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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 8th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Ave. Huntington Beach, 92648.

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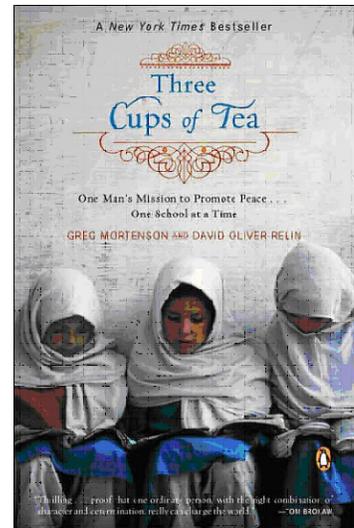
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Support the Huntington Beach Reads One Book program with your purchase at the Bella Terra Barnes & Noble, December 2 to 8

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

The **Huntington Beach Reads One Book** program will have a variety of events to encourage the community to read and discuss this year’s book selection, *Three Cups of Tea*. Seven area high schools have received the book and local book clubs are also participating. The program is open to any Huntington Beach resident and will feature book discussion groups, a reception at the Huntington Beach Art Center in January, and a visit by the author in February.

The Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force and the Huntington Beach Library Board of Trustees selected *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and award-winning journalist David Oliver Relin for the city-wide **Huntington Beach Reads One Book** project based on the reaction of readers. The book is a compelling story about how one American changed the lives of villagers in Pakistan and Afghanistan.



The true story of Greg Mortenson—a mountain climber turned humanitarian—is an engaging tale of his introduction to a culture very different from his own. A former army medic, Mortenson attempts to climb the highest mountain in the world to honor his late sister. Failing to make the top of K2, he gets lost upon descent and almost dies. The local villagers who rescue him introduce him to a new world, changing his life forever.

The **Reads One Book** program culminates with a special visit by author Greg Mortenson to Huntington Beach on February 21, 2008. The author will meet and talk with local high school students during the day, and will speak at an evening event open to the public at Huntington Beach High School.

Residents can help support the **Reads One Book** program by participating at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Bella Terra Mall (the former Huntington Center Mall), December 2 – 8, from 9 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Read the book summary and more about Mortenson’s work at www.threecupsoftea.com. For information about **Reads One Book**, please look at “What’s New” on the right side of the home page for the City of Huntington Beach website, www.surfcity-hb.org, or, call 714-374-1645. Readers’ Guides and suggested reading relating to the book are posted on the website page, and information regarding upcoming special events and programs also will be posted on the website.

If you are going to read only one book this year, then join Huntington Beach Reads One Book and read *Three Cups of Tea!*



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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 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.



Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

Smoke alarm batteries need to be changed at least once a year. So when you change your clock back to standard time on November 4, remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms, too. Once you have changed the batteries, be sure to test the alarms. This simple act cuts the risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half. This lifesaving reminder to Change Your Clock Change Your Battery comes from the Huntington Beach Fire Department.

Santa’s Home Visits

The very popular Santa Home Visit Program is in full swing. To schedule a visit, call 536-5486 and reserve a time between 6 – 9 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, December 5 - 21; or between 12 - 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, December 8 - 22. The fee is \$30 for fifteen minutes for up to five children.



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Flu Season Is Here

By Dr. Elaine Tonel

Dr. Tonel is a Huntington Beach resident and serves as an Assistant Medical Director for WorkCare in Anaheim.

Every season, there is a somewhat different strain of the flu virus. Vaccines are developed annually to target the latest strain of the bug. The influenza vaccine is the optimum method in preventing and reducing the severity of the flu.

Here Are Three Important Reasons To Take The Vaccine:

- People can be contagious for 24 hours before exhibiting any flu-like symptoms. This can lead to a false sense of security that you have not been exposed to the virus. The vaccine would protect you from contagious people.
- Scientists recently discovered that the flu virus was able to be recovered on a bank note after 15 days from contact with the germ. The vaccine protects you from objects that have been contaminated with the virus.
- Though washing your hands, and observing good hygiene habits may reduce the risk of exposure, the flu virus mutates from year to year. With yearly vaccinations, a person can build up considerable immunity to a whole range of flu strains, strengthening the body's ability to fight off the flu.

