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Watch the Surf City, USA float in the Rose Parade

Celebrate the kickoff of Huntington Beach's Centennial by watching the City's first float in the Rose Parade on New Years Day. The 120th Tournament of Roses® Parade themed "Hats Off To Entertainment" will take place Thursday, January 1, 2009 at 8 a.m. (PST) featuring floats, equestrian units and marching bands showcasing the best in entertainment.

The Parade will be broadcast on ABC, NBC, Univision, HGTV, Travel Channel, Discovery HD as well as KWHY and KTLA in the Los Angeles area. The Parade is also seen in more than 150 international territories.



Volunteers help decorate the float

Hundreds of volunteers helped with float decoration during December at the Huntington Beach Art Center and at Festival Artists in Azusa. Every flower cut and bean glued helped to make the Surf City, USA float spectacular!



Hundreds of volunteers went to decorate the float in Azusa and many more groups and residents did dry preparation at the Huntington



Beach Art Center including the 4H club, girl scouts, and the Shore Break Hotel.

Dry preparation included cutting petals off statice flowers, chopping dried papaya and gluing materials on to the starfish and coral featured on the float. Other materials decorating the float include black seaweed, green moss and red carnations.



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The City's Centennial Celebration merchandise is now available

If you are looking for a sweatshirt, T-shirt, hat, visor, mug or other great Centennial merchandise – head on down to the Surf City Store on the Pier and pick up those and other items that feature the Centennial logo. The Surf City Store is handling the merchandise for the Centennial Celebration and all proceeds will go to the Celebration events. Merchandise is also available on the store's website at www.surfcityhbstore.com.

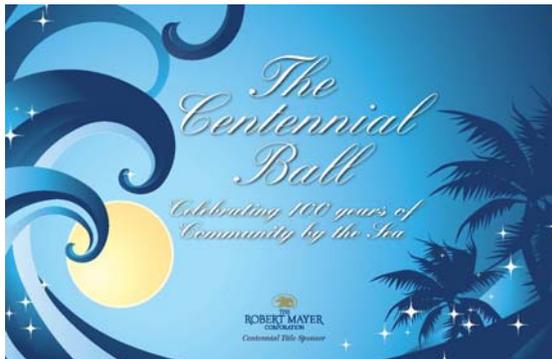


The Centennial merchandise is also available at California Seashell at 5 Points Plaza, Huntington Surf and Sport at Bella Terra and on Main Street, Beach Island on Main Street and HB Car Wash at Beach and Garfield.

Check the Centennial website for more information about all the Centennial activities – www.hb100years.org

Celebrate 100 years of Community at the Centennial Ball

An elegant Centennial Ball will be held at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa. This event will feature stunning décor and flowers from local florists, a champagne toast, dinner, silent and live auction, and musical performances. One of the highlights of the Ball will be a beautiful performance by Keiko Matsui.



Keiko Matsui was a child prodigy in her native Japan when, beginning at the age of five, she showed remarkable talent on the piano. She began recording professionally at the age of seventeen, when she composed her first major film score. Keiko Matsui has a massive international following developed over the course of her recording career that began with the 1987 release of *A Drop of Water*. While touring extensively all over the world, Keiko has been named Top Indie Contemporary Jazz Artist of The Year by Billboard and a two-time winner of the National Smooth Jazz Female Artist of the Year Award.

For more information about the Centennial Ball or to request an invitation, send an email to Lpayne@surfcity-hb.org or call (714) 536-5577.



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VIP Tournament of Roses Online Auction has winner

“My husband has been bugging me for 20 years about going to the parade!” said Renni Polhamus, winner of the VIP Tournament of Roses Online Auction. Polhamus, a 21 year Huntington Beach resident, won the auction with the final bid of \$3,900 in the last few seconds of the auction.

The prize, auctioned online by Huntington Beach’s Centennial Committee, includes 4 tickets to the Rose Parade in the VIP grandstands, 4 tickets to the Rose Bowl and a VIP Tailgate party. Renni bid on the package for a Christmas present for her husband.

