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“United We Stand” in Huntington Beach on July 4th Weekend

The 104th Annual Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade and Celebration bursts into action on Friday, July 4 with the city’s longest-held parade tradition and many fun, family-oriented events. The day starts at 6 a.m. with the Surf City 5K Run and Fitness Expo at Worthy Park, and the Huntington Beach Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast in Lake Park starting at 6:30 a.m. At 10 a.m., the 104th Annual Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade will wend its way along historic Main Street parade route. Marching bands, floats, military troops, community groups, dignitaries, clowns, equestrians and celebrities make up more than 250 parade entries that will thrill parade-goers until just past noon.



Celebration sponsor Time Warner Cable television will be on hand to videotape the parade for rebroadcast over event sponsor KOCE-TV later in the day. Announcer for the parade will be Ed Arnold, Emmy Award-winning co-anchor and managing editor of KOCE’s nightly news magazine show “Real Orange,” and winner of the 2007 Radio and Television News Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award and a Golden Mike Award. For those who wish to view the parade in comfort, beginning at 8 a.m., the Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club is offering parade bleacher seats on a first-come, first-served basis at Lake Park (Main Street between 11th and 12 Streets) for \$15 each in advance and \$20 the day of the parade.



After the “United We Stand” parade ends, everyone is invited to bask in the Huntington Beach sun and enjoy the Pier Festival until evening, when the excitement mounts in anticipation of a spectacular fireworks display over the ocean. K-EARTH 101 FM broadcasts live from the Pier, culminating in a simulcast of the fireworks show music over the radio.

All this, however, is only the beginning of an all-American summer weekend at the beach. Friday kicks off the huge three-day Pier Festival on Pier Plaza at the famed Huntington Beach Pier. Admission is free, and attendees can enjoy daily live entertainment, a 28-foot-high climbing wall, food, kids’ activities, and more than 60 unique vendors showcasing their goods from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 6. Official logo celebration merchandise is available at all four Huntington Beach Albertsons Stores and via order sheets in the



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city's Water Department bills, or online at www.hb4thofjuly.org. Merchandise will also be sold on July 4th at Pier Plaza and along the parade route.

For complete up-to-the-minute information including sponsorship opportunities, parade route, road closures, celebrities and grand marshals, and to order merchandise, visit www.hb4thofjuly.org or contact Patricia Stier, Chair, at 714-624-4842.



The Tradition of “Staking out” Continues in Huntington Beach

The Huntington Beach Fourth of July Parade is the highlight event for Surf City and draws thousands of people to the community to watch the festivities and cheer the floats, bands and celebrities. Many people like to watch the Parade from Main Street and getting a chunk of land to set up their chairs is no easy task.



About five o'clock in the morning, people start gathering along the sidewalk on both sides of Main Street between the Downtown area and Yorktown. They have their tools ready- wood stakes, hammers, yellow tape, lawn chairs and chalk. They watch anxiously, waiting, gathering their strength, planning on where they will go and what strategy they will use. Huntington Beach Police cars patrol the street. They remind people about the time. They keep the crowd under control.

The last few years – the earliest folks could stake out their area to watch the parade has been 7:00 am on July 3rd. As it gets closer to the “go” time, people are anxious. Then the horn is blown and the race is on.



The crowd rushes across the street and the staking begins. Sometimes there are arguments – fortunately, most folks are considerate and willing to share the small 10' x 10' patch of grass. Sometimes it gets ugly. And after it is all done the street is decorated with yellow warning tape, patriotic flags and chairs on the grass.

Is it worth it? You be the judge – stop by this July 3rd right before 7:00 am and ask the folks. But watch out – when the horn blows – you are on your own.



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Remember - Fireworks are Illegal in the City of Huntington Beach

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Huntington Beach is once again preparing for its Fourth of July Celebration which will start early with a parade and end with a dazzling fireworks display. Fireworks are enjoyable and exciting to watch, but each year illegal fireworks injure thousands of people, many of them children, and cause thousands of fires.

The Huntington Beach Fire and Police Departments want to ensure the safety of all its residents during the 4th of July holiday. They remind you that it is illegal to manufacture, possess, store, sell, and use fireworks in the City of Huntington Beach.

This includes so-called "safe and sane" fireworks and those purchased outside of the city or on the Internet. The civil citation fines were increased last year to \$500 for the first offense and \$1000 for additional offenses. By enforcing this code strictly, the Huntington Beach Police and Fire Departments will be hard at work on the Fourth of July to keep our city safe.



Officers will increase their patrols several days before and during the holiday to ensure that those who continue to put the safety of their family and community in danger will be caught.

"There are no safe fireworks," stated Huntington Beach Fire Chief Duane Olson. "Fireworks are dangerous and illegal in the City of Huntington Beach. If you are caught using or possessing fireworks, of any kind, you will be fined \$500 the first time and \$1,000 for additional offenses. It is not worth the risk and the safety of your family and friends."

Fireworks were the cause of 4 fatalities, 10,800 injuries, 7,000 fires, and \$40 million in property loss in 2005. An estimated 9,600 emergency room-treated injuries are associated with fireworks annually. Nearly 7,000 of those injuries occur around July 4th. Of these injuries, "safe and sane" fireworks account for about 30 percent according to the California Hospital Association.

Fireworks are especially dangerous to children—even those that are considered relatively safe, like sparklers. Sparklers can burn at temperatures of 2,000 degrees—hot enough to melt some metals—resulting in the majority of injuries to children under the age of five.