Flu Symptoms

Influenza is a respiratory infection caused by viruses. Some of the symptoms are similar to a cold, and it can sometimes be difficult to tell if you have the flu or a very bad cold. If you have the flu, you will have a sudden headache, dry cough, and you might have a runny nose and a sore throat. Your muscles will ache, you will be very tired, and you can have a fever up to 104°F (40°C). Most people feel better in a couple of days, but the tiredness and cough can last for two weeks or longer.

“Act As If”

“Act As If” the virus is present and circulating in public and workplace settings. Observe and practice the following guidelines to prevent the flu and reduce its spread:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick (a minimum of three feet);
- Clean things that are touched often, like door handles, desks, pens, telephones – both at work and at home;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, as germs carry easily from object to person;
- Stay home from work, school or social gatherings if you are sick;
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing;

Influenza Vaccine

The FDA has licensed two types of influenza vaccine for use in the United States: the shot and the nasal-spray flu vaccine. The shot contains inactivated, or killed, viruses and is given with a needle in the arm. The inhaled vaccine contains live viruses that are weakened and is administered into the nose with a sprayer. On September 19, 2007 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved use of the nasal influenza vaccine LAIV (FluMist®) for healthy children ages 2-4 years old (24-59 months old) without a history of recurrent wheezing, as well as for healthy persons ages 5-49 years who are not pregnant. Previously, approval was for healthy persons ages 5-49 years who are not pregnant. More information is available at www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/nasalspray.htm



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Need a Passport?

The Huntington Beach City Clerk's Office offers
Passport Acceptance Services and is conveniently
located

at the Civic Center, 2nd floor,
2000 Main Street at Yorktown Avenue

Passport Acceptance Hours are 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Monday through Friday (excluding holidays)

Services Include:

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

For more information, contact (714) 374-1600
or access the City's website
www.surfcity-hb.org



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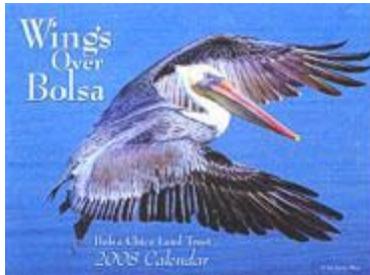
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2008 Wings over Bolsa Calendar

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



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

in person at the Land Trust office in Huntington Beach and from select merchants throughout the city.

City will host New Zealand Fest

The City of Huntington Beach is proud to present Surf City Fest: "A Taste of New Zealand" on December 1st and 2nd on Main Street in the downtown area. The Fest is presented in conjunction with the City of Waitakere, New Zealand, the Downtown Business Improvement District, the Huntington Beach Restaurant Association, New Zealand Trade & Enterprise, HB Conference & Visitor's Bureau, Navigator Tours, and New Zealand Consulate General.

Each day of the festival will feature three live performances by "Te Manawa Maori of Southern California", as well as short films from New Zealand shown outdoors on plasma screens. Musicians and local artists will also entertain guests on both days. Saturday, December 1st, will feature outdoor cooking demonstrations by 10 New Zealand chefs.

SAVE THE DATE www.surfcity-hb.org www.hbdowntown.com 714-536-5582

December 1 & 2
 Sat: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
 Sun: 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM

in Downtown Huntington Beach

SURF CITY'S Taste of NEW ZEALAND

After the demonstrations, participating downtown restaurants will offer diners the opportunity to enjoy the menus created by the visiting chefs, as well as a selection of New Zealand's wines. The chefs will also be on hand to provide insight into the cuisine. Saturday night will also include a full length feature film from New Zealand at the Pierside Pavilion movie theater. Sunday will be highlighted by the "Light a Light of Love" parade, presented in partnership with the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter.

The Festival will take place Saturday 11am - 7 pm, and Sunday 11am – 3:30 pm, with the "Light a Light of Love" parade at 4:00 on Sunday. For additional details, visit www.surfcity-hb.org or www.hbdowntown.com, or call Huntington Beach's Economic Development Department at (714) 536-5542.



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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

FULL-TIME VACANCIES	Closes
Police Officer (Experienced)	10/27/07
Police Recruit (Trainee)	10/27/07
Police Recruit (Academy Trained)	10/27/07
Ambulance Operator	10/31/07
Information Systems Technician I-IV	11/02/07
Police Records Technician	11/16/07

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
Temporary Office Worker (TOW)

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

UP-COMING RECRUITMENTS
Water Conservation Coordinator
Principal Electrical Inspector
Transportation Coordinator (PT/perm)
Energy Program Manager
Senior Civil Engineer

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Be a water hero

Kids—Want to be an OC Water Hero? Pledge to save just 20 gallons each day and get cool prizes. Parents—Help your child become an OC Water Hero and help save the environment at www.ocwaterhero.com.

We all know that Orange County is facing a tough villain—a dreaded drought. We will need to be more “water wise” to make sure there is enough water for the future. Your child can help by becoming an OC Water Hero. By pledging to save 20 gallons of water a day, each child will receive a Water Hero Badge so friends and family know they are a water conservation expert and a Water Waster Fix-It Ticket pad, so they can bust water wasters. The official Water Hero kit also includes a water conservation tips magnet, a shower timer, activity sheets and stickers. If your child can gain a water-saving promise from you, they can become a Super Hero and receive a free t-shirt.

The Orange County Water District and the Municipal Water District of Orange County has launched this new program and website especially for children to encourage them to get involved in water conservation in a fun and interactive way. The website features a pledge form, water saving tips, fun water facts, games and puzzles.

Saving just 20 gallons of water can make a huge difference in Orange County and the OC Water Hero Program makes it fun and easy. People can save gallons of water by turning off the water when they brush their teeth. They can take shorter showers, run the washer only with full loads of clothes, and repair leaky hoses. The district has more information about its Water Hero program at www.ocwaterhero.com.

Don't Miss the Boat

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



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

Cruise times: Monday through Thursday 6, 7, and 8 p.m.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.
Prices: Monday through Thursday \$13 adults \$8.50 children
Friday, Saturday \$15 adults \$9 children
Sunday (Family Night) \$11 adults \$8 children

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



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Huntington Beach Fire Department receives Fireman’s Fund Grants

A ceremony was held at Huntington Beach Pier Plaza on Thursday, October 4, 2007 with Mayor Gil Coerper, Huntington Beach and Newport Fire Chiefs Duane Olson and Steve Lewis, firefighters from each department, and executives from Westrope and Fireman’s Fund came. They came together for a special public ceremony where the grant funding was presented to both cities. The funding is to help upgrade the emergency breathing equipment at each fire department.



The grant package is part of a nationwide program called Fireman’s Fund HeritageSM which is funded by Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company. The program is designed to provide needed equipment, training and educational tools to local fire departments. Since 2004, Fireman’s Fund has issued grants to hundreds of different departments totaling more than \$14 million. Independent insurance agencies that sell Fireman’s Fund products are able to direct these grants to support fire stations in their communities. Westrope was instrumental in directing this specific donation to Huntington and Newport Beach Fire Departments.

Huntington Beach Fire Department’s grant, totaling \$16,360, will help replace old and outdated air bottles. An air bottle is part of the self-contained breathing apparatus worn by each firefighter while working in a contaminated environment with smoke, fire, or other hazardous materials. All together, 25 bottles will be purchased to replace some of the air tanks that reached the end of their service life and were discarded as mandated by federal law.

Newport Beach Fire Department received \$16,360 for a new high-tech “test bench,” a machine that tests emergency air bottles after repairs are made to ensure safe operations. The department’s current test machine does not meet National Fire Protection Association standards.



Since that time the City of Huntington Beach has been notified by Westrope and Fireman’s Fund that they qualified for a second grant and an additional \$12,000 is being awarded for the replacement of fire hose. This grant will be of particular benefit because some of the Department’s current inventory of fire hose exceeds its life expectancy, is out of warranty, and is in need of replacement. As with the previous grant, no matching funds are required by the City.



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“Relieve the \$tress of Writing Check\$”

Use our new “No Cost” PhonePay & ePay electronic payments options.

The City of Huntington Beach now offers two more convenient ways for you to pay your Municipal Services (Utility) Statement. The Huntington Beach City Treasurer’s Department has a new Interactive Voice Response system for payment of Utility Statements by credit card over the phone. This automated system ensures easy payment of your Utility Statements using our “no cost” PhonePay. In addition, you can go online to make your payments by credit card using our ePay method.



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

These new payment options are two of the three easy electronic payment methods offered by the city to alleviate the \$tress of writing check\$. You can pay your Utility Statements through PhonePay, ePay or AutoPay. AutoPay can withdraw funds from any personal or business checking account that you authorize. In order to begin using AutoPay, you will need to obtain an application which is on the city’s website at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments. You can also pay your parking tickets by PhonePay at 1-800-565-0148, or online at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments through ePay. Of course, you can still make payments in person at City Hall, by mail or through your bank. Make sure you include your remittance stub and your complete account number on your check to ensure proper and timely credit.



For more information on our payment options, please visit www.surfcity-hb.org/payments.



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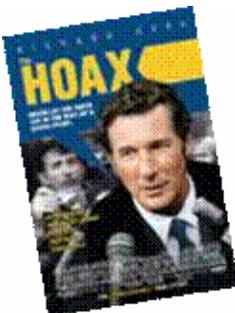
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Free! Friday afternoon at the Movies

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

THE HOAX

NOVEMBER 2



Lasse Hallstrom's movie is based on the true story of author Clifford Irving's fake "authorized autobiography" of millionaire Howard Hughes. Claiming to be in regular contact with his subject, and forging handwritten letters to back up his claim, Mr. Irving (Richard Gere) pockets a large advance and produces a manuscript spun out of a mix of careful research and inspired guesswork. But what is truth? Clifford Irving begins to believe his own hype. Marcia Gay Harden, Alfred Molina and Stanley Tucci make up a supporting cast who are chock-full of 1970s hairdos -- and that's no lie. Rated R for language, 115 minutes.

RATATOUILLE

NOVEMBER 16

Brad Bird (The Incredibles) co-directs this colorful, animated, Pixar offering which follows the antics of an earnest little rat named Remy (Patton Oswalt). "Eat your garbage" commands Remy's practical father but Remy yearns for a sip of the good life. The gifted rodent is blessed or cursed with a refined palate and he's led by his sensitive nose to skulk around Auguste Gusteau's (Brad Garrett) five-star Parisian restaurant. Gusteau dies in a fit after food critic, Anton Ego (Peter O'Toole) writes a scathing review of his cooking. But the determined rat joins forces with Gusteau's nephew, Linguini (Lou Romano) to save the restaurant and create exquisite French cuisine. Not Rated, 111 minutes.



HAIRSPRAY, THE MUSICAL

NOVEMBER 30

1962 was a time of tradition but there comes a time to shake things up and 2007's version of Hairspray rattles and rolls! It is a movie that is based on a Tony-Award winning musical which was based on John Water's cult classic film of the same name. But the third time is the charm! Hairspray bounces out of bed with Tracy Turnblad (Nikki Blonsky), a roly-poly bundle of joy, who tries to integrate a racially divided Baltimore one watusi at a time. The film's star-studded cast includes John Travolta in a fat-suit & in drag, Christopher Walken, Michelle Pfeiffer, Amanda Bynes and Queen Latifah owner of a local record store who declares, "We get anymore white people in here its going to be a suburb!" Rated PG for language, suggestive content and teen smoking, 120 minutes.

