milford Sound, and see many more beautiful sights. This truly is a once in a lifetime experience.

For further information and reservations contact  
Carmen Erber, President, Sister City Association  
(714) 846-7685

Tour arrangements by John Panoho, Navigator Tours, Waitakere, N. Z.



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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 make this a must see event. Movies are selected based on suggestions from the audience.

### CONNIE AND CARLA

OCTOBER 5

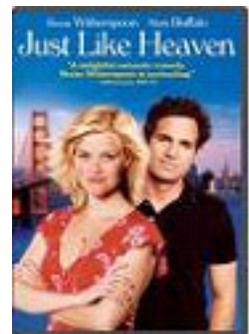
Writer Nia Vardalos (*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*) creates a hilarious new comedy. Best friends Connie (Nia Vardalos) and Carla (Toni Collette) have always dreamed of fame and fortune but their careers in show business are going nowhere fast. After witnessing a mafia hit in the Windy City, they blow town for some low-profile living in Los Angeles. Forced to keep their true identities secret, they may have found the perfect cover when they land jobs as drag queens on the city's dinner theatre circuit. The dazzling duo becomes a big hit and finally their many talents shine as brightly as their dreams. But when Connie meets the guy of her dreams, Jeff (David Duchovny) she wants to be all woman. Rated PG-13 For adult themes, sexual humor & drug references, 108 minutes



### JUST LIKE HEAVEN

OCTOBER 19

In the spirit of October, a spirited romantic comedy. When David (Mark Ruffalo) moves into his new San Francisco digs, the last thing he wants is company. Then an unwelcome visitor, winsome Elizabeth Martin (Resse Witherspoon), materializes insisting the apartment is hers until...she promptly vanishes! David is convinced he has a ghost haunting his apartment as Elizabeth continues to appear and disappear at will. Elizabeth believes she's very much alive. In their quest to solve the spectral mystery, their relationship changes from resentment to romance. Rated PG-13 For some sexual content, 95 minutes



### HOCUS POCUS

OCTOBER 26

Broomsticks and bedlam abound when the Sanderson Sisters, (Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimi) return from 17th century Salem, Massachusetts. Ignoring local taboos to impress a classmate, a teenage prankster lights a candle that accidentally conjures up the three outlandish witches and unleashes the havoc that's been brewing since 1693! It is a Halloween night full of zany fun and comic chaos once the tricky 300-year-old trio sets out to cast a spell on the town and reclaim their youth. Loaded with bewitching laughs, you're in for a devil of a time! Rated PG, 95 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.

### ***Popcorn volunteers needed***

For a fun volunteer experience, pop the corn at our Friday Afternoon at the Movies. Begin popping at noon, the movies start at 12:30 p.m. and you are free to enjoy. If you are interested in volunteering, call Diane Swarts 714-374-1544.



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## Opportunity for HB Youth

Applications are now being taken for student ambassadors to Japan or New Zealand. This is a unique opportunity for a reciprocal 2-week exchange; ambassadors travel to New Zealand over spring break, 2005 and to Japan in August, 2005. Students from both countries visit the Huntington Beach students the first two weeks in July.

For 25 years the Sister City Association of Huntington Beach has conducted this successful student exchange program; 4 students and a chaperone are sent to each city. Lifelong friendships have been formed and some students have made college and career decisions based on their experience. Families of selected students also benefit, as host family members are encouraged to participate in the activities.

Come to hear 2007 ambassadors share their experiences and answer questions on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at City Hall. Complete information and applications are available at [hbsistercity.org](http://hbsistercity.org). Applications are also available at city hall, and the public library, and high schools.

Questions? Call Carmen Erber at 846-7685 or Gisela Campagne at 374-5397.

## Shipleigh Nature Center offers activities for the whole family

### A Journey Back in Time

On October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, The Friends of Shipleigh Nature Center will present A Journey Back in Time. **Jacque Nunez**, a tribal descendant of the Acjachemen Nation, will share her people's story with us. **Jerry Person**, Huntington Beach City Historian, will reminisce about the early days around Central Park and Shipleigh Nature Center.

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



Shipleigh Nature Center is open Monday-Saturday 9 am to 1 pm and is located in Huntington Central Park. Parking is available at 17829 Goldenwest Street near Talbert.

For additional information, visit [www.shipleighnature.org](http://www.shipleighnature.org), call 714 842-4772 or email [info@shipleighnature.org](mailto:info@shipleighnature.org).



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## Master gardener's return to Huntington Beach for fall gardening seminar

The HB Central Library & Cultural Center will again be the site for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Gardening Seminar presented by the Master Gardener's of Orange County on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 am-3pm. The program is designed to provide practical information to home gardeners to improve gardening techniques in Orange County.

A variety of interesting and timely subjects are offered, with the proceeds from the seminar used to support the Master Gardener's educational activities in home horticulture.

The registration form may be printed from the website [www.uccemg.com](http://www.uccemg.com), along with a list of seminars being offered and other information about the Master Gardeners.

Cost for the day is \$35.00 / \$42.00 with lunch.



## Journey's to the Past

This unique program for children, and adults alike, takes you on a journey into the lifestyle of the California Indian, in particular the Acjachemen nation which flourished in Orange County hundreds of years before Father Serra.

Master storyteller and singer Jacque Nunez shares through stories and songs, her people's indigenous tools, instruments, games and clothing. She includes traditional dances to show how Native Americans preserve their culture today by participating in Intertribal Pow Wows. The audience leaves with a wonderful understanding of "environmentalism" and what it means to be "keepers of the earth".

