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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 and Water 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.



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April Celebrates the Environment

The month of April has been designated as the Centennial's Environmental Month. Huntington Beach has a unique and spectacular environment that is a vital part of the community. It is important that we are educated about our environment so we can better protect it for future generations. There are many educational and fun environmental events going on this month.

The month kicks off with a special walking tour led by the Orange County Sierra Club on the 4th. The seven mile hike goes from Shipley Nature Center at Central Park to the beach. Then, experience the Bolsa Chica Wetlands from 10 am until 3 pm with Earth Day exhibits about plants and marine life.

The 14th - 16th there will be an Environmental Author's Talk Series held at the new Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center on PCH at Newland at 7:30 pm. The 14th talk will be on living with urban wildlife such as raccoons and coyotes. On the 15th, Kim Koplín will give a talk on California friendly plants for our gardens. Former Mayor Debbie Cook will be speaking about our energy future on the 16th.



As part of the environmental celebration there will be several Bird Walks around the city. The first walk will be Monday, April 6th at the Bolsa Chica Wetlands. Saturday the 11th the walk will be at Harriet Weider Regional Park. The 17th will be at Central Park and the 20th will be at the Talbert Marsh. All attendees are encouraged to bring their own binoculars or scopes, wear comfortable shoes and layers. Each birding trip will be limited to 15 people and advance reservations are needed. RSVP to Nancy Kenyon at 949-786-3160.

In honor of the City's 100th birthday, the Centennial Committee and the Tree Society will be planting 100 trees around the City. The first planting will be the 18th at Central Park. Meet at 8:30 am near the Shipley Nature Center.

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The 25th is the Shipley Nature Center Spring Festival which will include walking tours, plant displays and nature exhibits. This popular event goes from 9 am - noon. For information on all of April's environmental events and the rest of the year, visit www.HB100Years.org.



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City launches new Green Blog to keep residents informed

As part of the City's commitment to the environment and sustainability of the community, a new "HB Goes Green" blog has launched on the City website. The blog organizes all the information and makes it easy to find what you are looking for and stay up to date on how Huntington Beach is going green.



The blog is organized by topic and department. Users can browse through each department of the City and view news and information on what they are doing to help the environment, or choose a topic such as water conservation or energy efficiency to find facts and articles specifically related to that topic. Residents can also learn tips on what they can do to keep HB green.

The City of Huntington Beach has a multi-focus on conservation, reduction in waste and emissions, and health and safety. Green Programs have recently evolved to encompass a broad range of components, including Facilities-Energy Conservation, Waste Management and Recycling, and Water Quality and Conservation. These measures will decrease amounts of greenhouse gas emissions, conserve energy and resources, reduce waste, promote energy efficiency and green construction methods, protect the health and safety of its citizens, and preserve economic stability.

Visit www.surfcity-hb.org/Residents/green_city and to stay informed and educated about Huntington Beach's environment and what you can do to help.

The 2010 Census is just around the corner

Taken every 10 years, the U.S. census counts everyone residing in the United States. It affects political representation and directs the allocation of billions of dollars in government funding, it also creates hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs across the nation.

It is important that everyone participate in the 2010 census. Every year, more than \$300 billion is awarded to states and communities based on census data. The data guides local decision makers on important planning efforts including where to build schools and hospitals.



The 2010 census needs volunteers as well as paid employees to help spread the word and make this historic event happen. For more information on census opportunities, visit www.census.gov/2010census.



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Annual Easter Hunt in Central Park

The Easter Hunt is Huntington Beach's largest Easter event for children and their families. Each year, the Easter Hunt brings out an estimated several thousand people to Central Park to "hunt" for more than 2,000 pounds of wrapped candy.



This year's event, which is set for April 11 in Huntington Beach Central Park, is free to the public. Parking is also free.

Children with disabilities will start the Easter hunt at 9:30 a.m. after which the hunt will be open to children age 2 and under at 10 am; children age 3 & 4 at 10:30 am; ages 5 & 6 at 11:00 am and those ages 7 & 8 at 11:30 am. There will be crafts, game booths, entertainment and much more.

The annual Easter Hunt will take place in Huntington Central Park near the intersection of Edwards Street and Inlet Drive. The Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club and the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department are proud to work together to present this annual, fun-filled event. Kiwanis wants to extend a special thanks to this year's sponsor

Altera Real Estate!

The Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach was founded in 1961. Currently, with over 80 members, the Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach actively supports or is involved with helping not only the children but also the senior citizens of Huntington Beach. Lunch meetings with guest speakers are currently held every Tuesday from 12:00 – 1:30 pm at the Meadowlark Country Club. Kiwanis is a thriving international organization of service- and community-minded individuals who support children and young adults around the world.

Learn to Reduce Stress and be Happier

Facilitator Sunny Kay Caldwell offers this free 4-week class at the Michael E. Rogers Seniors Center on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. beginning April 3rd through April 24th.