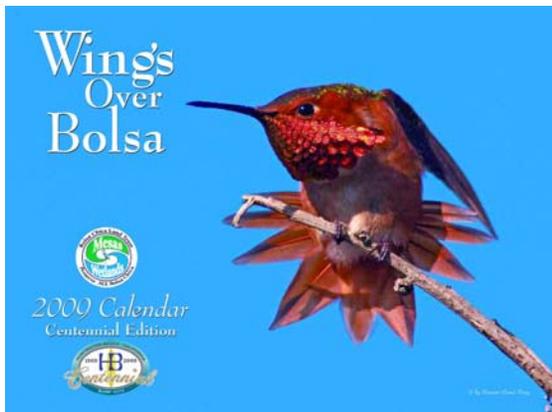


Renni is a physician and has two children who attend Dwyer and Huntington Beach High School. She started the bidding war six weeks ago and was determined to win for her family. She said her husband and son are going to be very excited to see USC at the Rose Bowl - despite her alma mater being UCLA.

Renni is excited to see Huntington Beach’s float in the Parade and be a part of the Centennial celebration. “I love Huntington Beach,” said Polhamus. “It’s the best place in the world to live.”

2009 Wings Over Bolsa Calendar Now on Sale

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust is pleased to announce the release of the 2009 "Wings Over Bolsa" calendar. The 13-month wall calendar features gorgeous, full-color photos of the birds and wildlife at Bolsa Chica.



This year's calendar celebrates the Huntington Beach Centennial and includes Centennial events as well as important Land Trust dates. Proceeds help with the Land Trust's education efforts at Bolsa Chica.

The cost is just \$10.78 each + shipping, or 5 for \$45.05 + shipping. Calendars can be ordered by using the order form at www.bolsachicalandtrust.org. They can also be purchased in person at the Land Trust office in Huntington Beach and from select merchants

throughout the city. Call 714-846-1001 for details.



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***Ebb & Flow* Honors Huntington Beach's Centennial**

In honor of Huntington Beach's 100th year, the Historic Resources Board will be presenting a special centennial exhibition, *Ebb & Flow*. There will be an opening reception held on Friday, January 16, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The exhibition will then be able to be viewed from January 17 – February 22 during open gallery hours.

Guests will be able to explore the history of Huntington Beach through photographs, documentary film, and historical artifacts depicting the city throughout the decades. The exhibition will highlight influential families including the Newlands and the Huffs and how their contributions have shaped the city.



Maps from various eras will allow patrons to view how the city looked 100 years ago and how it has developed into the Huntington Beach of today. The prominent history of surfing and surf culture will be examined through photographs, descriptions and surfboard displays.

Ebb & Flow will also feature scale models from Boeing to demonstrate the contributions that Huntington Beach has made to the exploration of Space. Among the featured models will be the Boeing Delta II Rocket that launched the 1997 Pathfinder mission. Photographs and artifacts from the Fire and Police Departments will be included.

As a part of the exhibition, there will be several special events that will include lectures, storytelling, and film screenings. *Ebb & Flow* offers a unique opportunity to truly experience the history of Huntington Beach. For full details regarding the special events related to the *Ebb & Flow* exhibition call 714.374.1650. Open gallery hours are Wed. – Sat., 12 – 6 p.m., and Sun., 12 – 4 p.m.



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Community Services awards youth sports participants

Youth Flag Football and Youth Volleyball Awards will be handed out at the January 14, 2008 Community Services Commission meeting. Certificates will be presented to the boys and girls grades 3 through 8 participating in the city's recreation based youth sports program. Please join the commissioners and recreation staff at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers to recognize the league champions and teams showing good sportsmanship.