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A new study by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission found that more than 50 percent of fireworks-related injuries occur to children and teenagers under the age of 14. Children between the ages of five and nine have the highest injury rate. The trip to the emergency room for your child's fireworks injuries cost \$20,000 on average, while injuries and burns requiring hospitalization can run into six figures.

Given the high number of children injured by fireworks, it is not surprising that the most common ignition factor for fires related to fireworks is children playing with fireworks. These fires cause approximately \$15 million in property loss, injure 50, and kill 15 people, including firefighters, annually according to the U.S. Fire Administration and National Fire Protection Association.

Based on the amount of time and quantities in use, fireworks pose a higher risk of fire death than any other consumer product. On the 4th of July alone, fireworks caused more reported outdoor fires in the U.S. than all other causes combined.

"If you want to celebrate the 4th of July with a fireworks display, the best way to do that is by attending the public fireworks display conducted by professional pyrotechnicians," said Huntington Beach Police Chief Ken Small. "The Police and Fire departments are making an extra effort this year to enforce illegal firework violations due to the danger posed by illegal fireworks and the thousands of complaints we receive every year." Anyone witnessing illegal fireworks or those in possession of fireworks, is asked to call the Huntington Beach Police Department at (714) 960-8825.

If your past holiday tradition has been to set off illegal fireworks, it is time to start a new one. The 4th of July celebration at the Huntington Beach Pier is an annual tradition in the community that will be celebrating its 104th year in 2008. In previous years, this event has drawn up to 150,000 spectators.

The Huntington Beach 4th of July celebration features the largest Independence Day parade west of the Mississippi River. This year's parade will include more than 300 entries including bands, floats, film and television celebrities, local dignitaries, equestrians and community groups. After the sun sets, thousands of fireworks, synchronized to music will be launched from the Huntington Beach Pier. The safe and exciting professional display will amaze visitors of all ages. As always, this is a free event.





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Pier Swim to be held June 14

The 58th Annual Huntington Beach Open "Rough Water" Pier Swim will be held Saturday, June 14. The event is sponsored by the Huntington Beach Community Services Department.

The first race is for ages 16-31 and will start at 8:45 a.m. The second race is for Masters through Ultra Masters and starts at approximately 9:30 a.m. followed by the Junior Men and Junior Women, 12-15 years of age at 10:15 a.m.



Trophies will be awarded, first through third places, in each of the eleven divisions with the Gene Belshe Memorial Perpetual Trophy going to the winning team and a trophy to the first Huntington Beach boy and girl. This is one of the first regular ocean swims of the season. Almost 400 contestants participated last year.

The public is invited to participate or come and watch the competition. Pre-registration will be taken at 2000 Main St. in Community Services. The fee for pre-registration is \$20 with a shirt or \$13 without a shirt. Late registration will be taken at the beach on June 16th between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. for \$15 without a shirt. For further information, please call 536-5486.

Stay safe with Swim Lessons from the City

The City of Huntington Beach is pleased to offer a complete summer swim program again this year. Our program is designed to meet a variety of swimming needs. Whether it is learning new swimming techniques, or recreational enjoyment of the water, we have something for everybody. Our swim instructors are well trained and enthusiastic.

The swim courses follow the American Red Cross standards. Classes are offered to ages ranging from six months through adult and teach skills from water adjustment through lifeguarding techniques. In addition to offering classes at the City Gym and Pool, we will also be having classes at Edison and Huntington High School.

Anyone interested in registering for classes at Edison will sign up at Edison Community Center on June 7 from 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and on June 14 and 21 from 1-4 p.m. For classes offered at Huntington High registration will be taken at the City Gym and Pool on June 7 from 9 a.m.–4:00 p.m. and on June 14 and 21 from 1-4 p.m. After June 23 registration will be taken at the pool sites. Registration for classes at the City Gym is being offered by mail at this time with walk-in registration starting on June 17 at 9:00 a.m.



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Celebrate Father's Day with the Surf City "Chili at the Beach"

Bring Dad down to the Beach for chili and more this Father's Day. Surf City "Chili at the Beach" will be held Father's Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15 from 11 am to 7 pm.

The free event features special attractions, children's activities, entertainment, art exhibits, and of course, chili. There will also be a charity raffle with prizes galore, all benefitting the Children's Hospital of Orange County. A Chili Cook-Off will be held on Saturday. This non-profit competition will also benefit the Children's Hospital of Orange County. Be sure to bring Dad on Sunday for Father's Day Specials.



The event takes place on Main Street at PCH. Parking is available at Pier Plaza and nearby streets. Visit www.hbdowntown.com or call (714) 841-3034 for more information.

HB Honors Memorial Day

The City of Huntington Beach held a Memorial Day Ceremony in tribute to those from Huntington Beach, who fought, died, are prisoners of war or missing in action. The ceremony was held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26 at the Pier Plaza downtown. A performance by the Huntington Beach High School Band opened the program honoring the city's fallen heroes. The HB High School Band also performed a musical interlude and TAPS during the hour-long ceremony. Hundreds of people who gathered to demonstrate their appreciation were welcomed by Huntington Beach Mayor Debbie Cook, State Assemblyman Jim Silva, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, and Supervisor John Moorlach.

The remembrance ceremony included the introduction of Huntington Beach Veterans' Groups, featuring Mark Frisman, Commander, Jewish War Veterans, Post 595; Cecil Birnbaum, Commander, Foreign Wars Post 11548; and Bob Davis, Commander, American Legion Post 133.

Special guest Lt. Col. Benjamin Watson, Commander 3-1 Marines spoke at the ceremony offering words in honor of those from Huntington Beach. Members of the Huntington Beach City Council also presented a wreath in remembrance of our fallen heroes.