Free Your Mind gives you the tools to reduce stress and clear your minds using a metaphysical and meditative approach allowing you to live in the moment. Class participants learn to be open to a new lifestyle of peace & harmony, quickly releasing thoughts & feelings causing concerns, tension, grief, depression, fear, and anger.



Sunny Kay Caldwell shares her vast experience of helping people release old outdated habits and patterns thus establishing a happy environment that benefits and supports everyone. Please be prompt and bring a pen & a notebook. For more information or to register for this class, contact the Michael E. Rogers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 714-536-9387.



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It's Duck Season! Centennial Style!

The 17th Annual Duck-A-Thon™ is May 15 – 17th at the Huntington Beach Pier. This is the fun event where you buy a rubber duck for a chance to win prizes as it races in the waves to the shore! In honor of the 100th Birthday of Huntington Beach, 2009 theme ducks are Birthday Ducks!

The official kick-off of the weekend long festivities is the Duck-A-Thon™ Wine Tasting on Friday, May 15th at Huntington Beach Pier Plaza. Attendees will enjoy boutique wines and champagne from across California, Centennial Beer from Brewbakers and fabulous hors d'oeuvres from local eateries including Dukes, Rubio's Mexican Grill and Hooters.

Tickets are \$40 in advance/ \$50 VIPs, At the door \$50/ \$60 VIP. VIP tickets include complimentary parking, a tall souvenir glass and expedited entry. You can now buy your tickets online at www.dat.eventbrite.com.



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Saturday, May 16th

10:00 am – 6:00 pm... Duck Festival
3:00 pm... Baby Duck Race

Sunday, May 17th

10:00 am – 5:00 pm... Duck Festival & Baby Duck Retrieval
3:00 pm... Corporate Duck Race



Saturday is the main event when 4,000 baby ducks race at 3:00 pm. The first 50 ducks to shore win prizes for their owners. **First prize is \$1,000!**

Sunday is the Corporate Duck Race at 3:00 pm. Corporate Ducks are larger than baby ducks and compete for first place only. The winner will receive the 'Golden Duck Traveling Trophy' and bragging rights for one year.



You can now buy your ducks online at www.duckathon.org

Proceeds from the Duck-A-Thon™ benefit AltaMed's Huntington Beach Community Clinic.



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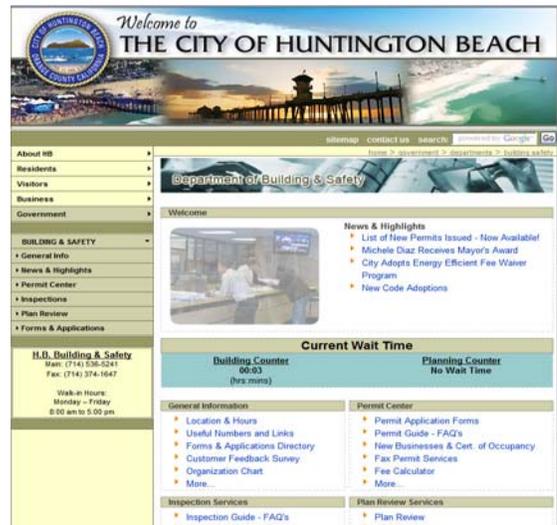


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Building and Planning Departments Make it Easier for Customers

Customers who visit the third floor at City Hall will now enjoy a more effective system which will make visits faster and easier. The Building and Planning Departments have implemented a Customer Flow management system where people are placed into a virtual queue. Customers enter their information in the system, then enjoy sitting and watching television while waiting for their ticket to be called instead of waiting in line.

The system segments the customer by the type of service they need which allows employees to observe the queue and transfer customers to the appropriate area. It also allows supervisors to manage wait times and track staff productivity. Residents can even log on to the City's website and view the actual wait time from home to determine the best time to come in.



The new system will create consistently shorter wait times, a more enjoyable and comfortable visit and efficiency within the department. To learn more about the Huntington Beach Building and Planning departments and view the current wait time visit, http://www.surfcity-hb.org/government/departments/building_safety.

Vacancies on Mobile Home Advisory Board

The City of Huntington Beach is seeking three individuals to fill vacant board positions on the Mobile Home Advisory Board (MHAB). The MHAB is comprised of seven board members who meet on a quarterly basis to consider matters that affect the quality of life within the mobile home parks in the City of Huntington Beach, and help maintain an effective line of communication between park owners, manufactured home owners, and the City Council.

Board members may also be called upon to investigate various issues concerning mobile home park ownership and residency and make recommendations to City Council in an attempt to resolve disputes in a fair and equitable manner. Two of the vacant positions must be filled by a mobile home park owner. The third vacancy must be filled by a mobile home resident. All positions are expected to serve at least a four-year term. If you meet these qualifications and are interested in serving as a MHAB board member please apply online. To do so, please visit the City's Boards and Commissions web page at http://www.surfcityhb.org/Government/boards_commissions. If you have any questions about the MHAB, or any of the available board positions, please contact Terri King at (714) 960-8831.