For more information on this program being presented in the HB Central Library Theater in October call 949/443-0749



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## Huntington Beach “Reads One Book” Program

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

The story of American Greg Mortenson—a mountain climber turned humanitarian—is an engaging tale of his introduction to a culture very different from his own and a chronicle about how one person can make a difference. Read the book summary and about Mortenson’s work at [www.threecupsoftea.com](http://www.threecupsoftea.com).

Many cities throughout the nation have chosen the Reads One Book format to promote reading and diversity in their communities.

The idea: all adult readers, students and families in Huntington Beach read the same book at the same time. This creates a city-wide conversation and understanding about the issues raised in the book.

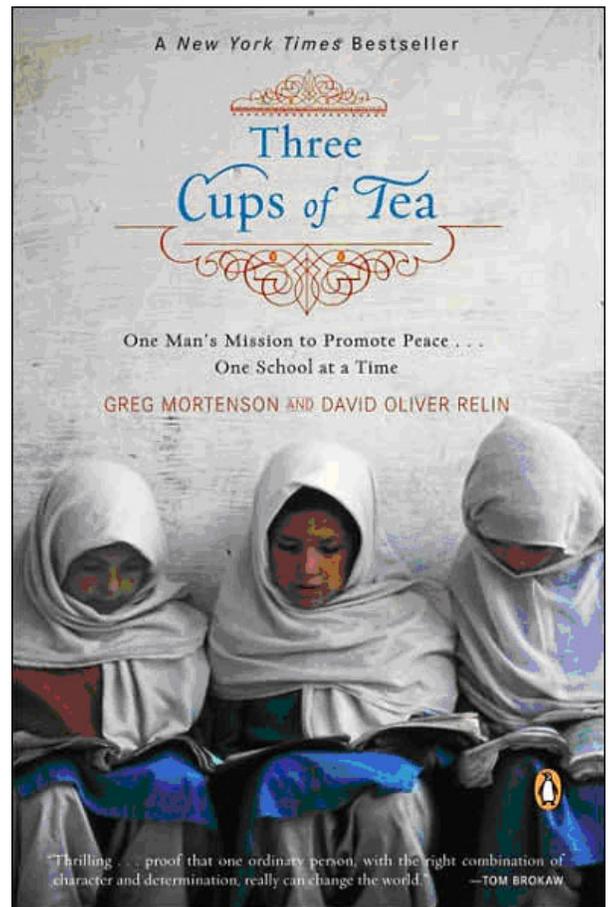
Residents are invited to read the book this Fall, and participate in events and discussion groups.

The program culminates with a special visit by author Greg Mortenson in February 2008.

The Huntington Beach City Council has endorsed the Reads One Book project. The Human Relations Task Force and Library Board of Trustees are seeking sponsorship to help underwrite program elements, such as printed materials, book purchases for student groups, author travel and honorarium, and related events.

Program volunteers also are needed to help plan and implement events.

Please contact program chairman, Fred Provencher, at 714.960.1985 or email [Creel@socal.rr.com](mailto:Creel@socal.rr.com) for further information.





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## Huntington Beach Fire Association raises money for boy killed by truck

The HBFA was involved in Kelly's Deli 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hot Dog eating contest. The proceeds of the fundraiser went to the Orange County Burn Association.

The HBFA also did a fill the boot, and collected \$420.00 for The Danny Oates memorial fund. Danny Oates was the fourteen year old boy who was hit by a truck and killed in Huntington Beach two weeks ago.



## Free Used Oil Disposal for City Residents

Are you a "do-it-yourself" mechanic who needs to dispose of your used motor oil and used oil filters? Take advantage of our Used Oil & Oil Filter collection program. You can get small amounts of used oil and filters picked up at your home by calling 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. The service is free, funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.



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

### Used Oil Facts:

- The oil from a single oil change (1-gallon) can ruin the taste of a million gallons of water, enough water to supply 50 people for one year.
- Concentrations of 50 to 100 parts per million (ppm) of used oil can foul sewage treatment processes. One ppm equates to approximately one drop of oil in 30-gallons of water.
- Recycling all the oil filters sold annually in the United States (approximately 425 million) would result in the recovery of about 160,000 tons of metal, or enough to make 16 new stadiums the size of Atlanta's Turner Stadium.





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## Sgt. Les Robinson receives Mayor's Award



Sergeant Les Robinson came to the Huntington Beach Police Department in 1985 and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1995. He has worked a wide variety of specialty assignments including patrol, two tours on the beach detail, traffic, DARE, and investigations.

The last three years Les has been the sergeant in charge of the Support Services Unit which includes the police garage and fleet management, building maintenance, security and electronics, and General Services. His list of accomplishments is extensive, he has more than 60 commendations in his personnel file covering just his time at Huntington Beach and the vast majority of those are for exemplary performance in enforcement related activities.

In 1988 he received the "Century Award" for arresting over 100 persons for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Sgt. Robinson received the Mayor's Award on September 17<sup>th</sup>. He is shown in the photo above with Police Chief Ken Small, his wife and Mayor Coerper.



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## October 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](http://www.surfcityevents.com)

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### October Television Schedule for Channel Three

Community Bulletin Board	Daily - <b>Be sure to check out the new look to the Channel 3 Bulletin Board!</b>
City Council Meetings	<b>October 1 @ 6:00 pm</b> Rebroadcast Oct. 2 @ 10 am & October 3 @ 7 pm <b>October 15 @ 6:00 pm</b> Rebroadcast Oct. 16 @ 10 am & Oct. 17 @ 7 pm
Planning Commission Mtgs	<b>October 9 @ 7 pm</b> Rebroadcast Oct. 11 @ 7 pm <b>October 23 @ 7 pm</b> Rebroadcast Oct. 25 @ 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](http://www.surfcity-hb.org). Click on Government then Public Information Office. You can download or view the schedule.