After a closing prayer from Rev. Peggy Price from the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, the American Legion Post 133 Rifle Squad executed a three volley rifle salute. As TAPS played, the Huntington Beach Police Department completed a Flyover for those in attendance and for those honored and remembered. A final bagpipe performance marked the end of the Memorial Day ceremony.



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New Surf Camps Introduced for Summer 2008

Surf City residents have a chance to improve their surfing skills this summer with the first ever city sponsored Surf Camps presented by the HB Surf School. As the official city-authorized program, the new Surf Camps are designed for advanced beginners, intermediate, and advanced surfers.



For those who have the basics down, the Surf Camps will help improve overall paddling and board riding ability. The Surf Camps will also help participants master a variety of basic and advanced maneuvers, understand tides and swell, and learn important ocean safety. For would-be contest surfers, competitive analysis and techniques will be covered.

The Surf Camp instructor is Bill Sharp, who also heads the HB Surf School and runs the City of Huntington Beach Learn to Surf program. As a former pro surfer

from South Africa and the former coach of the South African National Surf Team, Sharp has been coaching and teaching surfing for more than 30 years.

There are no age restrictions, but camp surfers should be proficient ocean swimmers. The week-long camps begin June 23, with 10 sessions offered. The cost is \$185 per person and registration can be completed through the Sands Recreation Guide or online at www.surfcity-hb.org. For more information about camp dates, see the Sands Recreation Guide, visit the City's website at www.surfcity-hb.org, or email the HB Surf School at hbsurfschool@yahoo.com.

Graduation Central at the Central Library Theater

The month of June finds the Central Library Theater and meeting rooms as "Graduation Central." The Carden Academy, Webster University and the Orange County Department of Education will be conducting their ceremonies and receptions on consecutive Fridays and Saturdays at the unique Library and Cultural Center.

For more information on the 7 meeting rooms and 319-seat theater available for special events, visit the Library website @ www.hbpl.org/facilities or contact Renee Brown at 714/375-8425.



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Visit City's Centennial Website for updates, trivia and to volunteer

The 100th Anniversary of Huntington Beach's incorporation is approaching and the City is enthusiastically preparing for the year-long, city-wide celebration. The volunteer Centennial Committee is already hard at work planning great events, activities, exhibits, and much more in accordance with its mission. The Huntington Beach Centennial Committee's mission is to educate, celebrate and commemorate. The Committee will plan a year that will honor the City's past and prepare it for the next 100 years by celebrating its unique past and extraordinary future.



Adhering to its mission, the Centennial Committee has also established high goals for the year to come. These goals include:

- Honor the City's past and leave a legacy for future generations
- Celebrate and commemorate the history and culture of Huntington Beach
- Create opportunities for service, educational, civic, faith-based, business and tourist organizations to participate and celebrate the Centennial
- Develop enriching programs and activities that will educate residents about the City's history
- Design and support Centennial events that will provide educational outreach to residents and those outside of the community.

To find out more about the Centennial Celebration Committee, its members, mission, and meetings, please visit HB100Years.org



First, the Centennial Committee has unanimously selected "Celebrating 100 Years of Community" as the theme for the Centennial Celebration. The theme fits naturally since Huntington Beach is home to a diverse population that loves to celebrate its cultural richness and variety through festivals, local organizations, community events and numerous activities. These community gatherings demonstrate our pride in where we come from, who we are, and where we live. This theme fittingly represents our celebrated community and honors our community's rich history.



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Fitting with the Celebration theme of “Celebrating 100 Years of Community,” each month in 2009 will feature a different aspect of our community. Every month, we will celebrate 100 years of what makes our community great. January will celebrate 100 years of Huntington Beach History and Founders. February will celebrate 100 years of Public Service. March will celebrate Education; April, the environment; May, Tourism and Hospitality; and June, Diversity. The month of July will celebrate 100 years of Business and August will celebrate Sports and Equestrians. September will celebrate 100 years of Art, Music and Culture; October, Faith; and November, Community-Based Organizations. The final month of December will feature the overall theme of celebrating 100 years of community. Throughout the year, events and activities will be featured to correspond with each themed month.

The first event begins with the New Year. Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 1, 2009 at 8 am (PST). The City of Huntington Beach and its Centennial Celebration will be represented by a float in next year’s 120th Rose Parade. Every year, millions of spectators from around the world celebrate the New Year with the Rose Parade, and we are proud to be a part of such a great tradition. Themed “Hats Off To Entertainment,” the City’s Centennial float will join the beautiful pageantry of magnificent floral floats, high-stepping equestrians and spirited marching bands.

To keep up with the all the activities and learn more about the Centennial Celebration, you can now visit the Huntington Beach 100 Years website. The City has recently launched a new site specifically for the Centennial Celebration at hb100years.org. On this site, you will find Celebration activities, events, and much more. The site offers a real chance to become personally involved with the Centennial. When visiting the website, you will be able to add your own piece of HB history. You can add a special Huntington Beach story and upload your favorite pictures to share with the community. If you would like to assist in the preparations or help out with activities, the website will provide volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Also, be sure to find out how much you really know about your hometown when you test your Huntington Beach knowledge with the HB Trivia section.



On the next page, you will find a great article on the City’s first mayor, Ed Manning, to get you started on reaching a perfect score on your trivia when visiting the new website.



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Edmond L. Manning – Huntington Beach’s First Mayor

In February of 1909, the small beach community of Huntington Beach took a major step in its short history. Just five years earlier the town of Huntington Beach was founded and now the residents were planning to incorporate as a city. Several of the residents were a little apprehensive that they could become a city, with all the problems that comes with it. But finally as the year 1909 dawned, a vote of the people was taken and 94 residents voted for incorporation with only two against.

On February 17, 1909, Huntington Beach became a city of the sixth class. A room was acquired on the Walnut Avenue side of the First National Bank on Main Street, between the post office and the bank. The next day a meeting of the town’s trustees was held inside this one-room city hall and the first item of business was to choose a mayor for Huntington Beach and that choice went to Ed Manning. Once a mayor was chosen, the next order of business was the design of the Seal of the City of Huntington Beach taken a few days later with the adoption of Ordinance No. 3 of February 23, 1909.

It was on one of those cold Illinois days that Edmond L. Manning was born on March 20, 1872. As a young man Manning would receive his basic education in the Illinois schools and when Manning was 20 years old, he left Illinois to journey west to California and little did he realize that California would become his home for the rest of his life.



Manning settled in the small beach town of Pacific City where he opened his plumbing business. In 1904 Pacific City would change its name to Huntington Beach. The town was still a sleepy little beach community and as far away from civilization as one could get.

Now mayor, Manning was faced with several knotty problems in the task of setting up a city government to fit the needs of the community and its people, as revealed in the city’s early records. Like any new city, there were frequent clashes of ideas, but through it all Mayor Manning was able to preside over these warm discussions with temper serene. Being a mayor means making a lot of speeches and one of Manning’s most memorable occurred on July 4, 1910 when he stood in the morning and welcomed visitors to this year’s patriotic event.

In the election of 1912, Manning declined to be a candidate and in April 15, 1912 resigned, but he did nominate his successor, W.D. Seely, and he would continue as a trustee until November



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20, 1912. Manning returned as a city trustee on February 17, 1919 and was put in charge of the city's advertising campaign to promote Huntington Beach.

On April 19, 1920 Manning would again serve the city he loved as mayor for a second time. This was a trying time for both Manning and the city as the oil boom was underway and the city's population swelled threefold. Realizing how important the oil business was to Huntington Beach, Manning erected a warehouse at Main Street and Acacia Avenue that would help supply those early drillers of the black gold. At this same time, his plumbing business was awarded a contract to erect boilers for the Association Oil Supply Company and to help with this, Manning engaged E.D. Wygant as his field manager.

Manning, his wife Carrie and their three daughters, Pauline, Mildred and Nona would occupy a home at 701 Delaware Street. Later this house would be moved to Tenth and Orange where today it sits behind the Warner house at 401 Tenth Street. Manning continued as a city trustee until April 1922 and when the Huntington Beach Lions Club was chartered here in June of 1922, Manning became its president and was known by its members as the "Big Roar" of the Den. Manning would continue to be a part of the city he loved, through the oil boom days of the 1920s, the great earthquake of 1933 and the beginning of World War II.

It was on Sunday, December 20, 1942 that the city's first mayor passed away at home, but his memory lives on in a small patch of green that neighbors now call Manning Park on Delaware Street. During the park's dedication, another famous mayor was in attendance. Huntington Beach's "Maverick Mayor," Jack Kelly offered thanks to those attending on April 29, 1987 and told the crowd a little insight about the man whose name graces this park.

Restoration on Historic Fire Truck "Seagrave" Underway



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



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restoration project succeed. The Seagrave engine was delivered to Boeing where the Fire Department and Shop Employees 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.

ON Course Golf Tournament taking registrations now

On Friday, June 27, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. tee up in the *ON COURSE* Golf Tournament at Meadowlark Golf Course and help the Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HB.COA) stay "ON COURSE" with support for vital services and programs for local seniors.

Each golf package of \$100.00 includes green fees, cart, BBQ lunch, and the buffet awards dinner. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishing places, longest drive, straightest drive and closest to the pin.

There are also several exciting events for golfers to participate in. Toyota has donated a 2008 Prius for a hole-in-one on hole number 7 and DeLillo Chevrolet has donated a 2008 Malibu for a hole-in-one car on hole number 16. And on hole number 10, meet Jeff Farley, the 5th longest ball driver in the world who will guarantee to land your ball on the green in one drive. New this year, win an all-expense paid trip for two to golf in Camel and possibly Scotland! The HB COA has teamed up with International Pairs, the world's largest amateur two person best-ball golf competition for an opportunity drawing to compete in the U.S. Final (west) in Carmel, California.



Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center is a Title Sponsor for the 2008 *ON COURSE* Golf Tournament. Tournament sponsors include: Heritage Memorial Services, Edinger Medical Group, Nuvision Financial Federal Credit Union, and Rainbow Disposal. First Bank and Greater Newport Physicians are this year's Banner sponsors.

Register early! *ON COURSE* is expected to sell out. For more information or to register visit www.hbcoa.org or call the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center at 714-536-9387.



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What You Need to Know about DTV

On February 17, 2009 all full-power broadcast television stations in the United States will stop broadcasting on analog airwaves and begin broadcasting only in digital.



Digital Television or DTV enables broadcasters to offer television with better picture and sound quality. It can also offer more programming choices and interactive capabilities. Additional benefits of the DTV transition includes freeing up frequencies for police, fire, and emergency rescue communications, allowing for advanced commercial wireless services.

The last day for full-power television stations to broadcast in analog would be February 17, 2009; over-the-air TV broadcasts will be in digital only after that date. At that point, full-power TV stations—stations that use the public airwaves to transmit their programming to viewers—will cease broadcasting on their current analog channels, and the spectrum they use for analog broadcasting will be reclaimed and put to other uses.

If you have one or more televisions that receive free over-the-air television programming (with a roof-top antenna or “rabbit ears” on the TV), the type of TV you own is very important. A digital television (a TV with an internal digital tuner) will allow you to continue to watch free over-the-air programming after February 17, 2009. However, if you have an analog television, you will need a digital-to-analog converter box to continue to watch broadcast television on that set. If you subscribe to cable service, the DTV transition should not affect any TV sets that are connected to your cable services. In addition, analog sets should continue to work as before if connected to a subscription service such as cable or satellite TV. Also, analog sets should continue to work with gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players, and similar products that you use now.

It is also important to understand that the DTV transition is a transition from analog broadcasting to digital broadcasting. It is not a transition from analog broadcasting to High Definition broadcasting.

These steps can help you prepare for the DTV transition:

1. Analog TVs Will Need Additional Equipment to Receive Over-the-air Television When the DTV Transition Ends: Consumers who rely on antennas to receive over-the-air broadcast signals on TV sets having only analog tuners will need to obtain separate digital-to-analog set-top converter boxes to watch over-the-air TV. These boxes receive digital signals and convert them into analog format for display on analog TVs. Analog sets connected to such converter boxes will display digital broadcasts. A digital-to-



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analog converter box will allow you to continue using your existing analog TV to watch over-the-air digital broadcasts. You do not need to get rid of your existing analog TV.

2. How to Obtain a Converter Box: To help consumers with the DTV transition, the Government established the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program. Between Jan. 1, 2008, and March 31, 2009, every U.S. household is eligible to request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the purchase of up to two, digital-to-analog converter boxes. The coupons may only be used for eligible converter boxes sold at participating consumer electronics retailers, and the coupons must be used at the time of purchase. Manufacturers estimate that digital-to-analog converter boxes will sell from \$40 to \$70 each. This is a one-time cost. For more information on the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program, visit www.dtv2009.gov, or call 1-888-388-2009 (voice) or 1-877-530-2634 (TTY).



3. If you subscribe to Cable and Satellite: A digital-to-analog converter box is not necessary for a TV connected to a paid television service such as a cable or satellite TV provider. Cable and satellite TV subscribers with analog TVs hooked up to their cable or satellite service should not be affected by the February 17, 2009 cut-off date for full-power analog broadcasting. Although, some cable and satellite subscribers may need new DTV equipment to view DTV programming in digital format. You should ask your cable or satellite provider what you will need and when.
4. How to tell if a TV is a digital TV (DTV): Many DTVs and digital television equipment will have labels or markings on them, or statements in the informational materials that came with them, to indicate that they contain digital tuners. These labels or markings may contain the words "Integrated Digital Tuner," "Digital Tuner Built-In," "Digital Receiver," or "Digital Tuner," "DTV," "ATSC," or "HDTV" (High Definition television). If your television equipment or owner's manuals contains any of these labels or markings, you should be able to view digital over-the-air programming without the need for a digital-to-analog converter box. If your television set is labeled as "analog" or "NTSC," and is NOT labeled as containing a digital tuner, it contains an analog tuner only.

Remember, by law, February 17, 2009 is the last day for full-power television stations to broadcast in analog, and they will broadcast only in digital after that date. But you do not need to wait until that date to switch to DTV, digital television is available now. Be sure to visit www.dtv.gov for more information, including frequently asked questions, directions to install a converter box, a glossary of terms, and links to the converter box coupon program.



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Meals to the Home Drivers Needed: Ride-a-long & Reap Rewards

A Meals to the Home Volunteer delivers meals in his/her own vehicle on 2-hour shift, 1-day each week either on a permanent route or as a substitute. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are delivered Monday - Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 160 qualified clients. Meal routes are structured by residential area throughout the city. In 2007 119,979 meals were delivered to the city's frail elderly and Senior Services anticipates a larger demand for services in 2008.



Delivering Meals to the Home can be a family activity, an opportunity to educate children on the benefits of service. It can also be a great opportunity for high school drivers to do serve their community during the summer. To volunteer or for more information, contact Diane Swarts 714-374-1544. Fingerprinting and background check are required.

Summer Fun at Michael E. Rodgers' Seniors Center

This summer, the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center is offering a beginning water color class. Students will learn basic watercolor technique, make new friends, and have a lot of fun. The class will be offered on Mondays, June 2 - July 7, from 9 - 11 a.m., in room D. This is a free class for adults. Come prepared to the first class with a few watercolor supplies. To register or for more information, call Rodgers Seniors Center (714) 536-9387.



For more summer fun, join the Huntington Beach Woodcarving Club on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center. Experience is not necessary. Woodcarving is so easy that anyone can do it. Experienced woodcarvers will teach you the basics and assist you with more difficult projects. Learn more about this fun hobby of transforming pieces of wood into fabulous shapes and figures. It's great for the hand-eye coordination and bolsters your creativity. You're welcome to attend any of the free meetings. For more information, call Rodgers Seniors Center at (714) 536-9387.



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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 allows you the convenience of using it to apply for more than one recruitment.
- Fill out an "**electronic interest card**" by clicking on the link: *Request job notifications by category.*
- You may also view complete job descriptions and qualifications. Should you wish to be notified by email of a specific job opening, you may fill our on-line notification request form.

FULL TIME OPPORTUNITIES

Associate Planner
 Building Plan Checker II
 Communications Operator (Experienced)
 Economic Development Project Manager
 Energy Project Manager
 Fire Protection Analyst
 Plan Check Engineer
 Police Officer (Experienced)
 Survey Technician I, II (Closes 6/18/08)
 Traffic Signals Electrician

PART TIME OPPORTUNITIES

Athletic Field Attendant (Part-Time)
 College Intern II, III or Graduate-Economic Development
 College Intern II-III-Information Systems Operations
 Day Camp Recreation Leader II (Part-Time)
 Maintenance Worker Assistant I, II, III, IV
 Police Cadet



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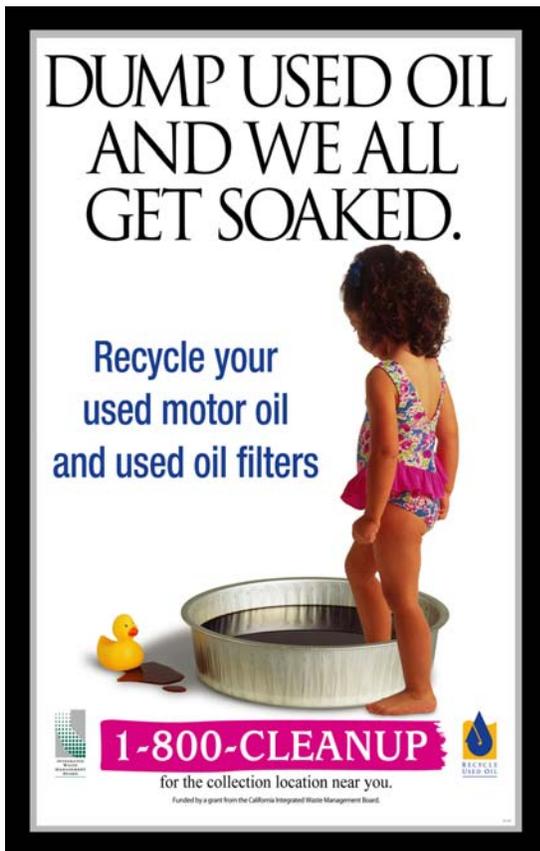
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Free Used Oil and Oil Filter Disposal for Huntington Beach Residents

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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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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Share your HB Memories

As you know, the City of Huntington Beach will celebrate its 100th year anniversary of incorporation on February 17, 2009. An exciting year-long Centennial Celebration is already in the works for 2009, including events, exhibits, and much more.

In recognition of the City's 100th Anniversary, the Centennial Celebration Committee would like to encourage you to share your personal stories, memories and historic photos about Huntington Beach. Please visit the City's Centennial website at www.surfcity-hb.org/centennial to share your stories and photos online. It only takes a minute and you can share your memories and photos with everyone once it is posted.

Need some ideas for what stories or photos you might want to share? How about sharing your family history: How many generations of your family have lived in Huntington Beach? What are some of the stories your parents or grandparents shared with you? Do you have any old family photographs? You can also share your special vacation photographs and memories: Do you have a great story about your first time visiting Huntington Beach? Remember when you came down with a group to spend the day and have a bonfire? If you work in the City of Huntington Beach, you may want to share some of those experiences: Tell your story about what makes Huntington Beach a great place to work. Also, any story, experience, or historic photo that fits the Centennial Celebration Mission to "educate, celebrate and commemorate" would be a great addition.



For personal stories, please limit your story to 2,000 characters. For historic photos, please limit your file to 500K. The website provides detailed directions to add in accurate posting, and will guide you in your word count and file size. Please note, that all stories and photos are subject for review and may be edited before posting.

If you have photos that are not electronic files and you do not have a scanner or means to convert it to an electronic file – you can take it to the Huntington Beach Senior Center at 1706 Orange Avenue and they will scan it for you. Appointments are required to scan photos. You need to call (714) 536-9387 to make an appointment.

Don't forget to visit the Centennial Celebration website at www.surfcity-hb.org/centennial to post your stories and photos, as well as find more detailed posting directions.



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Online Banking and Your Utility Bill

Most financial institutions offer some form of “no cost” online banking service with which to pay your bills. You may think payments made by online banking are automatically transmitted electronically, but this isn’t always the case. Several well known banks send a paper check to your payee after you’ve made your payment online. With today’s technology, few payments are ever processed manually. To ensure your check can be posted to your account accurately, it is very important for you to double check that the account number you have entered for your payment matches the account number on your statement exactly. In the case of Municipal Service Payments to the City of Huntington Beach, this includes a series of numbers, a dash, and another series of numbers (i.e. 12345-123456). It’s also important to check that the payee for these payments matches what is shown on the payment coupon, which is the “City of Huntington Beach”.



Even if you’ve been using your bank’s online banking service for sometime now, you need to double check to ensure the account number and payee is correct and complete. Changes in how banks process on-line payments have resulted in rejected payments, even if you have had your payment posted with an incomplete account number in the past.

In addition to checking your account numbers and payees for accuracy, you should also be sure to schedule your online payments at least 10 days before they are due. That way, if a check is sent, there is sufficient time for the payee to receive the check, and apply the funds to your account.

The City of Huntington Beach offers three convenient alternatives to using your online banking service to pay your City of Huntington Beach Municipal Services Statement:

- Try our online “ePay” service at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments and pay by MasterCard or Visa. Payments by ePay are credited to your account the next business day!
- Pay by credit card using our voice automated “PhonePay” system at 877-309-4915. If you have any problems with using this service, call Official Payments customer services representatives at 888-357-8394 and they can assist you in making the payment. Payments by PhonePay are credited to your account the next business day!
- To pay using your bank checking account, sign up for the “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. The amount due will be automatically withdrawn from your account approximately 10 days after your statement is mailed to you.

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!



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Steps to take to stay in YOUR Home

By, Senator Tom Harman

The Huntington Beach dream of nicer homes, better schools, and safer neighborhoods is threatened by an uncertain economy. Unfortunately, more and more Californians face possible loss of their dreams due to financial situations that lead to more home foreclosures. I, in the State Senate, and my colleagues in the Legislature, are working hard to find solutions. Several policies and laws are currently being considered by the Senate and the Assembly. Here are some hints that can help you maximize public resources available to you.



If you are a home owner:

- Don't ignore the problem; contact your lender immediately when you realize you're having difficulty.
- Arm yourself with information and know your mortgage rights. Consult an attorney or a housing counseling agency to assist you.
- Understand your options. Valuable information can be found through the Federal Housing Administration: www.fha.gov
- Locate and contact a HUD-approved housing counselor in Orange County by logging onto: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm> or calling (800) 569-4287.

If you are a renter:

- Know who owns the property which you are currently renting.
- Check with the County Recorder's Office to see if the owner is current on his payments.
- A foreclosure usually invalidates an existing lease or rental agreement. State law generally requires 30-day notice before an eviction.
- Tenants' rights are limited. For a copy of the "Guide to Residential Tenants' and Landlords' Rights", see the Department of Consumer Affairs website: www.dca.ca.gov/publications/landlordbook or contact my Office at (714) 957-4555.

For more information on buying, owning, selling, and renting and for information on consumer home mortgages, landlord tenant and foreclosure avoidance services and programs, including HUD housing counseling, contact:

- The US Department of Housing and Urban Development at www.hud.gov or at (800) 569-4287;
- The Department of Consumer Affairs at www.dca.ca.gov.



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Friends of the Library welcomes Eleanor Coppola

The Friends of the Library invites you to attend an author luncheon on Wednesday, June 11 when they present Eleanor Coppola. Eleanor, wife of cinematic giant Francis Ford Coppola and mother of Sophia Coppola and Roman Ford Coppola, shares an extraordinary life in her just released biography, *NOTES ON A LIFE*. Page by page she reveals the private tragedies and joys that tested and strengthened her, from the swirling center of the film world to the intimate heart of her family.



Acclaimed documentary filmmaker, artist and author, Coppola's first book, *NOTES ON THE MAKING OF APOCALYPSE NOW*, is hailed as one of the most revealing of all first-hand looks at the movies.

Reservation form and payment is due by Friday, June 6, 2008. Make checks payable to FOTL and address to: FOTL Luncheon, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or deliver to Friends Gift Shop (714-375-8429) at the Central Library.

HBSCD 2nd Annual Student Art Exhibition

Elementary and middle school students will exhibit their artwork in three galleries at the Huntington Beach Art Center May 30 through June 5. The exhibition will include visual art in a variety of media. The opening reception takes place Friday, May 30, 6:30 – 8 p.m., and is free to the public. For more information, call 714.374.1650.

Artsy Summer Sundays Features Free Hands-on Art Lessons

Save the date! Artsy Summer Sundays resumes at the Huntington Beach Art Center on June 29, 1–3 p.m., with guest artists teaching hands-on art to families in a comfortable and creative environment. Sponsored by Target, *Artsy Summer Sundays* is a series of free, drop-in art workshops for children and their parents, which takes place on consecutive Sundays. The workshops continue on July 20, August 3, and August 10. Registration is not required. Call 714.374.1650 for more information, or see the *Sands Community Brochure* at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org>.





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HBAC Presents Art at the Beach 2008

Youth Camp (ages 6 – 12)	June 23 – August 15
Teen Camp (ages 13 – 15)	August 18 – 22
Camp Art Exhibition	August 15 – 28



The Huntington Beach Art Center (HBAC) kicks off Art at the Beach Summer Camp on June 23, offering a variety of contemporary art activities centered on improving creative and active imaginations. The HBAC staff of professional artists will work on different themes each week to assist campers in producing works ranging from new technology to installation art techniques. A few of this year's themes include *From Bread and Butter to Toast and Jam*, *From Head to Toe and Everywhere In-Between*, *From Monsters to Minotaur's*, and more! Campers of all ages will be exposed to a very synergistic and rich experience supporting contemporary art education in a low stress creative learning environment.

Art at the Beach culminates with an exhibition of visual art work produced by campers. This year's three-week exhibition will be held in the Huntington Beach Civic Center Council Chambers. For

more information and reservations, please call 714.374.1650, or see the Sands Community Brochure at www.surfcity-hb.org.

Visit a New and Improved World at the HBAC *Ground Us* Art Exhibition

We live in a sprawling environment with constant development of concrete encroaching on our natural space. Kiel Johnson, Lucrecia Troncoso and P. Williams use everyday materials such as cardboard, wood and sponges to create their ideal utopia for the *Ground Us* Exhibition at the Huntington Beach Art Center. The exhibition opens with a reception on Friday, June 27, 7 – 9 p.m., and continues June 28 through August 31. The three large-scale site-specific installations will amuse, engage and imagine a new and improved world. 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 www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art_center/.





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June 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.

Special Upcoming Events for June 2008:

Family Evening Pajama Storytime

Tabby Storytime Theater

Thursday, June 12, 2008 7:00 PM

FREE

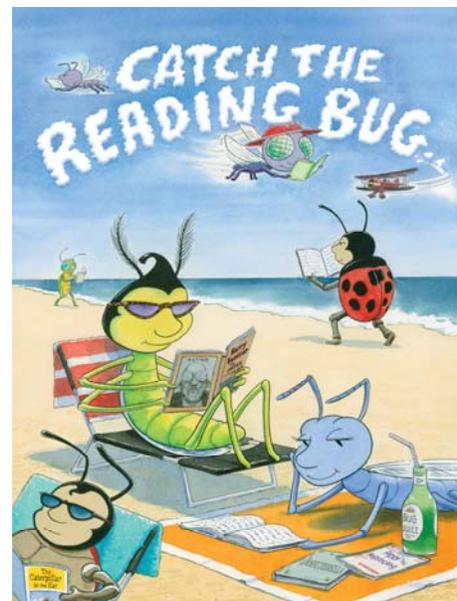
Come celebrate the upcoming Summer Reading Program with bug stories, songs, puppets and more! Our theme this year is “Catch the Reading Bug”. Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.

Festival of Folktales – Kick-off Celebration for the 2008 Summer Reading Program

Outside Courtyard

Tuesday, June 24, 2008 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Tickets \$.50 to \$2.00



The Friends of the Children’s Library is pleased to host the library’s ever-popular Festival of Folktales. This year’s entertainment includes musical storytelling with Melissa Green and “Singing a Story”; blues guitarist Brother Jusef, and steel drum band “Sapadilla”, performing international music; puppeteer Richard Woloski performing his “We Be Buggin’ Puppet and Magic Show”; Native American dancers, a pirate magic show with Rafael and Katia, a special storytime by the Library Fairy, a bugs and balloons show with Annie Banannie, crafts, games and face painting. This is one of the library’s best-attended events each year. It’s also the opening day of the Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is “Catch the Reading Bug”, and for our young adult readers, it’s “Metamorphosis @ your Library.” Enjoy the Festival of Folktales and register for this summer’s reading program! Tickets can be purchased in advance in the Children’s Department or on the day of the Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets for games, face painting and crafts are \$.50 to \$2.00. Hamburgers, hotdogs, tacos, and other goodies will be available for cash purchase.





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Summer Reading Program 2008

June 24 – August 8 – FREE -- Central Library and all branches

For ages 2 – 12 “Catch the Reading Bug” and for ages 13 and up “Metamorphosis @ your Library”

Join the Library’s Summer Reading Program! Children 2 years and older can

register at the Central Library or at any of our four branch libraries. Registration is open June 24 through August 8. **For more information call (714) 375-5107.**



Catch the Reading Bug!

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.

NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS

JUNE 6

Our summer movie fun opens with a treasure-seeking, code-cracking history mystery. Even the three academy award winning actors, Nicholas Cage, Helen Mirren and Jon Voight, are clearly enjoying themselves. Treasure hunter Benjamin Franklin Gates (Cage) reteams with his wisecracking partner in crime (Riley Poole) and romantic interest Dr. Abigail Chase (Diane Kruger) to discover the truth behind the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. When a missing page from John Wilkes Booth’s diary surfaces, it implicates Ben’s great-great grandfather as a key conspirator in President Lincoln’s death. So Ben’s interest in a profitable romp through U.S. history turns into an obsession to clear his family name.



PG for some violence. 124 minutes

27 DRESSES

JUNE 20



The summer bliss continues with a breezy romantic comedy starring Katherine Heigl (*Grey’s Anatomy*, *Knocked-Up*) as Jane who has a problem saying no leading to her 27 times as a bridesmaid but never a bride. Yet Jane secretly dreams of a lovely, romantic wedding with her boss George (Edward Burns). Her dream, unfortunately, turns into a nightmare when her flirtatious younger sister, Tess, (Malin Akerman) announces her own engagement to George and asks Jane to plan the wedding. Meanwhile the charming but cynical wedding beat writer, Kevin (James Marsden), thinks Jane is fascinating and tries to capture her romantic interest. Is Kevin in reality the man of Jane’s dreams?

PG-13 for language, some innuendo and sexuality. 105 minutes



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THE BUCKET LIST

JUNE 27

There is no end to the summer laughs in this comic caper directed by Rob Reiner about two old codgers with a plan to experience life to the fullest before they kick the bucket. Corporate billionaire Edward Cole (Jack Nicholson) and working-class philosopher Carter Chambers (Morgan Freeman) escape from the cancer ward and race against the reaper to do all the things they have ever wanted to do before they die according to their bucket list. With Cole's dependable assistant Thomas (Sean Hayes) overseeing the logistics, the new friends down obscene amounts of caviar, tear up the road in classic cars, skydive, hit the tables in Monte Carlo but most of important of all, find their hearts opened to the joy in life.

PG-13 for language, including a sexual reference. 97 minutes



Surf City Photo Contest Winners!





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Thuy Vi Receives Mayor's Award



Thuy Vi began working for the City Attorney's Office on March 4, 2002, as a Legal Secretary, which position was retitled in 2007 as Legal Assistant. Prior to working for the City, Thuy worked as a Paralegal in private practice for seven years. She later was hired by the City of Garden Grove as a Police Dispatcher. After deciding she missed working in a law office, she then came to work for the City of Huntington Beach.

Thuy is a pleasure to work with. Her peers describe her as professional, a "take-charge" person, who is very confident, courteous, dependable, friendly, cheerful, helpful, fun, knowledgeable, organized, considerate, self-motivated, positive, and tremendous asset to the Litigation Division. Her fellow employees all agree that she is a team player, takes pride in her work, and is always willing to work through lunch or late to get a project done.

Thuy was presented with the Mayor's Award on May 19, 2008. She was joined by her family and co-workers for a photograph with Mayor Debbie Cook and City Attorney Jennifer McGrath.



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June 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

June 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	June 2 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast June 3 @ 10am & June 4 @ 7pm June 16 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast June 17 @ 10 am & June 18 @ 7 pm
Planning Commission Meeting	June 10 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast June 12 @ 7 pm June 24 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast June 26 @ 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. Look for the program guide under the "What's New" column.