2009 Youth Basketball Programs

Registration is currently open for the 2009 City of Huntington Beach Youth Basketball programs and will conclude on the first day of league evaluations, January 17, 2009. For all youth between the 3rd and 8th grades, the city will be offering a competitive basketball league in a fun and instructional environment at the City Gym and Pool, Murdy and Edison Community Centers and local high school gymnasiums. League Cost: \$45.00



For youth between 3 to 5 years old and the 1st and 2nd grades, the city will be offering instructional basketball leagues aimed at not only teaching the proper techniques of the sport but also teamwork, sportsmanship and most importantly, having fun while playing basketball. The instructional basketball leagues begin February 7, 2009 and have a limited availability. League Cost: \$45.00

Registration flyers and more league information are available at your local community center or online at: <http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Residents/recreationculture/youthbasketball.cfm>.

Skatedogs Demonstrate their moves at Edison Community Center



A new class offered by the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Dept. held an event on Dec. 20 to demonstrate skateboarding skills at Edison Community Center. Skilled skateboarders were able to show off their moves and work with youngsters to help them improve their techniques. Tacos and drinks were served to all and children also had the opportunity to win great skateboarding prizes. Look for information on how to join these classes in the Winter SANDS. Classes are held in the Sports Complex parking lot where a mobile skate park is set up! For more information call 536-5486.



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Do you have something to celebrate in 2009?

Schedule your wedding reception, anniversary celebration, family reunion or company teambuilding event for up to 250 people at the Edison and Murdy Community Centers. These facilities are available for rental, and are great places to host family events or company trainings. Both centers have a variety of rooms, including a large event hall, a smaller 'breakout' room, a "kid friendly" classroom and a recreation game room with table games. Visit the HB Website at www.surfcity-hb.org or call; Edison Community Center 714-960-8870 or Murdy Community Center 714-960-8895 to inquire about availability and rates. A full kitchen is available and rental fees include tables and chairs. Reservations are also now available for group picnic shelters!

Shipley Nature Center Features New Species of Geranium

On January 1, 2009, the "Huntington Beach Centennial" Geranium will be introduced to the entire world via television by being featured on the Huntington Beach Rose Float in the Pasadena Rose Parade. We are fortunate to have it available for sale now at Shipley Nature Center. Stop in and get this lovely new hybrid geranium, the symbol of our city.

Visit the Shipley Gift Shop for great holiday gift ideas and stocking stuffers. Credit cards accepted. The California Native Plant Sale continues at Shipley Nature Center, Mon-Sat from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. A great selection of California Native Plants is available for the winter planting season.



Membership – Become a member of the Friends of Shipley Nature Center and take part in the growth of Huntington Beach's little part of nature. Give the Gift of Nature this holiday season by giving a Shipley membership to friends and family.

Shipley Restoration Day – The first Saturday of every month from 9:00 am to noon is Restoration as Recreation Day at Shipley. Come to volunteer and help keep Shipley looking beautiful.

Open Monday-Saturday 9 am to 1 pm. Located in Huntington Central Park. Parking at 17829 Goldenwest Street South of Slater, near Talbert. There is no fee to visit the Center! For additional information, visit www.shipleynature.org, call 714 842-4772 or email info@shipleynature.org.



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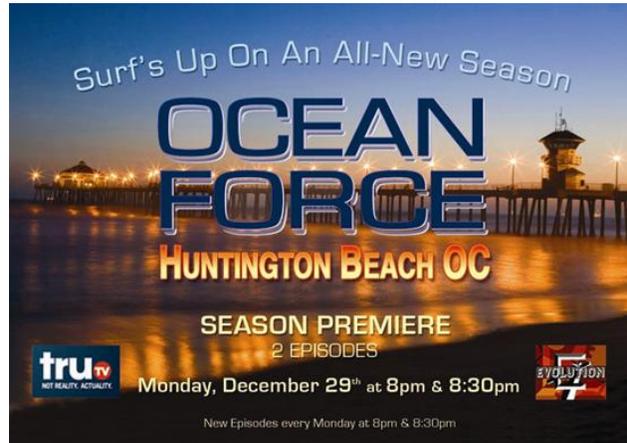
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New season of "Ocean Force" premiers

The reality show on TruTV centers around the Huntington Beach lifeguards and beaches. Tune in to see everything from drunken brawls to deep water rescues and how the Huntington Beach lifeguards keep our beaches safe.

