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Concours d'Elegance returns to Central Park

Get ready for two days of fun. The 23rd Annual Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance has added an extra day this year to fit all of the entries. The event is taking place on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1. Every year, thousands of spectators come to view over 450 cars, motorcycles, and vintage bicycles at Huntington Beach Central Park.



This year on Saturday, May 31st, Hot Rods in the Park presents "Back to the Beach" and salutes the 1938, 1939 and 1940 Fords, street rods and Woodies. On Sunday, June 1st, the traditional Concours will salute domestic marques Corvette automobiles and Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and import marques Ferrari automobiles and BMW motorcycles.

Special Guest, George Barris, renowned automotive designer, will be on hand Saturday at Hot Rods in the Park, and will also present the signed George Barris Sheild award to the entry of this choice. Other featured guests will include "Fireball" Tim Lawrence, movie car designer and Dave Kunz, automotive reporter for KABC-TV.



The event features more than automobiles. The two day event will again feature live entertainment and activities including special programs for children, auto art and an auto art competition, food merchants and vendors. A VIP luncheon and Hot Wheels Racing for children will be held on Sunday, June 1st. Also, any participant or spectator showing up in Hawaiian dress will receive a gift at entry while supplies last.

The cost for spectators is \$10 a day or \$15 for a two-day fun ticket at the gate. Seniors age 62 and over are \$8 a day. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. A \$2 discount coupon is available at Library. All proceeds after operating expenses are donated to the Huntington Beach Central Library Children's Resource Center.

If you would like to participate by entering a vehicle in either of the day's events, please visit the Concours website at www.hbconcours.org or call Bart McGrath at (714) 960-2100. All entries must be received by Friday, May 23rd, 2008.

For further details and general information about the event, call (714) 375-8414 or visit www.hbconcours.org.



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College 101 Program offered for incoming college students



Going to Golden West College in the fall? The Huntington Beach Public Library in conjunction with Golden West College will be hosting a special program for you to learn how to get started and make your experience a success. Students will learn about the registration process, financial aid options, and using the library for all their research needs. Each person that attends will receive a packet of helpful information and be entered into a raffle for FREE PRIZES!!!

Representatives and librarians will be on site to answer any questions you may have. Prospective students, those currently enrolled, and parents are all urged to attend!

Tuesday, May 6, 2008. 3:30-5:00 pm. Huntington Beach Central Library – 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, in the Balboa Room.

Cayce Crowder Named Miss Huntington Beach 2008

Congratulations to Miss Huntington Beach Cayce Crowder and her court. These local residents join a long tradition of honored women.

Mayor Pro Tem Bohr joined by Pam Alagata, Executive Director of the Miss Huntington Beach Pageant, introduced Miss Huntington Beach Cayce Crowder, and Princesses Samantha Gallo and Amber Palm were honored at the April 7, 2008 City Council Meeting. Miss Huntington Beach Outstanding Teen, Laura Cunningham, was also introduced at the meeting.





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Enjoy a Day of Touring, Luncheon and Shopping at Home Tour 2008

The Huntington Beach Educational Foundation (HBEF) is pleased to announce its 9th annual spring fundraiser, the Open Doors Home Tour, Saturday May 10th, 2008. Remarkable Remodels is the theme of the year as you tour six diverse and stunning homes in Huntington Beach, including Huntington Harbor, historic downtown and Southeast Huntington Beach.



Guests will also enjoy a delicious catered luncheon and outdoor boutique featuring many home, fashion and décor items at the Huntington Beach Art Center. The gourmet buffet lunch and desserts are provided by popular local food establishments such as BJ's Restaurant and Brewery, Buca Di Beppo, and Polly's Pies, and a Mother's Day Boutique at the HBAC. Proceeds from this event will support students within the Huntington Beach City School District through educational/teacher grants. Tickets are \$50.00 and include lunch. For ticket information please contact Shannon Maddux at 714-964-2252 or visit our website at HBEF4kids.org.