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Centennial Coins Now Available

The Rotary Club of Huntington Beach, having provided local community service for over 85 years (since 1923) is proud to present the official Centennial Surf City USA® Coins. The coins pay tribute to the Centennial Celebration of the City of Huntington Beach, as a premier vacation destination and timeless, youthful spirit of Surf City USA®

These beautiful coins are available in finishes of Gold, Silver and Bronze. To order the coins, visit their website: www.huntingtonbeachrotary.org. You may also contact Brenda at (714) 206-5001, or Brenda@acornx.com. Coins are also available at Albertson's in the Seaclyff Shopping Center.

Coins are sold in sets of three for \$65.00. Silver coins are \$20.00 each, and bronze are \$10.00. Gold coins are only sold in sets, as all coins are numbered, and only a limited number of gold coins will be available.



The coins make great mementos of Huntington Beach, and the quality and design is outstanding. They make great souvenirs, and are a “once in a lifetime” purchase. A portion of the sales will go to the Centennial Committee to help finance their activities throughout this monumental year for Huntington Beach.

Check out Centennial Event Photos in new Virtual Scrapbook

The Centennial website is the place to stay up to date on all the upcoming events for this Centennial year, but now, it's also the place to see everything you have missed! There is now a virtual scrapbook on the site, organized by event, with pictures of all the Centennial fun so far. Check the site often for updates, videos, and pictures along with historic pictures of the City and resident's HB stories, all at www.HB100Years.org.





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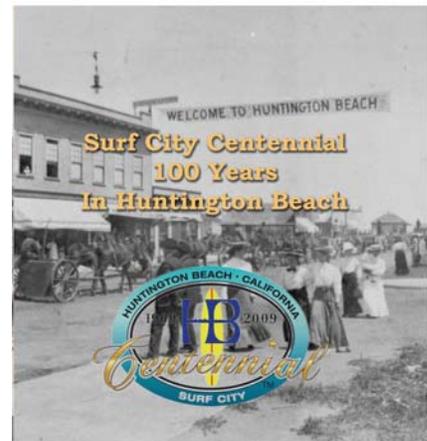


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History of Huntington Beach Book and Film

Whether you're a history buff or just love the city, a history of Huntington Beach book and video are now available that every resident will enjoy. Available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall and the Centennial retailers, both the book and video are full of fun information and one of a kind images that illustrate Huntington Beach's vibrant history.

The last 100 years comes to life in the film produced by the City, *Surf City Centennial: 100 Years in Huntington Beach*, which 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 book, *Ebb and Flow*, presented by the City's Historic Resources Board, is a printed version of the amazing historical exhibit featured in February at the Huntington Beach Art Center. The book outlines the City's history and features beautiful photographs of everything Surf City from its early pioneers to Main Street as we know it.

The Ebb and Flow book is available for a \$10 donation and the DVD is a \$5 donation. Both are available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall, Huntington Surf and Sport downtown and at Bella Terra, California Greetings on Main Street, The Surf City Store on the pier, HB Car Wash at Beach and Garfield and California Seashell Co. at 5 Points Plaza.

It will also be shown on HBTv-3 throughout the month of April and following months according to the following schedule:

- Tuesdays and Saturdays – 9 am
- Thursdays- 6 pm
- Fridays- 7 pm
- Sundays- 1 pm

A special showing of the movie will be featured on KOCE Sunday, April 5th at noon. For most residents, KOCE is Channel 50.



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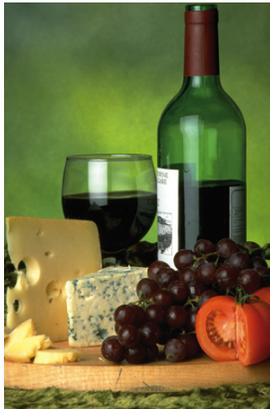
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Adult Children of Aging Parents

On Wednesday, April 29, 6 – 7:30 PM, the Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA) along with Senior Services staff will host a special wine and cheese open house at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue Huntington Beach, CA 92649.



The evening will feature a speaker from SOFA, *The Society for Financial Awareness*, a non-profit group. The topic for the evening is directed toward adult children of aging parents with an emphasis on investment concerns in a fragile market and reverse mortgages.

This is a great chance for the public to come and meet the HBCOA Board of Directors and for many who may work during the day to come and check out Rodgers Seniors Center. There will also be a special Wii demonstration from the Center's Wii bowling team, the Surf City Strikers.

The mission of the HBCOA is to respond to the evolving needs of the senior citizens of Huntington Beach through advocacy and direct action on their behalf. Board President Don MacAllister will discuss new ways to get involved with the HBCOA. Executive Director of Senior Services, Randy Pesqueira will give an overview of current services available to residents of Huntington Beach. For more information, please call 714-536-9387.

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.



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.



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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

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Tickets on Sale for 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 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!



Save-A-Life Saturdays

The Huntington Beach Fire Department and CERT has announced Save-A-Life Saturdays, a series of free classes to help better prepare you and your family in case of an emergency. The monthly classes cover a variety of life-saving techniques and tips on getting prepared.

In the Save-A-Life Saturday series of classes you will learn how to:



- Prepare your home and family for a disaster
- Perform basic first aid and CPR
- Safely search a building and rescue trapped victims
- Put out small fires using a fire extinguisher
- Survive outdoors if you cannot return to your home because it is unsafe
- Use all these skills together and create a Neighborhood CERT Disaster Team

April 18 from 7:45 am to noon there will be a class on Disaster First Aid. Participants will learn creative first aid solutions to common injuries resulting from a disaster. Additional topics include splints, burns and slings.

Created in 1991, CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) is a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) endorsed training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community in the event of a disaster. All classes are free, but participants must register. Call 714-536-5974 or visit www.SurfCity-hb.org/CERT.



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Huntington Beach Represented at Literacy Conference

Twelve members of Literacy Volunteers-HBPL represented Huntington Beach at the SCLLN (Southern CA Library Literacy Network) Conference in Buena Park on March 7.

Speech Pathologist Pat Larkin presented two workshops on “Speech Pronunciation and Clarity” on behalf of HBPL. Huntington Beach Literacy Volunteers attended workshops on speech, writing, problem-solving, free software, Wiki’s, reading comprehension, health literacy, and goal setting.

Author Stephen J. Cannell was the keynote speaker. Cannell told about his own learning differences and how he overcame them to run a television studio and write 17 books. Board member Laura Knowles designed a beautiful doorprize basket for our library to donate. Literacy Coordinator Rose Saylin is a member of the board of directors for SCLLN.



3/1 Run raises funds for Marine Foundation



The first annual 3/1 Marine Run took place Sunday, March 8. Over 200 people of all ages ran and walked the 5k beachfront path starting at Beach Boulevard and PCH.

The Huntington Beach Firefighters Association supported the event by cooking breakfast and the marines started the morning by leading exercises. Miss Huntington Beach Kate Brewster handed out medals to all the winners.

The event was put together by the 3/1 committee members. To learn more about the committee visit www.hb4marines.org.



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Recap of Education Month

The month of March celebrated education in Huntington Beach and it was full of exciting events all over the City. Huntington Beach is lucky to have such amazing schools, teachers and students and education is an important part of the community.



Education month kicked off at the March 2nd City Council meeting with over 90 third graders from Sea Cliff Elementary singing songs from the musical, “A History of Huntington Beach”.

A sold out five week class started on the 4th, teaching the history of Surf City, put on by the Huntington Beach Adult School. There was so much interest in the class another session will begin in April. To register for the next session, call 714-847-2873 x: 219.

March 7th was Centennial Super Service Saturday and over 1200 boy and girl scouts participated in volunteer work all over the city from pulling weeds to cleaning up the beach. All of the scouts were honored at the City Council meeting on the 16th and presented with special Centennial patches for all of their hard work. March 14th was the El Viento Beach Clean up where 50 student volunteers helped clean up City Beach around the Pier.

The Golden West College Gala was held March 21st as a benefit for the excellent local institution. The Centennial theme was highlighted by the band playing music from the last 100 years and people “dancing through the decades”. And the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley celebrated all month long with Centennial events such as art projects, cooking classes and a 1900’s costume contest.



Remember to keep checking the Centennial website, www.HB100Years.org so you don’t miss any of the amazing fun and educational events happening all year long!



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Fourth of July News

The 4th of July Salutes the Centennial 2009 honors Huntington Beach's Centennial Anniversary and celebrates the 105th Annual 4th of July event in Huntington Beach. From early dawn to far after dark, the city invites everyone to enjoy fun in the sun and nighttime fireworks.

Miss America 2009, Katie Stam, will grace our historic Parade as Grand Marshall along with celebrities, special guests, marching bands, floats, equestrians, dignitaries and community entries.

Sponsors are needed to help fund the festivities. This year the 4th of July joins with the city to honor 100 years of community. Be a part of history by joining the Centennial Club! For \$100 your business card or dedication will be included in the Huntington Beach Time Capsule and opened in 50 years. Several more levels of Sponsorship are also detailed on our website. Benefits to business includes tremendous exposure before the estimated half million plus visitors who attend during this 3-day celebration. Contact Executive Board member, Mary Peeples, for sponsor information at marypeeples@socal.rr.com.



Start your day at the Surf City 5K Run and Fitness Expo. Business teams as well as families and individuals are urged to sign up for the Run at www.surfcityrun.com. Stay for the Fitness Expo to enjoy the live music and see all the latest in fitness products. The Kiwanis of Huntington Beach puts on the best \$5 Pancake Breakfast in Lake Park on Main Street at 11th. Come down early (6-10 a.m.), get your fill and support this great organization. Then sit right down in the bleachers at Lake Park for only \$15.00 each and enjoy prime viewing of the Parade.

Then, join thousands of your closest friends for the Main Street parade at 10 a.m. for the 105th Annual Parade. This crowd-pleaser sets the stage for an afternoon at the Pier Plaza Festival and Fireworks Over the Ocean at dusk.

Pier Plaza at Main & PCH is the place to be beginning on Friday the 3rd. The Pier Plaza Festival continues for 3 days through Sunday, July 5th. Browse exhibitor's wares, food vendors and on the 4th, enjoy entertainment all afternoon and evening. Outfit your entire family with commemorative logo t-shirts, hats, pins and other memorabilia, available on the official 4th of July website. For information and schedules for all events, visit www.hb4thofjuly.org. **See you on the 4th!**



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24th Annual Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance

Come to this two day family event and enjoy live entertainment while admiring some of the most beautiful automobiles and motorcycles in Southern California on the picturesque lawns of Huntington Beach Central Park.



Saturday's "Back to the Beach" features over 40 classes of hot rods and custom motorcycles and a salute to orphan cars and "HEMI". Grand Marshall Fireball Tim Lawrence, movie car designer, as seen on Speed's "Street Tuner Challenge", will be hosting Hot Rod and Custom builders of Southern California. The Mai Tais

Surf band and "Island Inspirations" South Pacific dancers are sure to pick up the pace during the day.

Sunday features The Concours with Pontiac and Aston Martin as the honored marques for automobiles and Big Dog for motorcycles. Grand Marshall Jim Wangers, "God Father of the GTO", will present some special Pontiacs and artwork. Dave Kunz, KABC-TV automotive specialists will MC the day. Free ice cream and Hot Wheels racing for the kids; "Autumn" and the Dixieland Ramblers will entertain the adults. The Fifth Annual Student Auto Art Contest will be conducted at the VIP Luncheon. Adding to the festivities, a special Huntington Beach Centennial gift will be given to the first 100 participants arriving. 60+ classes and over 400 cars, motorcycles and bicycles, as well as entertainment, food and vendors will bring back the good ole days with a dash of the future.

Proceeds are donated to the Huntington Beach Children's Resource Center at the Huntington Beach Central Library by the Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance, a non-profit corporation.

When: Saturday, June 6, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Sunday, June 7, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Spectators: \$10.00/day or \$15 for 2 days purchased at the gate. \$2.00 discount tickets are available on flyers at the library and web site: hbconcours.org. Seniors 62+ \$8.00/day, children under 12 Free when accompanied by an adult.

Contacts: Bart McGrath 714-960-2100 or Bob Shaw 714-962-2776. General Recorded Information: 714-375-8414. Better yet, go to www.hbconcours.org for complete information and participant entry forms.



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CATCH THE WAVE OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

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

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

Full Time Opportunities

Accounting Technician II
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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Check out the SPRING SANDS for Spring Camps in April

The SANDS brochure is an outstanding resource that “Creates Community” in Huntington Beach by giving residents opportunities to enhance quality of life through the great variety of programs and Services. The Community Services Department is offering several Spring Camps in April:



- Art at the Beach – (April 6-10 for ages 6 – 12). A variety of visual and performing arts and recreation activities will be explored during the week including: drawing, painting, music, dance, sculpture, and other art media.
- Junior Tennis Camp – (April 6-10) Offers the opportunity for beginner to advanced players enjoy this one-week tennis clinic for youth ages 6 to 16.
- Skateboarding Camp – (April 6-10) Whether you are just learning, ready to learn more advanced tricks, or just want to skate our private skate park, this camp is right for you.

Details, fees, times, and locations can be found in the Spring SANDS Bulletin that was recently mailed to all Huntington Beach residents and available at your local community centers. You can also access the information at the city’s website at www.surfcity-hb.org. Registration is taking place NOW, so don’t miss this opportunity to participate!

HB Surf School Introduces Spring Break Surf Camps

The City of Huntington Beach and HB Surf School will be offering two surf camp sessions during Spring Break. The surf camps, run by Bill Sharp who heads the city’s Learn to Surf program, will run Monday – Friday, from 8:30 am – 11:30 am the week of April 6 - 10 and April 13 -17.

These one-week camps are designed to help advanced beginner/intermediate surfers take their skills to the next level. For those who have the basics down, this program will help improve overall paddling and board riding ability, master a variety of basic and advanced maneuvers, understand tides and swell, and learn important ocean safety. For those who desire to compete, competitive analysis and techniques will also be covered. There are no age restrictions but camp surfers should be proficient ocean swimmers.



Cost for the camp is \$245 per person. Campers will receive a goodie bag and T-shirt and Del Taco lunch will be served on Friday. The surf camp instructor is Bill Sharp, who also heads the Learn to Surf program for the City of Huntington Beach. Sharp, a former pro surfer from South Africa, has been coaching and teaching surfing for more than 30 years.

For more information about the camps, see The Sands community magazine online at www.surfcity-hb.org or email hbsurfschool@yahoo.com.



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Community Services Supervisor, Harry W. Montague Remembered

At their March 11th, Community Services Commission Meeting, staff and community members remembered the former Supervisor of the Edison Community Center, Harry W. Montague, and officially re-named the Youth Sports “Good Sport Award”, the “Harry W. Montague Sportsmanship Award”. This award allows youth sports teams demonstrating exemplary sportsmanship to be honored at the same level as league championship teams.

The City of Huntington Beach Youth Sports Program believes it is necessary to develop the whole person, not just the athlete, and the program is designed to accomplish this. It stresses the importance of teaching young people not only the rules and strategies of games but important lessons about life as well. Positive youth sports programs help young people develop confidence and self-esteem, help them learn to resolve conflicts peacefully, teach them ways to take care of their health and well-being, and help them develop skills for communicating with others....skills that are useful throughout the lives of good citizens!

At the conclusion of each Youth Sports season, the Community Services Commission recognizes the “League Champs” and “Sportsmanship” teams at their regular monthly meeting in the city council chambers. These youth teams, with players ranging from 3rd through 8th grades are honored both for their athletic achievements and for their exemplary demonstration of sportsmanship. The “Harry Montague Sportsmanship Award” is given to the top team in each division demonstrating sportsmanship, fair play, and hard work by their coaches, players, and spectators. The first recipients of the “Harry W. Montague Sportsmanship Award” will be recognized at the April 8th Commission Meeting.

Student Art Work on Display at the HBAC



The Huntington Beach Art Center will present an exhibition of works created by students from Huntington Beach and Orange County. The Art Center’s 1st gallery will hold work from the seven High Schools in the Huntington Beach Union School District that collectively make up the display entitled Creative Visions. Students, K-8, from the Huntington Beach City School District will be displayed in the 2nd gallery. The Art Center’s final gallery will feature work by students, K-12, from all over Orange County as a part of the county wide Arts festival, Imagination Celebration, organized by Arts Orange

County. Together this work will create a stunning visual display of local student talent. The Exhibition will run from April 24-30. A gala reception will be held for all on Friday, April 24, from 6 – 9 p.m. with songs celebrating the history of Huntington Beach performed by students of the HBCSD on Sunday, April 26, from 1-3 p.m. A reception will be held for the Imagination Celebration. For more information regarding the student exhibition please call the Art Center at (714) 374-1650.



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An Earth Day and Huntington Beach Centennial Celebration



Maypole-dance 11:00 am



Family-Fun, Food, Entertainment

Saturday April 25, 2009
9am to 2pm
FREE Admission



Shipley Nature Center
17851 Goldenwest St
Huntington Beach, CA 92647
714.842.4772
www.shiplevnature.org

(In Huntington Central Park across
Goldenwest from Huntington
Central Library)

- Tours of our back country with our talented team of docents
- Activities for kids and families
- Displays by nature friendly organizations



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The HB Community Supports Project Self-Sufficiency

Project Self-Sufficiency is a public-private partnership with the City of Huntington Beach, and the very generous community. Huntington Beach Project Self-Sufficiency's mission is to identify, qualify, and assist motivated, low-income, single-parent families with minor children achieve economic independence from public assistance through personal development, education, and job training. The PS-S Foundation and the community are committed to providing a variety of much needed resources to assist program participants.

To engage the community, PS-S staff actively meets with community stakeholders and collaborates with over 75 churches, social and service clubs, and community organizations that provide, food, clothing, toys, furniture, cars and other needed items to support PS-S families. Most recently, PS-S staff developed a new relationship with the Sunrise Surf City Rotary Club as the "Adopt a Social Worker" program. Each month a PS-S staff member attends an early morning breakfast meeting to give a brief report on the PS-S program and to receive a donation check of approximately \$250. Donations have been used to purchase gasoline cards for distribution to program participants, and this assistance has proven to be very beneficial during these economically challenging times. Thanks to the Huntington Beach community for their ongoing generous support of Project Self-Sufficiency.

HB Art Center's Camp Explores Art in a Local and Global Context

This year's Art at the Beach: Spring Camp takes campers on an extraordinary journey that begins with considering ideas of home and ends with global issues. Throughout the week campers will explore how art influences their home, city, state, country and the world through various art media. Daily activities include visual presentations, painting, drawing, assemblage, installations and other art processes. The schedule of activities is:



- Day 1: All about our home
- Day 2: All about our city
- Day 3: All about our state
- Day 4: All about our country
- Day 5: All about our world

Art at the Beach: Spring Camp is open to youth ages 6 to 12, and is held at the Huntington Beach Art Center the week of April 6 – 10. Registration begins March 13 for mail-in, and March 24 for walk-in. Camp fees are \$190 (\$170 HBAC members) for the one-week, full-day session; \$115 (\$100 HBAC members) for the one-week, half-day session. All art materials and one camp t-shirt per youth is included in the fee. Full-day campers must bring their own snacks, lunches and beverages. For information and reservations, see the Sands brochure on the City's website at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org>, call the Art Center at (714) 374-1650, or visit us in person at 538 Main Street, Huntington Beach.



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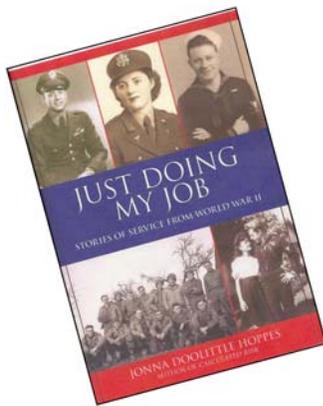
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Artsy Sundays

Artsy Sundays continue with two dates: April 5 and 12. 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. 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>.



Friends of the Library Author Event



The Friends of the Library invite you to the Author's event on May 12 at 7pm when they present Jonna Doolittle Hoppes. Ms. Hoppes will be showcasing her book *Just Doing My Job* and facilitating a panel discussion of WWII veterans. Jonna Doolittle Hoppes is the granddaughter of General Jimmy Doolittle. She works at the Los Angeles Air Force Base and lives in Huntington Beach, CA. Panel of WWII Veterans will include Jack Hammett, Pearl Harbor, Vi Cowden, WASP, Claude Davis, Tuskegee Airman, David Lester, Combat Engineer.

"The stories from *Just Doing My Job* are firsthand accounts of the (WWII) war years and may differ from what you've heard and read in the past. Working on this book has been a great honor, but these are not my stories. I am simply the scribe, bringing to the reader wonderful tales of courage, love, sacrifice and honor. What a privilege to sit with these heroes, to listen to their stories..." --Jonna Doolittle Hoppes

In the Central Library Theater. Doors open at 6:30pm, cost is \$10 per person. Reservations required. Reservations and checks must be received no later than May 9. 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 panel discussion. For questions, please contact the Friends Gift Shop at (714) 375-8429.



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The Annual *On Course* Golf Tournament - Sponsors & Golfers Needed

Plans are underway for the Huntington Beach Council on Aging *On Course* Golf Tournament. The event, which raises funds for the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center is set for Friday, June 26, 2009 at Meadowlark Golf Course in Huntington Beach. Men and women of all ages and are encouraged to grab your clubs and join us for a great day of golf while supporting a worthy cause. Businesses and individuals are encouraged to get their name on the "Sponsorship Leader Board" by becoming a sponsor for this year's event.



With more than 55,000 seniors age 55 and older residing in the greater Huntington Beach area, the tournament helps support seniors and their families through many beneficial programs offered by the senior center.

Sponsorship and golf packages range from \$100 - \$2,500 and include a host of benefits depending on the levels. To sponsor the event or for more information, please call Chris Cole at (714) 374-1710.

Central Park Sports Complex Phase II

The Phase II area at the Central Park Sports Complex continues to be a very popular place for Huntington Beach Youth. The facility has three open artificial turf fields, one artificial turf Arena and seven batting cage bays.



During the week there are numerous youth sports groups like South Coast Bayern, California Futbol Club, North Huntington Beach Futbol Club, AYSO, the Boys & Girls Club of Huntington Valley and many more youth groups are using the artificial turf fields for their practices. On most nights all four artificial turf fields are in full use as the youth groups prepare for games and tournaments. The fields are used for tournament action; soccer, field hockey or LaCrosse events at the Sports Complex. The city has been hosting its very popular Pee-Wee Soccer program in the area over the past three years.

The area has also been used by local adult soccer teams for fitness workouts during the week, and has been hosting Women's field hockey and Adult Soccer leagues on the weekends. The Central Park Sports Complex Batting Cages are open and feature seven cages: four baseball, two slow-pitch softball and one fast pitch softball.

The cages are open Monday through Friday from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m., Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Hours are subject to change due to inclement weather and the hours for the cages are extended for many weekday holidays. Tokens for the cages are \$1.00 each for 18 pitches or six tokens for \$5.00.

Cages can be reserved in 30-minute increments at the cost of \$14.00 per cage. For more information on field usage or on the batting cages, please contact the batting cage office at (714) 375-3960.



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City of Huntington Beach urges residents to go *online* instead of standing *in line*

The City of Huntington Beach is moving to the forefront of customer service with the implementation of a new online system that lets residents get their questions answered and assures that no requests fall through the cracks. Surf City Pipeline is now available through the city's website and will allow the city to better manage, track and respond to resident requests. Surf City Pipeline is like having City Hall available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and makes it easy to get questions answered quickly, directly and privately.



How it works:

- Residents can go online to the city's website and be directly connected to Surf City Pipeline.
- You will see a menu of frequently asked questions and topics along with a search tool to find what you need. Many questions will be answered right there on the page.
- If you want to know more about the topic, there is a spot to enter a question or request that will be directly sent to a designated city employee. Residents don't need to know who to call or what department to contact, their question will be sent to the right person, right away.
- You will get a confirmation number and expected date of completion immediately after you send the request, making it easy to track your question- just like shopping online- but for answers!
- The city employee receives your request on their email and will answer you as soon as possible. There is even a backup employee designated for every topic so your request will not be missed.
- You can communicate back and forth via email for as long as you need with the employee directly until your questions are answered. When the request is completed, it is considered closed, and you can take a survey letting the City know how your request was handled.
- Requests and information can also be given anonymously, without follow up from employees if you choose.

Easy as that! No lines, no waiting on hold, no confusion. Whether it is filling a pothole, learning about Centennial events, or how to get a passport, Surf City Pipeline will get users answers, fast. Surf City Pipeline also allows City officials to better analyze the needs and trends of Huntington Beach residents and City employees, maximizing the work that gets done, and citizen's tax dollars.

For more information on Surf City Pipeline contact Beverly Braden at bbraden@surfcity-hb.org.



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Huntington Beach Public Library Calendar

Come visit the library during **National Library Week April 13-April 18!**

“Library Kids Lead the Way” or “Don’t Miss the Bus!” Spring Reading Program

Central Library and all branches, April 1 through April 30, 2009, FREE

Join our Spring reading program with your choice of either “Library Kids Lead the Way” or “Don’t Miss the Bus!” theme. Read five books, 250 pages or spend 2 hours reading and earn a prize! Listening to stories also counts. Pick up a fun reading log to record your progress at the children’s information desk or branch library starting on April 1.

Soccer Collies featuring Ms. Z and BEK during Spring Break!

Main Street Branch Library – 525 Main Street, Huntington Beach, Wednesday, April 8
10:00 AM -- \$4 per person

Come play soccer outside on the lawn at the Main Street branch with the world’s greatest soccer dogs! A team of kids will be chosen to play with Soccer Collies Ms. Z and BEK in a real live game. Watch out – it’s a “ruff” sport! This special event will take place instead of the regular storytime. Tickets are available for \$4 per person, and are on sale now. Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended!



Family Evening Pajama Storytime

Tabby Storytime Theater, Thursday, April 9, 2009 7:00 PM, FREE

Families of all ages can come celebrate Earth Day, bunnies, eggs, rain, trees, spring and ducks with Miss Barbara at her popular storytime. There will be stories, songs, puppets and more! Children and parents alike wear their pajamas and enjoy refreshments provided by the National Charity League.



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Public Library Calendar (Continued)

Ballet Etudes presents “A Bug’s Life”: the Ballet

Library Theater, Tuesday, April 21, 2009 and Wednesday, April 22, 2009
4:00 PM and 7:00 PM -- \$4 per person

Please join us for Ballet Etudes’ presentation of “A Bug’s Life”: the Ballet. The popular ballet company will entertain us with their delightful version of the movie, featuring dancing bugs like the ant and the grasshopper. Our ballet programs are a fun introduction to the art of ballet and are suitable for all ages! Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended. Tickets are on sale now!

“Imagination Celebration” featuring Storyteller Jim Cogan

Tabby Theater -- Wednesday, April 29, 2009 – 7:00 PM – FREE

Come celebrate Dia De Los Ninos at our annual Imagination Celebration with a free show featuring Jim Cogan, called “Stories to Light our Lives”. Enjoy wacky participation tales for all ages, including rhythm, rhyme, mime, and creative movement!



Free Friday Afternoon at the Movies

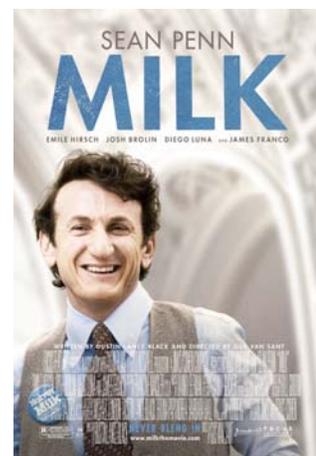
Sponsored by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging

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.

MILK

APRIL 3

Sean Penn, 2009 Best Actor, portrays Harvey Milk not as a hero but as a middle-aged everyman, kind, funny and flawed with a penchant for saving lost souls and trumpeting causes. Because too many of Milk’s friends were persecuted or had died, Milk made a powerful appeal to closeted gays to come out to their families, friends and co-workers to put a human face on homophobia. Already known as the Mayor of Castro Street, in 1977, Milk became the first openly gay man elected to public office and in 1978 he was murdered along with Mayor George Moscone (Victor Garber) by fellow city supervisor, Dan White (Josh Brolin in an Oscar-nominated role) