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## The Centennial Celebrations Continue

This Centennial year has started off with a bang and the exciting events have just begun! The City celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 17<sup>th</sup>, Huntington Beach's incorporation date, with a special ceremony at Pier Plaza. Hundreds of residents attended the celebration along with City Council members, past mayors, the Centennial Celebration Committee and a dozen residents who have lived in Huntington Beach more than 80 years. The Centennial Time Capsule was dedicated along with touching speeches from the City Council members and the Surf City Singers from APA performed a medley of show tunes from throughout the century. Postmaster Richard Samaniego presented the City with a special cancellation stamp of the Centennial Logo. The postmark will be available upon request at Huntington Beach Post Offices through March 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful celebration of history and community.



The month of March is dedicated to celebrating Education in Huntington Beach and there will be several educational Centennial events. Over the past few months, many elementary and middle schools participated in an art and essay contest themed, "What was it like to live in Huntington Beach 100 years ago?" The winners will be announced and will receive their prizes at the March 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting which will also include a special Flag Ceremony by the Boy Scouts of America. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm at City Hall and will be broadcasted live on HBTV-3.

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, Golden West College will be holding their annual Gala with a Centennial theme-Dancing through the Decades. Music will be played from every decade of the last 100 years. The Gala benefits Golden West College, one of Huntington Beach's excellent educational institutions. For more information on the Gala and to buy tickets, visit [www.goldenwestcollege.edu/foundation/gala](http://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/foundation/gala). The Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley will be dedicating the whole month of March to the Centennial and is sponsoring many educational events such as a 1900's costume contest and cooking classes. There are several other March activities for the whole family to participate in such as beach cleanups and a Friends of the Library luncheon, make sure you stay updated on all the Centennial events on [www.HB100Years.org](http://www.HB100Years.org).



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## Judges cast Academy of Performing Arts student as Miss Huntington Beach 2009

Kate Brewster of Huntington Beach High School's Academy of Performing Arts, was crowned Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, Miss Huntington Beach 2009 during the annual competition. This year's contest was held at Old World Village.



With the City's Centennial celebration underway, Kate will have plenty to do as Surf City's representative, which she'll serve alongside her court: Chantelle Ruehman (first runner-up); Samantha Bullat (second runner up); Emily Walker (third runner up); Kelsey Shulte (fourth runner up).

An 18-year-old senior, Kate will initiate her platform, "Value of the Arts Enhancing General Education," during her year of service. Kate will continue her education after graduating HBHS in June by pursuing a Bachelors degree in music.

In addition to her involvement with the Academy of Performing Arts, she is also a member of the Surf City Singers, and was honored Best Female Vocalist for the Performing Arts in 2008.

"I have never been so proud of 13 girls before...they are all amazing," said Pam Alagata, executive director of the Miss Huntington Beach Scholarship Pageant.

## HB Firefighters supports Project Self Sufficiency

On Monday, February 2, 2009 at the Huntington Beach City Council meeting, the Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association presented a check in the amount of \$30,000 to Project Self Sufficiency. The check was a result of a Charity Golf Tournament (Great Balls of Fire) held in November of 2008.



The Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association would like to thank all the local businesses, SeaCliff Country Club, and all the people that continue to support this charity tournament. We look forward to another great event on Monday, November 9, 2009 when we raise funds for Huntington Valley Boys and Girls Club.



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## Huntington Beach 3/1 Marines Foundation Serves Community

In April 2005, the city of Huntington Beach, through a proclamation of the city council, adopted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion / 1<sup>st</sup> Marines, stationed at Camp Pendleton. Since that time, the Huntington Beach 3/1 Marines Foundation was formed to oversee all projects and programs in support of these brave men and women and their equally brave families.