HBEF is a non-profit organization whose mission is to develop and expand a partnership among the business, parent and educational communities which promotes excellence in our students' behaviors, attitudes and achievements. All proceeds from membership and events such as the Home Tour advance this mission by helping to fund grants to the Huntington Beach School District and its teachers. For more information on becoming a member of the Huntington Beach Educational Foundation, please visit our website at HBEF4kids.org.



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Butterflies are back at Gibbs Park after Arbor Day Celebration

Over 200 volunteers, civic and community leaders, community organizations, and City of Huntington Beach employees donated their time to bring butterflies back to Butterfly Grove in Norma Gibbs Park.

On Saturday, April 19 the City celebrated National Arbor Day by planting trees in the park. The Huntington Beach Tree Society planting was one of several efforts to replenish the forest and make it again habitable for migrating Monarch butterflies. The effort included planting 800 butterfly plants and 55 trees in honor of Arbor Day.

The Tree Division of the Huntington Beach Public Works Department was on hand at the event to educate visitors

and volunteers on the proper ways to plant and care for trees.

The needed trees helped replace about one hundred destroyed trees by the Australian tortoise beetle, which were first brought to the attention of the City Council by local resident, Leslie Gilson. She observed that the Monarch butterflies were seen less and less due to the dying and dead trees.



Former Mayor Norma Gibbs enjoys a restful moment at the event.

After presenting this problem to city officials, they immediately ordered the trees to be removed.

The non-profit Huntington Beach Tree Society helped create a strategy for replanting the grove so that it may once again provide a welcoming atmosphere for butterflies.



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Elaine Craft from Women in Action, HB Chamber of Commerce, read a poem she wrote to commemorate the occasion:



Earth Day Celebration at Butterfly Park

*A flurry now of royal wings upon the sun does shine
The Western Monarch comes again upon these trees to dine*

*The blue gum Eucalyptus grows here to host these ones
Each year brings back a splash of wings in gold and amber brown*

*We plant more trees with joy in heart to grow within this space
To shade the lovely plantings that thrive within Gibbs Park*

*Our butterflies will surely dine upon the plants grown here
And then of course they will return to bring us joy each year.*

Huntington Beach Tree Society has planted more than 4500 trees in the City to date. Visit www.hbtrees.org, for more information about the Huntington Beach Tree Society.

Gala Event for Orange Coast River Park Committee

The Orange Coast River Park Committee of the Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks is holding a gala event on May 16, 2008 to celebrate the collective efforts and accomplishments of the many individuals and organizations that have been working to make the Orange Coast River Park a reality. The Gala will be from 4-7 PM at the newly constructed Wetlands and Wildlife Care and Education Center at Newland and Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach.



The event is being held for community leaders, media representatives, and elected officials whose jurisdictions adjoin the Santa Ana River corridor. Its theme is "A Moment in Time." It will serve as a jumping off point for a wave of partnering and activities of public and private entities aimed at advancing a vision of a 1,000+ acre park comprised of significant natural habitats and major recreational facilities.

Highlighted at the event will be the future development plans for the Wetlands and Wildlife Care and Education Center, the Wildlands Conservancy's Santa Ana river Vision plan, the OCRP native plant nursery project, Orange County's Trail Feasibility Study plans and projects, the upcoming restoration of the Huntington Beach Wetlands, and the Santa Ana River Blue Ribbon Vision plans of Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach and Newport Beach.



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Walk! Run! Fly or Waddle! But Don't Miss
The 16th Annual
Community Care Health Centers Support Group's

Duck-A-Thon™

Friday, May 16th - Saturday, May 17th - Sunday, May 18th
at the Huntington Beach Pier



Saturday - 3:00 p.m. The Main Event

Over 4,000 little rubber duckies
will be launched from the
Huntington Beach Pier
and race on the tide to shore.

Buy a Duck - Compete for Prizes
Baby Duck - \$10

Buccaneer Baby Duck - \$20
(Decked out as a pirate, Buccaneer
Ducks can win Double Prizes!)