Episodes air Mondays beginning December 29th at 8:00 and 8:30 pm.

TruTV airs on Time Warner channel 49 or Direct TV channel 246.



Water Conservation important for the New Year

In June 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger officially declared that California was in a drought. California has experienced numerous droughts over history. A drought might last only a year, or it may go on for several years.



Why are we now in a drought? Snowpack, precipitation and reservoir storage are several indicators commonly used to evaluate California water conditions. The last two years were both dry statewide. Some parts of Southern California received their driest year on record ending in July 2007. River runoff in northern and central watersheds was well below average two years in a row, ending in October 2008. The Colorado River Basin, an important source of water supply for Southern California, continued in drought conditions, having experienced below-average runoff in seven of the last eight years.

Environmental issues on the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta are expected to reduce water deliveries by as much as 30 percent this year to 25 million Californians. A water shortage will affect everyone. It's important to remember that water conservation is not just for times of water shortage. Using less water helps us to become more flexible during times when there is a water shortage. Conserving water is simple and inexpensive. Do one thing each day that will save water. Even if savings are small, every drop counts.

Remember, as we begin a new year, the water we save today is the water we'll need tomorrow.

For questions or comments about water conservation, please call the Utilities Division at (714) 536-5921.



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The Age Wave: Are You Ready for the Ride?

Huntington Beach Senior Services is offering a free five-week class, *The Age Wave: Are you ready for the Ride* to prepare volunteers and caregivers. The class will be held Wednesdays February 4—March 4, 2009 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue in Huntington Beach. Huntington Beach Senior Services staff will cover the following topics:

- Active Aging
- Aging Network & Community Resources
- Boomers Redefining Aging
- Communication & Active Listing
- Elder Abuse, Signs & Symptoms
- Grief & Loss
- Myths and Realities of Aging
- Maintaining Boundaries
- Special Needs of the Homebound Elderly
- *Free CPR Class Included*

Volunteers are essential to the success of Huntington Beach Senior Services. Volunteers donate close to 50,000 hours each year. Volunteers transport seniors, package and deliver meals, visit the homebound, provide information and referrals, and much more. By offering this class, *The Age Wave-Are you Ready for the Ride*, Huntington Beach Senior Services prepares volunteers to better serve this section of our community. Some of the volunteer positions in Senior Services require this training including Friendly Visitors and Volunteer Escorts. Friendly Visitors visit with senior clients who have limited social contact. Volunteer Escorts work through the transportation program to assist frail seniors on their errands, shopping or to the doctor's office.



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

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



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Get in Shape for the New Year with Community Services Fitness Programs

Is your New Year's resolution to get into shape? The City of Huntington Beach has programs for all fitness levels and interests! You can get ready to run a marathon when you sign up for the **New Marathon Training Program**. Students of all levels will learn what it takes to run a marathon. This program will not only train seasoned runners but will help beginners to train safely to reach their goals! Starting on January 3 this class will start at the City Hall parking lot at 2000 Main St. starting at 6:30 a.m. every Saturday through May 2.



Maybe you like the idea of exercising at the beach. The Community Services Department has teamed up with the **Surf Academy** to offer a **boot camp for women**. This program will take advantage of our beautiful coastline while facing the challenge of working out in the sand! This class will start on January 12 and run until March 26 from 6:00-7:00 a.m. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday.



Have you ever wondered if you could learn to surf? This is "Surf City", so what better way is there to achieve your fitness goals and learn a new skill, than joining **Surf Lessons** offered by the City of Huntington Beach on the south side of the Pier. Expert instructors will teach you how to safely develop all of the skills needed to learn this exciting sport. Equipment is provided during class! This class is offered on Saturdays and Sundays from 9-10:30 a.m. By summer you could be surfing with the other dudes and dudettes!

Some people prefer to drop in and exercise without joining a class. The Community Services Dept. will continue offering **lap swimming** at the Huntington Beach High School Pool. Swimming is a great way to exercise and provides an opportunity to gain strength without risking joint injuries! Lap swim times are on Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The price for each swim is \$3 or a 20 punch pass may be purchased at the City Gym and Pool.

For more information on these and other fitness programs refer to your SANDS guide delivered to your home or on line at surfcity-hb.org. Make this New Year's resolution one that becomes a way of life and join us as we celebrate the New Year by developing a healthy lifestyle!



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Stress-Free Travel Starts at City Hall

City of
Huntington
Beach
Passport
Acceptance
Facility



Your first easy step abroad starts at home!
Stop by and experience our convenient,
friendly services with no long lines.

Services include:

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

Traveling by Land or Sea?

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

SUMMER 2009: On June 1, 2009 the U.S. government will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase of the WHTI requiring most U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry to have either a U.S. passport, passport card, a trusted traveler card such as NEXUS, FAST, or SENTRI, a valid Merchant Marine Document (MMD) when traveling in conjunction with official maritime business, or a valid U.S. Military identification card when traveling on official orders.

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

HOURS:
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(excluding holidays)

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

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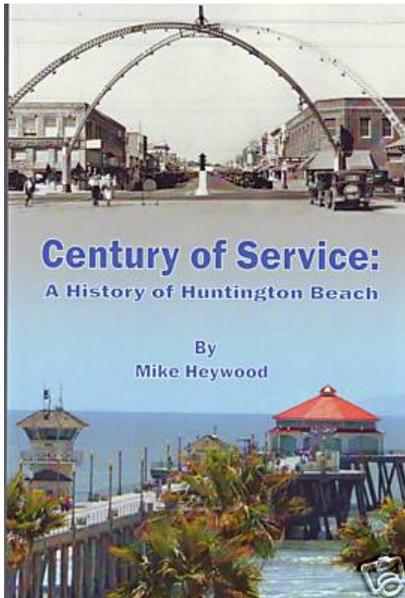
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History of Huntington Beach book now available!



The Kiwanis Foundation of Huntington Beach has published a new history of Huntington Beach titled Century of Service, A History of Huntington Beach, by Mike Heywood. The book memorializes the individuals and organization that have served the City of Huntington Beach over the past hundred years of the town's incorporation in 1909! It is being sold as a fundraiser to support the various youth and senior citizen activities performed by club members.

The 160-page soft cover book is filled with informative information, complete with some fascinating pictures dating back to the earliest days of the city. To obtain a copy either go to Ebay and enter the title in their search engine, or send a check for \$19.99 along with \$3.00 shipping to Kiwanis History Book, Box 1983, Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Along with the book, you'll receive a tax-deductible receipt for income tax purposes. The book is also being sold as a fundraiser by the Key Club organizations in our local high schools.

Unwanted Vehicles can have a much needed home

The City of Huntington Beach, Community Services Department operates Project Self-Sufficiency, a nonprofit program which assists low-income, single-parents who are motivated to achieve economic independence from public assistance. In their quest to raise their children, educate themselves, maintain a full- or part-time job, and provide a home for themselves and their children, many program participants must use public transportation because they don't have a vehicle.

Many Huntington Beach seniors have a vehicle that they are no longer driving and which could be put to very good use by Project Self-Sufficiency parents. It's a win-win situation!! If you would like to do a good turn, donate the vehicle you are no longer driving and obtain a tax write-off by calling Huntington Beach Seniors Outreach at 714-960-2478 and ask for a Social Worker. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.





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Huntington Beach Public Library Calendar

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.

Family Evening Pajama Storytime with Miss Barbara

Tabby Storytime Theater - FREE - Thursday, January 8, 2009 7:00 PM

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

John Abrams' "Animal Magic Show of Doom"

Wednesday, January 21, 2009 4:00 PM - Library Theater - \$4 - Children & Adults

Join us for some magical fun with animals! Travel around the world with Indiana John and his "animals of doom". Ice tea turns into a tarantula! A live snake appears out of nowhere! For the big finale, John will attempt to escape after being tied up in 75 feet of rope! Not too scary, but definitely not for the faint of heart. Tickets on sale now. Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended.



Special Sunday Family Storytime

Sunday, January 25, 2009 2:00 PM -- Tabby Storytime Theater -- FREE to the public

As part of the celebration of the 22nd Annual Authors Festival sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library, please join us in the Central Library for a special Sunday Storytime with Deborah Turner, author of the beloved Willy the dog books. The entire family is invited to come and hear the author Deborah read from her collection of Willy books, and possibly even meet Willy himself! She will autograph her books for sale.

22nd Annual Authors Festival & Gala Reception at Central Library

Tuesday, January 27, 2009 2:30 PM -- 4:30 PM -- Free of charge -- open to the public

The entire community is cordially invited to attend a gala afternoon reception at the Huntington Beach Library to celebrate the 22nd annual Authors Festival, sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library. Over twenty-five local authors and illustrators will have spent the day at schools in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. At 2:30 PM, in the Central Library, many of these authors and illustrators will attend a community reception to greet children, parents, local dignitaries, and the public. A selection of the authors' books will be on sale for autographing. Festivities will include an award ceremony for the First Place winners of the Library Time Warp contest, at 3:45 in the Tabby Theater. Light refreshments will be served.



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CATCH THE WAVE OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

APPLICANTS MAY NOW APPLY ON-LINE!
www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs

- If applying for the first time on-line, you must first create a personal account and select a username and password. To do this, go to www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs and click on one of the links under "Catch the Wave". You may also click on the "Build Job Application" link to prepare your application. The application can then be saved and used to apply for more than one recruitment at any time.
- You may also view complete job descriptions and qualifications. Should you wish to be notified by email of a specific future job opening, you may fill our on-line notification request form. Just fill out an "electronic interest card" by clicking on the link to Request job notifications by category.

Full Time Opportunities

Communications Operator (Experienced)
Police Officer (Experienced)
Principal Personnel Analyst (Closes 12/31/08)
Street Maintenance Supervisor

Part Time Opportunities

College Interns Part-Time/Temporary Positions
Community Services, Recreation, Human and Cultural Services Part-Time/Temporary Positions
Library Part-Time/Temporary Positions
Maintenance Worker Assistant (II, III, IV)
Police Cadet



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Free Friday Afternoon at the Movies

Sponsored by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging

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.

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN

JANUARY 9

The magical world of C.S. Lewis' beloved fantasy comes to life once again in this second installment of The Chronicles of Narnia series. One year later (or thirteen hundred Narnian years) the Pevensie children, Peter, (William Moseley) Susan (Anna Popplewell), Edmund, (Skandar Keynes), and Lucy (Georgie Henley) return to Narnia to aid Prince Caspian, (Ben Barnes) the exiled heir to the throne, whose life is threatened by the evil Telmarine King Miraz (Sergio Castellitto).

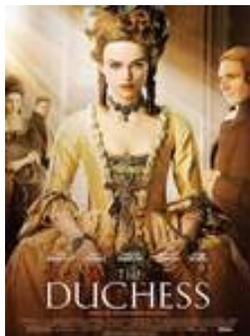
PG_13 For epic battle & violence

149 minutes



THE DUCHESS

JANUARY 16



Keira Knightly stars as Georgiana, the Duchess of Devonshire (1757-1806) who while still a teenager, married a fabulously wealthy aristocrat, the Duke of Devonshire (Ralph Fiennes.) Although expected her to produce an heir, Georgiana's marriage views were flexible. She dislikes but tacitly accepts her husbands numerous adulteries while she indulges in a scandalous affair with politician Charles Grey (Dominic Cooper.) Reviled for her extravagant political and personal life, Georgiana responds, "You can't ask me to battle nature in my own heart."

PG-13 For sexual content, brief nudity & thematic material 109 minutes



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WALL-E

JANUARY 23

Pixar has created an animated film that you can enjoy even if you are grown-up. In a futuristic world, human beings have destroyed Earth and evacuated the planet, leaving the cleanup to an army of robots they've programmed to do their dirty work. Due to a mishap, the dutiful WALL-E is the only one left. But with the arrival of a female probe named EVE, the monotony of WALL-E's existence is broken -- and he experiences love for the first time. Andrew Stanton (Finding Nemo) directs visual wonderment with a sci-fi twist. *Winner of the Los Angeles Film Critics Award for best movie of 2008.*

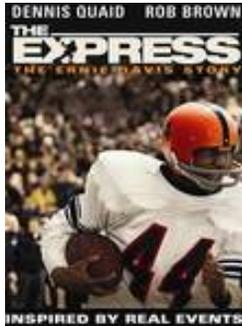


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98 minutes

THE EXPRESS

JANUARY 30



Rob Brown stars in the true story of Ernie Davis, the first African American to win football's Heisman Trophy. Dubbed the "Elmira Express" for his relentless drive, Davis lived up to the nickname off the field as he battled for respect and racial equality which changed the face of American sports. Dennis Quaid co-stars as Syracuse's Ben Schwartzwalder, the coach who teaches Davis the game and in return learns much from Brown's bold civil rights achievements. The Davis story continues to inspire new generations.

PG- For thematic content, violence and language
130 minutes

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



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Saturday Film Forum returns to the Huntington Beach Central Library

The popular Saturday film series returns to the Huntington Beach Central Library in February. This time we will be delving into the world of detectives and their different portrayals on film. The program will start on February 28th with a screening of “*The Maltese Falcon*” and continues on March 28th, April 18th and May 16th. All programs are on Saturdays at 2pm in the Central Library Theatre. And better yet, they are FREE! Mark your calendars and join us!



Friends of the Library Authors’ Luncheon

The Friends of the Library invite you to attend the authors’ luncheon on Friday, January 9, 2009 when they present Brett Battles and Robert Gregory Browne.

Bret Battles’ book, *The Cleaner* and *The Deceived* are the first two international spy thrillers, featuring Jonathan Quinn. Quinn is a government freelance operative of the U.S. intelligence agency. Known as the Cleaner, he disposes of bodies and ties up loose ends.



Robert Gregory Browne’s book, *Kiss Her Goodbye*, a classic race against time thriller, is soon to be followed by Browne’s second novel, *Whisper in the Dark*, is an edgy suspense with a touch of the super-natural.

Doors open at 11:30 AM, lunch is at noon and followed by authors’ program. Book sales and signings are offered before and after the luncheon.

Please make checks payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or deliver to Friends Gift Shop. Reservations and checks must be received no later than Monday, January 5. For questions, please contact the Friends Gift Shop at (714) 375-8429.



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Superintendent of Recreation, Human and Cultural Services Janeen Laudenback receives Mayor's Award



Mayor Keith Bohr presented Janeen Laudenback the Mayor's Award at the December 15 council meeting.

Janeen began working for the city as a recurrent at the City Gym & Pool in 1982. She has worked at Oak View Neighborhood Center, Edison Community Center and Rodger's Senior Center before being promoted to Superintendent of Recreation, Human and Cultural Services in 2002. She is known for her great positive "can do" attitude and her drive to make the Community Services Department and city better. Her peers consider her to be truly professional, caring and a great teammate.

Family, friends from work and members of the Council On Aging were in attendance to support Janeen as she received the award from Mayor Bohr.



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January Calendar of Events

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

January Television Schedule for Channel Three

- Community Bulletin Board Daily - *Be sure to check out the new look to the Channel 3 Bulletin Board!*

- City Council Meetings January 5 @ 6:00 pm
 Rebroadcast January 6 at 10 am
 and January 7 at 7 pm
 January 20 @ 6:00 pm
 Rebroadcast January 21 @ 7 pm
 *City Hall Closed January 19 due to Martin Luther King Day

- Planning Commission Meeting January 13 @ 7 pm
 Rebroadcast January 15 @ 7 pm
 And January 27 @ 7 pm
 Rebroadcast January 29 @ 7 pm

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