Come early and enjoy the Community SeniorServ lunch. Lunch is served each weekday at 11:30 am. 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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Shipley Nature Center will hold plant sale and Restoration day

The **California Native Plant Sale** continues at Shipley Nature Center located in Huntington Beach Central Park Mon-Sat from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. A great selection of California Native Plants is available for the Winter planting season. 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, Thursdays in summer 8 am to 8 pm. Located in Huntington Central Park. Parking at 17829 Goldenwest Street 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.

Spaces still available for Sister City New Zealand trip

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

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



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



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Shelf Life Exhibition Opens at the Huntington Beach Art Center

*Solo show features the contemporary work of LA artist Mark Dutcher
October 20 – December 16*

The Huntington Art Center (HBAC) is currently featuring a solo exhibition of paintings, sculpture and installation by one of Los Angeles' most intriguing mid-career artists, Mark Dutcher. The exhibition includes 17 new large-scale paintings, five sculptural pieces, and an installation containing both objects and paintings.



According to HBAC curator Darlene D. DeAngelo, Dutcher's new paintings have not been exhibited before *Shelf Life*. "The paintings continue his circular imagery of mandalas and braided rugs as in previous works, however, these images are no longer merely painted on the canvas," says DeAngelo. "Mark has begun to cut through his canvasses, applying the circular forms in layers onto the canvas. These new works reflect his interest in afterlife portals, the type of portal that one might describe going through in a near death experience. He has imagined these symbols of ones' life breaking apart and then becoming circles of color. The circles then became stand-ins for people, especially their souls."

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.

The Art Center is located at 538 Main Street, and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 12 to 6 p.m., Sunday 12 to 4 p.m., and closed Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call 714.374.1650 or visit http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art_center/

"When I am in the act of painting, I am on stage, it is me and the symbols. I am the actor, the audience, the director, and then I leave. The theatre remains. Philip Guston, one of my artist heroes, once said something similar."

Mark Dutcher



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Plein Air Painters Take to the Streets of Huntington Beach

The Huntington Beach Art Center's (HBAC) Plein Air Festival in September was a huge success thanks to the 28 artists and hundreds of guests who participated in the collaborative event. For the third year in a row, artists painted vistas of Huntington Beach, capturing some of the most beautiful scenery in the city. Several artists also participated in the one-day, "Painting in the Streets" activity on Main Street.

"This annual event is an opportunity for artists to indulge themselves in the joy of painting to produce beautiful depictions of the city's luscious landscapes, local establishments, or whatever they see and wish to capture in the moment," said HBAC Executive Director Kate Hoffman. "It also gives artists the chance to paint freely while sharing the experience with onlookers in public settings. For many locals and visitors, this is the first time they have personally watched artists at work."



The artists' work was exhibited and offered for sale during a week-long exhibition along with several receptions at the HBAC. Funds generated from the Festival help support the Art Center's ongoing exhibition and education programs. For more information on HBAC classes, programs and membership, please call 714.374.1650 or visit http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art_center/.

Brunch for the Arts

Annual fundraiser helps support exhibition and education programs

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 education programs.

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

Where: Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort

Donation: \$85

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



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Huntington Beach Public Library Children's activities for November

The Central Library offers a variety of programs and activities for children! In addition to participating in weekly story times and crafts, kids can visit the Children's Department for computer and Internet access. Visit our website at www.hbpl.org for a listing of our regularly scheduled story times.

Special Upcoming Events for November 2007:

Children's Book Week (November 12-18) Special Bubble Program Bubblemania

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 – 4:00 PM

Tabby Storytime Theater – Tickets \$3 Children \$5 Adults

Come celebrate Children's Book Week with one of our more popular library programs – Bubblemania! Big bubbles, small bubbles, square bubbles, tall bubbles! Bubbles bouncing on bubble trampolines and kids *inside* of bubbles! This amazing show will have kids of all ages bubbling over with delight! (Good clean fun for the whole family!) Advance ticket purchase is **highly** recommended! Tickets go on sale October 17.

Family Evening Pajama Storytime

Thursday, November 8, 2007 7:00 PM

Tabby Storytime Theater

FREE

Give thanks for books! Come celebrate with Miss Barbara for Thanksgiving with seasonal stories, songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.

Friends of the Children's Library General Meeting

Friday, November 2, 2007 9:15 AM

Room B, Central Library

Please join us at our monthly FOTCL meeting. All adults interested in volunteering at different children's events and programs are invited to attend.

For more information call (714) 375-5107



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Southland Senior Olympics will be held in Huntington Beach

Huntington Beach is sponsoring a Senior Olympic Surfing Competition for surfers 50 years of age and older on November 3, 2007 at 7:00 am on the south side of the Huntington Beach Pier. Judges will look for wave selection, maneuvers, fluidity and style.

This is a first-time event for our Huntington Beach senior surfers to shine! The surfing competition is part of the 17th Annual Southland Senior Olympics, hosted by the City of Anaheim, November 1 – 17, 2007. Anaheim, in partnership with the cities of Huntington Beach, Bellflower, Long Beach and Orange, will offer a variety of sporting activities to senior adults 50 years and older. Senior athletes who compete in the Southland Senior Olympics will qualify to compete in the California Senior Championship Games to be held in 2008.

Fourteen additional competitions will be held throughout the month in the cities of Anaheim, Bellflower, Long Beach and Orange including, archery, bocce ball, team bingo, softball, volleyball, push-ups, horseshoes, tennis, billiards, ping-pong, shuffleboard, bowling, golf and ballroom dance. The Registration fee is \$30.00 for the surfing contest with a fee of \$5.00 for each additional competition and includes an athlete t-shirt and a goody bag.

For more information or to receive an application contact Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 714-536-9387.

Student opportunity for travel to New Zealand or Japan

Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, November 21 for student ambassadors to New Zealand or Japan. High school freshmen, sophomores and juniors who either live or attend school in Huntington Beach are eligible for what is a **two-week reciprocal exchange**. Ambassadors travel to New Zealand over spring break, and to Japan in early August. Students from both countries visit Huntington Beach in July for two weeks, including July 4th celebrations.

This experience provides students with the understanding of foreign culture as well as a wonderful opportunity to broaden their horizons. Strong friendships have been formed between former Ambassadors and their counterpart in Japan or New Zealand. Families of selected students benefit also, as host family members are encouraged to participate in the activities.

Applicants will be evaluated on self-assurance, maturity, host responsibility and interest in learning about a foreign country and its people. Applications are available at local high schools, Community Services Department at city hall, Huntington Central Library, and online at hbsisterctiy.org.

For more information, please call Carmen Erber 846-7685, or Gisela Campagne in Community Services, City Hall, 374-5397.



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Kim Withey is presented with Mayor's Award



Kim supervises the maintenance of the Central Library and four branches. She handles the scheduling of routine maintenance such as window washing, pavers cleaning and communicating with the janitorial service and the carpet cleaners, as well as the sudden problems with plumbing, roofing, elevators, pools, etc. When you visit the library and the lights are on, the air conditioning works, the elevators run and the carpets are clean, you see the result of what Kim does.

She also supervises the pages who shelve the books and work the checkout desk at the Central Library. She is always upbeat, positive and enthusiastic. She responds immediately to all calls for help and is organized and efficient. She always has the patrons foremost in her mind and thus gives exemplary public service and trains her staff to do the same.

Kim lives in Huntington Beach with her husband Andrew and two sons, Ryan 13 and Nathan 10. She was presented with the award at the October 15th City Council Meeting.



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November 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

November 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	November 5 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast Nov. 6 @ 10 am & Nov. 7 @ 7 pm
	November 19 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast Nov. 20 @ 10 am & Nov. 21 @ 7 pm
Planning Commission Mtgs	November 13 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast Nov. 15 @ 7 pm
	November 27 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast Nov. 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.

Scenes from Saturday's Family Arts Day and Then and Now Car Show