Friday, May 16th WINE TASTING AT PIER PLAZA

Fine Wine and a Pacific Sunset
6 p.m. 'til 8 p.m.
\$40 / Presale - \$50 / at the Gate

Saturday & Sunday DUCK FESTIVAL

Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Exciting and Original Arts & Crafts
-----Food-----
Children's Games & Activities

Sunday - 3:00 p.m. The Corporate Challenge

The coveted "Golden Duck"
Trophy and year-long bragging
rights are at stake in this race.

Corporate Duck - \$100
Buccaneer Corporate Duck - \$125

Sponsorships Available: \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000, \$10,000 and up.
Exciting and Valuable Sponsorship Benefits accrue to Our major Sponsors
Proceeds Benefit Community Care Health Centers

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www.duck-a-thon.org • email us at: hbduckathon@aol.com

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Volunteers Clean Up our Beach for Earth Day



Earth Day is a great time to become stewards of one of our most precious resources—our beaches. Volunteers from Huntington Beach gathered at City Beach on Saturday, April 26 in the morning to help clean up our beach as part of Earth Day.

The event was organized by the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department. Trash was collected from the sand and disposed of properly to ensure that our beaches can be enjoyed for residents and visitors alike.

Restoration on Historic Fire Truck “Seagrave” Begins

Last summer, the HB Fire Fighters Association traded a forklift to the Travel Land Museum in Los Angeles for an amazing piece of local history: a 1923 Seagrave Metropolitan fire engine used by the HB Fire Department in the 1920's and 30's. They are now beginning the project of refurbishing the engine to its original, running condition. Their goal is to have the restoration project completed by April 1, 2009 in time for the City's and Fire Department's 100th Anniversary and in time to display the engine in the Annual 4th of July Parade.

They are on their way to accomplishing their goal with a significant donation from Boeing. Boeing has also offered to help in whatever way they can to make the restoration project succeed. The Seagrave engine was delivered to Boeing where the Fire Department and Shop Employees





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along with the HBFA Seagrave Restoration Committee are beginning the dismantling phase of the project. The old engine is being taken down to the frame so the engine, pump, transmission and running gear can be inspected for missing parts and needs.

This is a great step forward and a big success for the Seagrave Restoration Project awareness campaign, entitled "Preserving our Past... Preserving our Future," that has been under way since last summer to raise funds and awareness for the restoration project.

HB Firefighters Go Green

Even though the fire trucks are red, the fire department is going green. Eco-friendly shopping bags, with the Huntington Beach Fire Department identification are being distributed to all fire stations. These bags will be used in place of plastic or paper grocery bags when shopping for food on duty. This is part of a citywide effort to be environmentally conscious.

Using these reusable bags will help reduce the consumption of plastic and paper bags which have a negative impact on our environment. For example:



- The U.S. uses 100 billion plastic bags annually, which is the equivalent of 12 million barrels of oil.
- Less than 1% of plastic bags are ever recycled.
- Plastic bags kill sea animals that mistake them for food or become entangled in them.
- It costs California taxpayers \$20.5 million annually to collect and landfill plastic bags wasted each year.
- The demand for paper bags in the U.S. consumes 14 million trees annually.
- The production of paper bags involves more energy use and water pollution than that of plastic bags.



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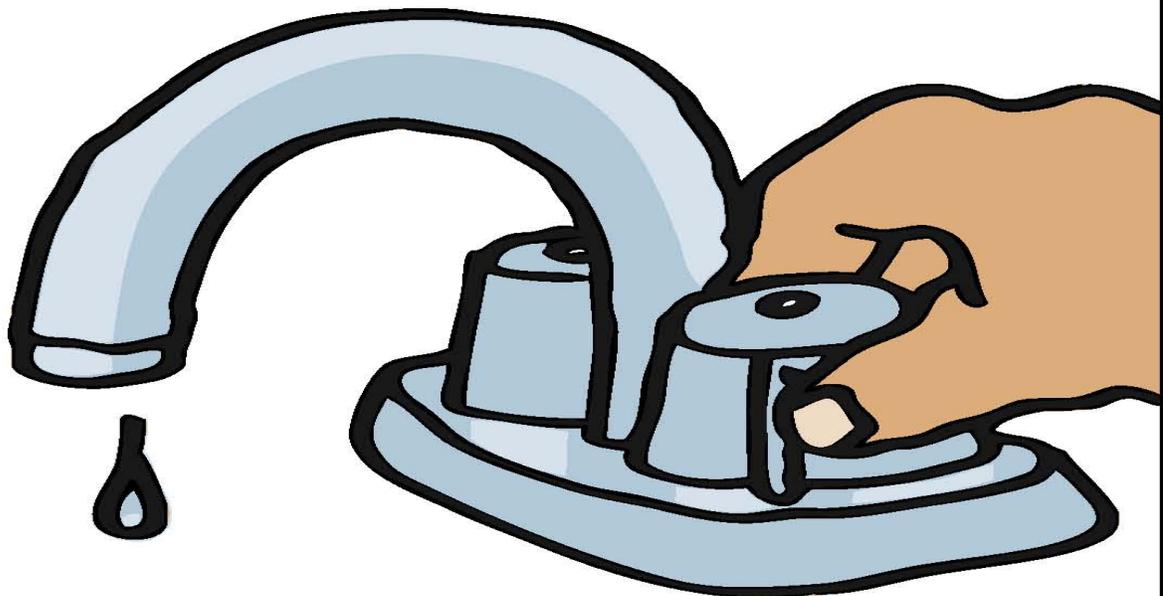
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**YOU CUT COUPONS.
YOU CUT BACK ON JUNK FOOD.
NOW CUT BACK YOUR
WATER USAGE.**



Make cutting back on how much water you use a new habit. It's as simple as turning off running faucets. Washing only full loads of laundry or dishes. And taking shorter showers.

The fact is, years of record dry conditions and the state's fragile water supply and delivery system are affecting our supply. Even rain won't wash away the need for all of us to use less water.

But you can make a difference. For more easy tips on how to permanently use less water, go to bewaterwise.com.

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A message from the Metropolitan Water District and
the Family of Southern California Water Agencies



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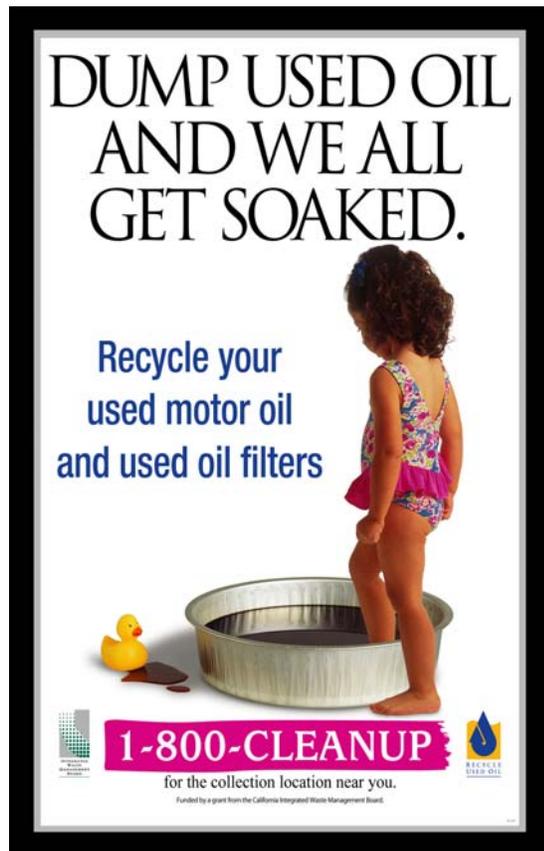
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Free Used Oil and Oil Filter Disposal for Huntington Beach Residents

Are you a “do-it-yourself” mechanic who needs to dispose of used motor oil and used oil filters? Then take advantage of our Used Oil & Oil Filter collection program. You can arrange for pick-up at your home by calling our residential “curbside” collection service at [1-800-449-7587](tel:1-800-449-7587), or you can drop off used oil and filters at most area auto parts stores where you buy your new oil; look for the blue and yellow “**Recycle Used Oil**” logo in the store’s window. The service is free to local residents, funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

What Happens to My Used Oil?



- Used oil collected from consumers is recycled into re-refined oil.
- One gallon of used oil can produce 2.5 quarts of re-refined oil, and at only 1/3 the energy cost of refining the same amount of motor oil from crude oil.
- Re-refined oil is the same quality as virgin oil. The re-refining process cleans up the used oil, filters out sludge and particulates, and reformulates it with necessary additives so it meets the same SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) and API (American Petroleum Institute) standards as virgin oils.
- Re-refined oils are used by the United States Postal Service and the National Park Service in their fleet vehicles.
- The State of California purchases approximately 189,000 gallons of re-refined oil per year for use in the State’s fleet vehicles.

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



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Events this month at the Shipley Nature Center

Vermicomposting – On May 17 at 10:00 am, The Magic of Vermicomposting workshop will be held at Shipley Nature Center. This informative seminar will teach you how to turn kitchen resources (food scraps) into rich compost for your garden and houseplants. Seminar cost is only \$10 per participant and for Huntington Beach residents the City will rebate the registration fee toward the purchase of a worm composting kit.



Our Natives – Stroll through the eight habitats and see how California Native Plants provide food, shelter and beauty for our local birds and wildlife and conserve water at the same time.

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.

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 in top shape for residents and visitors.

Open Monday-Saturday 9 am to 1 pm. Located in Huntington Central Park. Parking at 17829 Goldenwest Street near Talbert. There is no fee to visit the Center!

For more information, call Shipley Nature Center at 714-842-4772 or see www.shipleynature.org.

Saturday Film Forum at Huntington Beach Central Library



Come join us for the May screenings of our current film program: "Cinema Francais: Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves". On May 3rd we will screen **French Kiss**, a delightful romantic comedy starring Meg Ryan and Kevin Kline. On May 31st, Ewan McGregor and Nicole Kidman strut their stuff in this Baz Luhrmann musical. All the films are free and will be on Saturdays from 2pm to 5pm in the Library theatre. Please plan on joining us!!



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Huntington Beach Police Department OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008

Civic Center

2000 Main St. @ Yorktown

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

★ **Tours of the Jail, Dispatch, and Crime Lab** ★

★ **Static Display of the Helicopter** ★

★ **Child Fingerprinting** ★

★ **Patrol Vehicles** ★

★ **Motorcycles** ★

★ **SWAT** ★

★ **K-9** ★



Visit by McGruff

the Crime Dog



**\$6.00 COMBO
HOTDOG, CHIPS, & DRINK**





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Stress-Free Travel Starts Here



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



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

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

Traveling by Land or Sea?

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

SUMMER 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>.

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Paying Your Bills Just Got Easier

“Give checks the boot!” and visit www.surfcity-hb.org/payments to check out the City Treasurer’s Department three new “paperless” ways to pay your Municipal Services Utility statement, all at “no cost” to you!



- 💰 Try our online “ePay” service at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments and pay by MasterCard or Visa
- 💰 Pay by credit card using our voice automated “PhonePay” system at 877-309-4915. If you have any problems with using this service, call our Official Payments customer services representatives at 888-357-8394 and they can assist you in making the payment.
- 💰 To pay using your bank checking account, sign up for our “AutoPay” program and we can deduct your amount due every month directly from your account automatically. Download an application at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments.

Find out more about these three options at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments, or visit us at 2000 Main Street on the 1st floor at our cashiering windows and receive a free “stress reliever” when you turn in your AutoPay application!

Special Notice to customers using online banking and 3rd party payment services: Please review your payee set up for the City of Huntington Beach. Your account number must read exactly as it does on your Municipal Services Utility statement, including the “dash” (ex: 12345-123456). Payee must be “City of Huntington Beach.” Incomplete information may result in a rejected payment. **EVEN IF YOUR PAYMENTS WERE SUCCESSFULLY PROCESSED IN THE PAST, YOU MUST CONFIRM THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT.** If you have any questions, please contact us at (714) 536-5445.



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“CATCH THE WAVE” OF... JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

ALL APPLICANTS MAY NOW APPLY ONLINE AT
WWW.SURFCITY-HB.ORG/JOBS

- If this is the first time you are applying online, you will need to create an account and select a Username and password by clicking on the “*Build Job Application*” link. This application can be saved and used to apply for more than one recruitment.
- You may also fill out an “**electronic interest card**” by clicking on the link to *Request job notifications by category*.

Full Time Opportunities

Building Plan Checker II
 Communications Operator (*Experienced*)
 Economic Development Project Manager
 Energy Project Manager
 Fire Protection Analyst
 Plan Check Engineer
 Police Officer (*Experienced*)
 Traffic Signals Electrician
 Ambulance Operator (*Temp-3yr contract*)

Part Time Opportunities

Aquatic Personnel
 Maintenance Worker Assistant I, II, III, IV
 Police Cadet
 Recreation Leader I, II



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Presale Tickets Available for HBAC's 8th Annual Benefit Art Auction

Going once, going twice, gone! The Huntington Beach Art Center's (HBAC) Benefit Art Auction is right around the corner, providing an excellent opportunity for patrons to begin or build their art collections.

This year's event, themed **ARTini Time III**, takes place **May 9 – 16** featuring a three-gallery exhibition of art by emerging to established artists, the *3 Inch Going Once, Going Twice, Gone!*: Exhibition of Small Works, a site-specific outdoor installation on the HBAC facade, a week of continuous silent bidding, and an assortment of scrumptious food and wine.



The week begins at the Meet the Artists Party on Friday, May 9, 7 – 9 p.m, where the community is invited to mingle with exhibiting artists to learn more about their work. The silent bidding begins that night as each art patron is issued a paddle number so they can bid on their favorite piece(s).

The auction exhibition and silent bidding continues through the week, between May 9 and 16, with many art patrons returning frequently to continue the bidding process. If any patron cannot make it to the Art Center, a proxy bidder is available during the exhibition and at the Live Auction.



On Friday, May 16, collectors and other art patrons begin arriving at 7 p.m. to enjoy the Live Auction Party and continue their bidding. The evening features delectable fare and lush wines by local restaurants, our mix-it-up ARTini Bar, and playful praxis by the artist collective *Finishing School*. The party dynamically comes to life at 8 p.m. when Dr. Carl Hartman kicks off the Live Auction, using this year's "chosen shoe" as the gavel, starting a fun and friendly bidding war that results in dozens of delighted patrons taking home their favorite art.

This annual event benefits the Art Center's exhibition and education programs. Please show your support of the Arts in our community and join the party!

Admission through May 8: General \$40; HBAC members \$35
Admission after May 8: General \$50; HBAC members \$45

For more information or tickets, please call the Art Center at 714.374.1650. To view available work online, visit <http://www.surfcity-hb.org>.



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H.H.Y.C. Summer Sailing

Scholarships Available!



2008



Scholarships Available!

Give your children the gift of a summer of fun, while learning to sail. The H.H.Y.C. has a terrific sailing school for students six to eighteen. Students will learn the fundamentals of sailing, racing and sportsmanship. They will develop teamwork, independence, and confidence in an environment where water safety is our number one concern. Our program is open to members and non-members.

Turtles: (6-7) Learn about the sailing basics and water safety under the close supervision of a trained, fun loving instructor.

Beginning Sailors: (8 and older) Students will learn to rig and sail sabots on their own Rigging. They will also learn water safety, seamanship, and self-confidence in the water.

Intermediate Sailors: Advanced students who have attained advanced sailing skills and the basics of racing protocols.

Advanced Sailors: Students who have shown their knowledge of identified skills and are ready to compete in races both in and outside of the H.H.Y.C. waters. The emphasis will be on sailing and competing with CFJs and LIDOs as well as the Naples Sabot. We have a very qualified staff of racing instructors.

Enroll your children now for a fun filled summer!!!

Parent Night is June 3rd at 7:00 PM.

Location: Huntington Harbour Yacht Club

3821 Warner Avenue, H.B. CA 92649

Phone: 562-592-2186



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Special Events at the Central Library

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.

Children’s Book Week is the week of May 12 to May 18. Stop by the library!

Applications to be a “Volunteer” during the Summer Reading Program are available starting May 1, 2008. Opportunities include reading to children, helping with storytime and handing out prizes at the prize table. Teens must be at least 12 years old.

Special Upcoming Events for May 2008:

Family Evening Pajama Storytime with Special Guest Suni Paz

Tabby Storytime Theater

Thursday, May 8, 2008 7:00 PM

FREE

Come join special guest Suni Paz for our contribution to the Imagination Celebration, an annual spring arts festival for children and their families. The Children’s Library will present storyteller Suni Paz at our free Family Evening Storytime on May 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Tabby Theater. Suni uses folk and popular songs, rhythms, instruments and dances from the Americas in this interactive bilingual program for all ages. Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.



The Puppets and Players Little Theater presents “Puff the Magic Dragon”

Main Street Branch – 525 Main Street

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 4:00 PM

\$3 per child \$5 per adult



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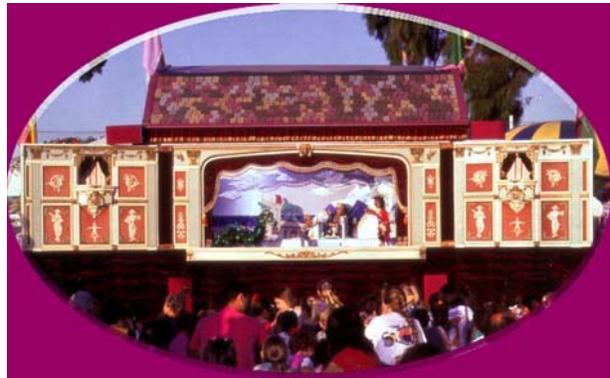
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Plan to come to a special library show just for kids and their parents at the **Huntington Beach Public Library’s Main Street Branch** on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 4:00 PM. We are pleased to welcome the Puppets and Players Little Theater and their production of “Puff the Magic Dragon” outside on the lawn at Main Street. Bring something to sit on, and dress for outside weather. Tickets are \$3.00 per child, \$5.00 per adult, and go on sale Wednesday, April 23 at both the Central Library and the Main Street branch. Advanced ticket purchase is **highly** recommended.



For more information call (714) 375-5107.

FREE! FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

No lines, no tickets to purchase! Enjoy a free afternoon at the movies at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors’ Center, 1706 Orange Avenue on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Complimentary popcorn and drinks make this a must see event. Movies are selected based on suggestions from the audience.

JUNO

MAY 2

This offbeat, original, laugh-out-loud comedy written by first-timer Diablo Cody won the 2008 Oscar for Best Original Screenplay. Facing an unplanned pregnancy, 16-year-old Juno MacDuff (Academy Award nominee, Ellen Page) chooses to locate the perfect parents to adopt her baby. Juno responds to ad in the Pennysaver from a pair of affluent yuppies anxious for a child. But the seemingly ideal parents Vanessa (Jennifer Garner) & Mark Loring (Jason Bateman) still have some growing up to do.



PG-13 For mature themes, sexuality and language

92 minutes



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CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR

MAY 16

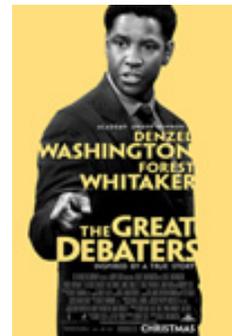
Texas congressman Charlie Wilson (Tom Hanks) is a good ol' boy who likes a drink in his hand and company in the hot tub. His office staff of smart buxom young women, including special assistant Bonnie (Amy Adams, *Enchanted*) keep him out of trouble. Charlie's major supporter, Houston millionaire Joanne Herring (Julia Roberts) sweet talks him into using his political savvy to supply weapons to Afghan rebels in their fight against the Soviets. Charlie conspires with chain-smoking, rogue CIA agent, Gust Avrakotos (Phillip Seymour Hoffman, in an Oscar-nominated role.) He and Gust are well-matched. "Do you drink?" Charlie asks Gust. "Oh, God, yes!" Together they make history. **R for language, nudity, & drug use.** 97 minutes



THE GREAT DEBATERS

MAY 23

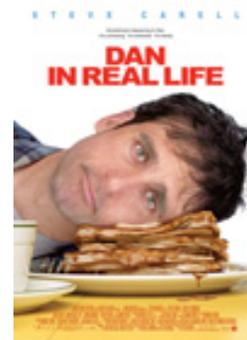
Denzel Washington directs this affirming drama based on a true story. Poet Laureate Mel Tolson (Denzel Washington) coaches a debate team at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, a black institution in the Jim Crow South of the 1930s. Tolson pushes the team to a level of excellence that allows them to challenge Harvard's championship team. More than just an inspirational sports genre film, this movie portrays a community's belief that an education is the best way out of racism and discrimination. Forest Whitaker and Denzel Whitaker (no relation) co-star. **PG-13 for thematic material, violence, language and sexuality.** 123 minutes



DAN IN REAL LIFE

MAY 30

For Thanksgiving, advice columnist and widowed father, Dan Burns (Steve Carell) and his three teenage girls join his large, closely knit, family at his parents' (John Mahoney and Dianne Wiest) home in Rhode Island. The first afternoon there, Dan believes he has finally met "the one" at a local bookstore. Marie (Juliette Binoche) is beautiful and smart but arrives at his parent's home on the arm of his brother, Mitch. With love tilting Dan's publicly recognized moral compass askew, Dan is torn between reaching for happiness and keeping the peace in his family. **PG for some innuendo.** 98 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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John Von Holle Receives Mayor's Award



John Von Holle started at the City on January 28, 1974 as a “Serviceman” at the rate of \$637 per month or \$4.63 an hour. Other positions that John has held are: Maintenance Worker in Water, Service worker Senior, Equipment Operator, Engineering Aide, Engineering Aide Senior, Engineering Technician II and III. During December 1987, John transferred to the Engineering Development Section where his duties include plan checking, issuing permits, reviewing dock permits, etc.

John serves on many committees: Public Works Open House, 4th of July Board – Parade and Fireworks Display, former member of the Huntington Beach High School Football Booster Club, Huntington Village Estates Homeowners Assoc; and former President of MEA.

John received the Bill Galyean award three years ago for volunteerism for 4th of July activities and rode in the parade in a horse-drawn carriage. John was presented with the Mayor's Award on April 21st and was joined by friends, family and co-workers for a photograph with Mayor Debbie Cook and Public Works Director Travis Hopkins.



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May 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

May 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	May 5 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast May 6 @ 10 am & May 7 @ 7 pm May 19 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast May 20 @ 10 am & May 21 @ 7 pm
Planning Commission Meeting	May 13 @ 7 pm (possible cancellation) Rebroadcast May 15 @ 7 pm May 27 @ 7 pm (possible cancellation) Rebroadcast May 29 @ 7 pm

Be sure to check out Surf City Highlights on Channel 3 and the City's website! For a complete program schedule – go to the City's website www.surfcity-hb.org. Click on Government then Public Information Office. You can download or view the schedule.

Central Park spotlighted by Huell Howser

Everyone's favorite tour guide, Huell Howser came to Huntington Beach Central Park on April 29th to film a show on Central Park as part of a weeklong series on Orange County.

Former Mayor and current Chair of the Conference and Visitor's Bureau Shirley Dettloff was the hostess welcoming him to the City. The filming included stops at Shipley Nature Center, the Equestrian Center and the Frisbee Golf Course. The show will air on May 22nd at 7:30 pm on KCET.