Thanks to very generous individuals, businesses, service clubs, schools and our city employees, the Foundation has been able to provide a variety of support including, but not limited to: Assembling and mailing over 3,000 care packages to our deployed Marines; Monthly "Family Days" for the wives and children while our men and women are deployed; Helping to underwrite the Marine Corps Ball, held here in Huntington Beach; Collecting supplies for a school our battalion helped to build in the Philippines; Providing food vouchers and holiday baskets to our families in need; Furnishing "Welcome Home" packages of basic toiletries to our single Marines, returning to the barracks; Providing emergency needs for wounded Marines, families in crisis and special circumstances.

On March 8, 2009, we will host our first fundraiser here in Huntington Beach with the "3/1 Run." This 5K fun Run/Walk will start at the parking lot at Beach Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway, proceeding north past the Pier before looping around to return to the start area. The Huntington Beach Firefighters will be cooking and serving up breakfast for a small donation, and a platoon from our battalion will run Cadence from the start area to Pier Plaza prior to the start of the race. Medals will be awarded to the male and female first, second and third place finishers in all age groups. An additional medal will be awarded to the overall first place finisher.



With the battalion having just returned home in January, the "3/1 Run" presents a great opportunity to meet many of these young men, including our Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Benjamin Watson. Registration is \$35 per person and can be accessed through our website at [www.HB4Marines.org](http://www.HB4Marines.org). For those who golf, be sure to check out the "Tun Tavern Tournament," to be held at Camp Pendleton on Monday, May 4, 2009. Registration is \$225 per person, with special sponsorship opportunities at various levels. Registration and Sponsorship forms are available on the website.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the 3/1 Foundation, or participating as a volunteer or sponsor in activities that will be scheduled for 2009, join the 3/1 Support Group through our website, [www.HB4Marines.org](http://www.HB4Marines.org) or call 714-375-3131. You'll receive a window decal, thank you card and advance notice, via e-mail, of all upcoming events, activities and projects.



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## Huntington Beach Art Center March Events

### **City Reconsider Opens on March 13**

An opening reception for *City Reconsider* will be held on Friday, March 13, 2009 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Huntington Beach Art Center. The exhibition will run from March 14 through April 12. Exhibition artists include: LAC, Luisa Cohrs, Mary Dessert, Anna Friesen, Trang Le, and Robin Repp. This contemporary exhibition is an experiment in using the Huntington Beach Art Center as an incubator for creativity. Utilizing the previous *Ebb & Flow* exhibition – cultural producers from HB met at HBAC to examine the City of Huntington Beach's history. The artists reconsidered developmental aspects of the city such as transportation, planning of public and private spaces, and economic resource distribution.



The artists will engage, enrage, entertain, uplift and make citizens think. You might not like the result, but what's important is that the cultural producers get to create and the audience gets to think for themselves. The HBAC is located at 538 Main St. and gallery hours are Wed. - Sat., from 12 - 6 pm. For more information call 714.374.1650.

### **Friday Night Blues with the Melvin Eddy Blues Band**

The Huntington Beach Art Center proudly presents The Friday Night Blues featuring the legendary Melvin Eddy Blues Band, on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 - 10:00 pm performing in an intimate cabaret-style setting. Melvin Eddy began his singing career at the tender age of five. As a teen, he sang lead in a gospel trio. He grew up listening to the blues in Kansas City and remembers peeking through club doors to see Jimmy Reed perform.



The Melvin Eddy Blues Band was formed in 1992 and has established a reputation for excellence which stems from the passion and feeling that Melvin Eddy brings to each performance. As well as promoting the blues through performances, Melvin Eddy has served as president of the Southern California Blues Society since 1986, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the blues.

The Live at the Center series is an annual event and is in its seventh year. Its part of a musical series that includes Jazz at the Center and Friday Night Blues concerts featuring commanding performances of instrumental, lyrical and vocal expertise. General admission tickets for Melvin Eddy Blues Band are \$25; HBAC members \$20, and prepaid reservations are required for guaranteed seating. Please call 714.374.1650 for reservations and ticket information.



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## Artsy Sundays Continues



Artsy Sundays continue in March with two dates: March 15 and 29. Guest artists teach hands-on art to families in a comfortable and creative environment. The Workshops run from 1 — 3 p.m. and families are invited to come in and learn new techniques and create a work of art to take home.

On March 15, Artist David French will teach an exciting sculpture workshop. Sponsored by Target, *Artsy Sundays* is a series of free, drop-in art workshops for children and their parents.

Registration is not required. Call 714.374.1650 for more information, or see the *Sands Community Brochure* at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org>.

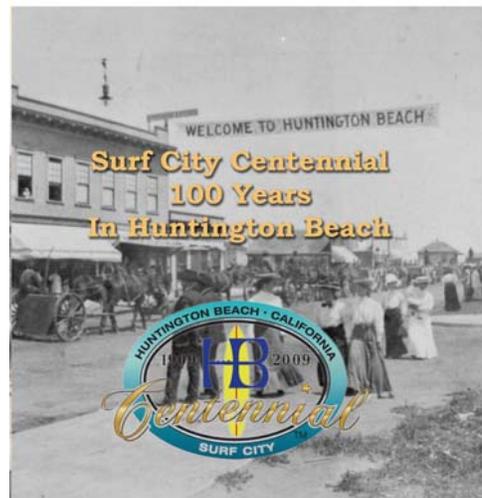
## History of Huntington Beach Film

The last 100 years comes to life in a film produced by the City, illustrating Huntington Beach's vibrant history. *Surf City Centennial: 100 Years in Huntington Beach* shows the City's roots including its Native American discovery, its founding in 1909 by Henry Huntington, the oil boom of the 1920's and the beginnings of surfing with Duke Kahanamoku.

Some of the highlights include tours of the International Surfing Museum and the Newland House, interviews with residents, Dean Torrence explaining the roots of "Surf City" and unique historical video and photographs.

The video will be used as an educational tool for residents and will be distributed to local schools. It will also be shown on HBTv-3 throughout the month of March and following months according to the following schedule:

- Mondays- 2 pm
- Tuesdays- 6 pm
- Wednesdays- 2 pm
- Thursdays- 12 pm
- Fridays- 2 pm
- Saturdays- 7 pm
- Sundays- 10 am





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## Stress-Free Travel Starts at City Hall

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

*Services include:*

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

### Traveling by Land or Sea?

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

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

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

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

For more info, call  
**(714) 374-1600**  
[www.surfcity-hb.org/passports](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/passports)

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## A.A.R.P. Income Tax Assistance

Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center will host A.A.R.P. FREE income tax assistance for seniors 55 and older on Tuesdays through April 14, 2009 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Appointments are required and fill quickly. For more information or to make an appointment, call the senior center at 714-536-9387.

Please bring the following with you when you come:

- Current year's tax forms and preparation booklet
- Copy of last year's income tax return (s)
- W-2 form from each employer
- Unemployment compensation statements
- SA-1099 form if paid SS benefits
- All 1099 forms
- All forms indicating federal income tax paid
- Dependent care provider information
- All receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions
- Social Security numbers for all dependents
- Driver's license or ID card.



Before your scheduled appointment, enjoy the Community SeniorServ lunch. A hot lunch is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. A donation of \$2.50 for those 60+ is recommended for the lunch. \$3.50 is charged to those under 60.

## HB Police Department Install Drug Disposal Box



The City of Huntington Beach has installed a Pharmaceutical Drug Disposal box in the Lobby of the Huntington Beach Police Department. The Pharmaceutical Disposal program is being implemented so citizens can properly dispose of their old prescription medications, instead of placing them in the trash or flushing them down the toilet. Improperly disposing of unused medications can harm others and the environment.

Medications which are flushed down the toilet are not completely removed by the sewage treatment facilities. These medications can enter the soil, surface water, and ground water. Research studies have shown that exposure to drugs found in waterways are having a serious impact on fish and other aquatic life. The Huntington Beach Police Department front lobby is open from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm, seven days a week. For further information about this program, contact Sergeant Guy Dove at (714) 536-5949.



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## Free Earth Day Celebration at Rainbow Disposal

The Huntington Beach Centennial Celebration is underway and April, 2009 has been designated as “Environmental Month.” To commemorate the Centennial and our environment, Rainbow Disposal is hosting a FREE Earth Day Celebration on April 19, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at its newly modernized facility, located at 17121 Nichols Street (off Warner between Gothard and Beach Blvd.), in Huntington Beach. This FAMILY EVENT promises to be fun and educational with GAMES, PRIZES, food, big trucks, fuel efficient vehicle displays, and MORE!



The Earth Day Celebration will include:

- A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event - Bring your old paint, pesticides, batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, electronic waste, and more for safe disposal and/or recycling
- The Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Experience - Kids and their parents find out firsthand “What Goes Where”
- Environmental booths – Learn about our local environmental resources and organizations
- Public Works Departments of Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley – A camera truck, vactor truck, loader, and tree lift vehicles will be on display as well as exhibits
- Fuel efficient vehicles and energy conservation displays from Utility companies
- Entertainment by the Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts
- Tasty food and drinks

There will be free convenient parking across from Rainbow Disposal on Nichols Street. This event is open to all residents of Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Westminster and surrounding communities. It will be a great educational opportunity for all family members. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Gordon at Rainbow Disposal (714) 847-3581.

## Library Centennial Display

As part of the City’s Centennial Celebration and to celebrate 100 years of the Huntington Beach Library System, the Central Library offers a new display in the main lobby. “Library Architecture and Building” features a blueprint of the building’s main floor. Visitors can see that plan realized in an early architectural model of Dion Neutra’s original design.



Finally, a series of “then and now” photos traces the evolution of the library through the decades. Please stop by this informative exhibit on your next visit, and don’t forget to purchase a commemorative canvas book bag with the library’s logo and our centennial motto: 100 Years of Education, Information and Culture.



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## Huntington Beach Public Library Calendar

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

### Family Evening Pajama Storytime

Tabby Storytime Theater

Thursday, March 12, 2009 7:00 PM -- FREE

Join Miss Barbara as she celebrates spring, kites, and Leprechauns with stories, songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.

### Wonderworld Puppets presents "The Story of the Lion and the Mouse"

Library Theater

Wednesday, March 18, 2009 4:00 PM -- \$4 per person



Come along with Wonderworld Puppets on an adventure into the fine art of puppetry in the Central Library Theater. This literature-based puppet show is designed to stimulate a child's interest in reading – all while entertaining them with the charming story of a lion and a mouse! Tickets are \$4 per person, and go on sale February 25. Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended. For more information call (714) 375-5107.

### Tickets on Sale Now:

Taste of Huntington Beach  
Huntington Beach Sports  
Complex (across from the  
Central Library)

Sunday, April 26, 2009 12:00-  
4:00 PM

Tickets: \$52 until April 12; \$60 starting April 13 & at the door



**TASTE OF HUNTINGTON BEACH 2009**  
WHERE FINE FOOD, GOOD SPIRIT AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE MEET

Join us at our new location for the ever-popular Taste of Huntington Beach at the beautiful Huntington Beach Sports Complex. Dine on selections from 45 of your favorite Huntington Beach restaurants and over 35 wineries and breweries, all while listening to great entertainment! Proceeds will benefit the Children's Wing of the H.B. Library and Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley. Tickets are limited, so purchase yours at either the H.B. Central Library reception desk, The Longboard, King's Fish House, Market Broiler, Kona, Sebastiani's Italian Bistro, Lazy Dog Café, Titanium Tickets, or Dukes Restaurant. Visit [www.tastehb.com](http://www.tastehb.com) to buy tickets online. In celebration of Huntington Beach's 100 Year Anniversary, there will be a FREE official Centennial Tote Bag given to the first 100 guests!



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## The City of HB and the HB Public Library System Celebrate 100 Years

The Friends of the Library invite you to attend the authors' noon luncheon on Friday, March 6, 2009 when they present Chris Epting, Robert Mayer and Kai Weisser.

**Chris Epting**, author of *Huntington Beach Then and Now*. This book features the 100-year history of Huntington Beach – a rich blend of agriculture, oil, surfing, beach culture, aerospace, and small-town America, highlighting some of the most defining views ever captured of Surf City. Epting's written collection includes, *James Dean Died Here*, *Led Zeppelin Crashed Here*, *Vanishing Orange County*, and others. He is a columnist for the Huntington Beach Independent.



**Robert Mayer** is an author and local developer. Robert has brought his vision of a Huntington Beach world-class destination resort complex to life with "The Waterfront", consisting of the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort, the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spas and surrounding residential homes – a catalyst to preserve the charms of Surf City while elevating the quality of life. Mayer is the author of *Without Risk There's No Reward*.

**Kai Weisser**, author of *Huntington Beach Lifeguards*. This book features vintage photographs, including snapshots of lifeguards, surfers and world-class events, and it illustrates how uniforms, lifeguarding and equipment have changed and advanced through the years. Weisser is a former Huntington Beach lifeguard and was president of the Huntington Beach Surf Life Saving.



Central Library, Rooms C/D

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

\$18 per person

Reservations required – Seating is limited.

Reservations and checks must be received no later than Monday, March 2. Please make checks payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or deliver to Friends Gift Shop. Author book signings before and after luncheon. For questions, please contact the Friends Gift Shop at (714) 375-8429.



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## Kiwanis Foundation Donates History Books to Library

The Kiwanis Foundation of Huntington Beach has donated copies of the book Century of Service, A History of Huntington Beach to the city's library to ensure that citizens have access to this informative record of the town's first hundred years. The book was written to commemorate



the many men and women who have contributed to the success of their community through civic or public service since Huntington Beach was incorporated in February 1909. The Kiwanis Foundation published the book to generate funding for the many good works the organization performs for youth and needy senior citizens living in Huntington Beach.

Accepting the books on behalf of the Huntington Beach Library was Stephanie Beverage, the city's new Library Director. Jeanne

Hexem, President of the Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach, Don Mac Allister, former councilman and mayor of Huntington Beach, and President of the city's Council on Aging, and the author Mike Heywood, a Kiwanis director, and historian of the Huntington Beach Coordinating Council, presented the books on behalf of the Kiwanis Foundation.

## Successful Aging: A Lifelong Process

Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach will host a two day workshop on successful aging presented by the Alzheimer's Family Services Center. David Hart will teach strategies designed to enhance well-being on Friday March 13 and Friday March 20 from 9:30 to 11:30. During the four-hour seminar, attendees will be challenged to embrace the aging process, leave behind negative stereotypes about aging and adopt strategies to enhance well-being. Topics addressed in this dynamic workshop include:

- The importance of intellectual curiosity and lifelong learning
- The benefits of forming new friendships and social networks
- The sacredness of spirituality as a framework to provide meaning and hope in change and loss
- A wide array of information to promote the prevention of Alzheimer's disease and other chronic health conditions.

Pre-registration is required. RSVP to Sandee Messer at 714-593-1862 or [rsvp@afscenter.org](mailto:rsvp@afscenter.org)



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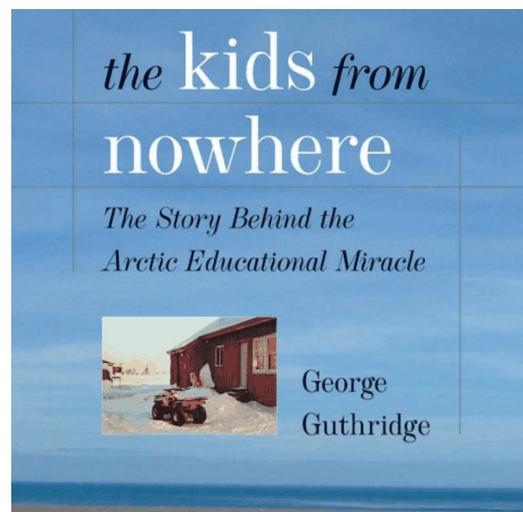


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## Author and former “kid from nowhere” speak in Huntington Beach March 5

By seaplane and airplane—traveling over 3,500 miles to Huntington Beach—author George Guthridge and one of the former “kids from nowhere” will talk about their life in a Yu’pik village at a free, public event March 5, at Huntington Beach High School.

Merle, one of the author’s former high school students featured in this year’s book selection by Huntington Beach Reads One Book, is traveling to our community from a tiny Yu’pik village on St. Lawrence Island, in the Bering Sea between Russia and Alaska. While a student of the author, Merle challenged Guthridge by saying “*Maybe you can last the whole year...maybe.*” In “**the kids from nowhere**,” Guthridge recounts his first year in the village of Gambell. His introduction to Yupik life reveals a people caught between ancient ways and an intruding contemporary world. With humor, Guthridge reveals the wry wit and intelligence of students others had underestimated.



The Guthridge family adapts to harsh weather, lack of plumbing, racism, death and the twilight of Arctic winters. In this quiet culture where raised eyebrows mean “yes” and stoic faces don’t always mean a lack of interest; Guthridge learns to redirect his teaching to connect the lesson with the Yupik way. In turn, his students—who call themselves “**the kids from nowhere**”—begin to reveal profound insight about their lives and the outside world, while achieving what no one thought was possible.

*“Time, (they) taught me, cannot be measured by clocks or calendars. Life’s benchmarks, I came to realize, are luck and love, the migration of whales, the changing of weather,”* says Guthridge. *“How can I tell you how much I learned from those students, and how deeply I still love them after all these years... those students are grown now, with children of their own, yet I will always think of them as my kids...”*

The public is invited to this rare opportunity to meet someone from the Yu’pik world and the author who came to love them. No reservations or tickets are required. HB Reads recommends early arrival to ensure convenient parking in the high school parking lot (enter lot off Main Street). Learn more about the Yu’pik culture and “*the kids from nowhere*” at [www.HBReads.com](http://www.HBReads.com). Meet George and Merle at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 5, at the Huntington Beach High School gymnasium, 1905 Main Street (near the intersection of Main Street and Yorktown Avenue).



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## CATCH THE WAVE OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

**APPLICANTS MAY NOW APPLY ON-LINE!**  
**[www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs)**

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

### **Full Time Opportunities**

Communications Operator (Experienced)  
Police Officer (Experienced)

### **Part Time Opportunities**

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



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## Fourth of July Executive Board Announces Changes

The Fourth of July Executive Board is very busy planning the 2009 Parade and Celebration events. As you may know, 2009 marks the Centennial celebration for the City of Huntington Beach as well. The Board is working to incorporate several special Centennial related events into the parade and celebration.



So many local groups and citizens have expressed an interest in this special event and we hope in some way we will be able to accommodate these requests. In order to achieve this, some changes will take place this year and among them are the fees for parade entries. Another change will be the length of the parade. In an effort to keep to the mandated parade timeline, pre-parade activity will be kept to a minimum representation of each group involved, enabling adherence to the timeline.

### New Entry Fees for the 2009 Parade are as follows:

- \$300 Entry Fee for any non-profit walking group Non profit 501(C)3 status must accompany application.
- \$500 Entry Fee for any non-profit vehicle whether car or float. Non profit 501(C)3 status must accompany application.
- \$1000 Entry Fee for any Commercial entity (30 Ft or less) or any other entry without non-profit status.



*One entry per fee, if you require two entries a double fee will apply.*

Each year monies needed to produce the celebration are raised from donations and sponsorships. It is anticipated that this year will be especially difficult because sponsors are also being asked to contribute to the city's Centennial celebration. Therefore, we cannot waive fees for any organization wishing to enter the parade.

The HB Automobile Dealers and Antique Car owners are struggling too, thereby limiting the number of available cars donated for parade use. For the first time the Board must ask parade entrants to provide their own vehicle with insurance requirements as listed in the parade application. If you cannot, please contact me, Patricia Stier, Executive Director, at [pstier@social.rr.com](mailto:pstier@social.rr.com) and I will try to assist you. We appreciate your understanding for these changes and hope you will work with us to make the 2009 Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade and Celebration the most memorable for our city's Centennial celebration.



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## Community Services offers Junior Lifeguard Prep Class

Get the kids ready for Junior Guard tryouts! Local Junior Lifeguard programs require participants to complete a timed test to determine their eligibility to participate. The Community Services Department is offering a Junior Lifeguard Preparation class to assist prospective Junior Lifeguards in meeting the testing goals for local programs. Although this class does not guarantee that students will meet the qualifying times for participation in Local Junior Lifeguard programs, it will provide all students the opportunity to learn and practice skills to shave important seconds off of their qualifying times. This class will guide students ages 8-16 in proper swim strokes and methods to increase their speed using fun drills and creative instruction.



This program is scheduled at Marina High School, beginning the week of March 9<sup>th</sup> for 12 weeks. The class may be taken Tuesday and Thursday, Monday and Wednesday or all 4 days from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Sign up now at any Community Center!

## Shipley Nature Center Upcoming Events

### The Magic of Composting 2009

Shipley Nature Center will present a morning to learn about those decomposers that make the best organic compost for our gardens. Learn how to transform those kitchen scraps and backyard cuttings into "black gold." Two different lectures will be offered: Vermiculture (worm composting) and Traditional Backyard Composting. Due to the popularity of these seminars, we require a \$10 reservation fee per seminar; or attend both on the same day for \$15. Each seminar is limited to the first 50 registrants. Register now at [www.shipleynature.org](http://www.shipleynature.org).

Dates: March 21, May 16, June 20, July 11.

Vermiculture (Worms) 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Traditional Backyard 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Vermiculture Kits (\$125) and Backyard Composting Bins (\$95) will be available for purchase on seminar day.

### Spring Festival

On Saturday April 25 from 9 am to 2 pm Shipley Nature Center invites everyone to its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival. The day's activities will include the Native Plant Sale, the Nature Friendly Information Fair, Food and Entertainment. Children can participate in the Maypole Dance and parade at 11:00 am.

Throughout the day, Shipley docents will conduct Habitat tours of the 18-acre center or visitors can just wander through on their own to discover the pond, the Redwood Grove, the Monarch Waystation and visit the Composting and Native Plant Nursery centers.

For more information, call Shipley Nature Center at 714-842-4772 or see

[www.shipleynature.org](http://www.shipleynature.org).





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## The Case for Tap Water

Tap water in California and the U.S. is inexpensive, pure and of exceptionally high quality, yet more and more people purchase bottled water.



Water bottle company marketers have succeeded in their quest to make the general public believe that tap water is “not as healthy” as bottled water, although there is very little empirical evidence suggesting that bottled water is any healthier or better than tap water. In fact, most bottled water comes straight from a tap, whether the tap is located in Detroit or Santa Ana or any other location where there is a bottling plant.

Bottled water sales worldwide are estimated at \$50 to \$100 billion dollars annually, despite the curious fact that bottled water is subject to less rigorous standards and testing than municipal water. There is also a big difference in value since a bottle of water, 20 to 32 ounces, usually costs around \$1 as compared to the price of a gallon of tap water that costs less than a penny.

There are also many other reasons why drinking tap water makes sense. Plastic bottles produce 1.5 million tons of plastic garbage each year. To manufacture these plastic bottles, 47 million gallons of oil per year are required, and

that’s not including the cost of transporting these bottles from plant to customer, nor the resulting traffic congestion or air pollution.

Not only is the habit of drinking bottled water a contradiction to sound environmental practices, it is also a sustainability issue as global water corporations slowly are transforming a public resource into a high-priced luxury.

Bottled water is costly, wasteful, and a distraction from the importance of funding the construction and maintenance of safe municipal water systems to ensure continuous excellent public health for current and future generations.

## Saturday Film Forum CANCELLED



Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the ***Watching the Detectives*** Saturday Film Forum. All dates are cancelled. The screenings were scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup> or May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Central Library.



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## Free Friday Afternoon at the Movies

Sponsored by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging

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

### THE WOMEN



MARCH 6

Mothers, daughters, wives, friends, these are the women. Shocked by the discovery that their pal Mary Haine's (Meg Ryan) husband is having an affair with a beautiful young shop girl (Eva Mendes) a tight-knit circle of New York socialites rally around her with cocktails, advice and shopping. Friends (Annette Bening, Jada Pinkett Smith and Debra Messing) and mother (Candice Bergen) come up with a devious plan to help Mary win back her man. Also starring (Bette Midler) Based on the George Cukor 1939 classic.

PG-13 for sexual content, some drug use and brief smoking

### W

Whether you love him or hate him, there is no question that George W. Bush is one of the most controversial figures in recent memory. In an unprecedented undertaking, Academy Award winning director, Oliver Stone, brings the life of our 43<sup>rd</sup> president to the big screen. W. takes viewers through George W. Bush's (Josh Brolin) eventful life, the struggles and triumphs, how he found both his wife and his faith, and of course the critical days leading up to Bush's decision to invade Iraq. Among the key supporting players are Richard Dreyfuss as Vice President Dick Cheney and Elizabeth Banks as first lady Laura Bush. PG-13 for language, sex, alcohol abuse, smoking & war images.

MARCH 20



### NIGHTS OF RODANTHE

MARCH 27

Trying to move on from her husband's infidelity, Adrienne Willis (Diane Lane) takes a weekend caretaker job at a remote inn on the Outer Banks in North Carolina. The inn's only guest, Dr. Paul Flanner (Richard Gere) is a surgeon who long ago traded career for family. Paul and Adrienne expect to do some serious soul-searching. But an approaching storm forces each to turn to the other for strength, setting the stage for life-resonating romance. PG-13-some sexuality

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



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## Jennifer Villasenor receives the February Mayor's Award



Jennifer is an Associate Planner in the City's Planning Department. She started working for the City almost three years ago and in that short time has demonstrated an exceptional work product, outstanding customer service and great attitude.

Jennifer came to Huntington Beach after having worked for the cities of Bell Gardens and Rosemead, and receiving her Bachelor's degree in Environmental Analysis and Design from UCI. The Planning Department Staff have come to know and appreciate that Jennifer is one of those employees that we can always count on to give a 110%.

Her work on the City's Housing Element, the Senior Center Project and pretty much anything that is assigned to her continually demonstrates that the City is lucky to have such an exceptional employee. She was joined at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting by Mayor Bohr, Director Scott Hess, fellow staff members and her family.



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# March Calendar of Events

For a complete listing of events in Huntington Beach, visit the Huntington Beach Conference and Visitor's Bureau Calendar at [www.surfcityevents.com](http://www.surfcityevents.com)

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## March Television Schedule for Channel Three

Community Bulletin Board	Daily
City Council Meetings	March 2 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast March 3 @ 10 am and March 4 @ 7 pm March 16 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast March 17 @ 10 am and March 18 @ 7 pm
Planning Commission Meeting	March 10 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast March 12 @ 7 pm and March 24 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast March 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](http://www.surfcity-hb.org). Look for the program guide under the "What's New" column.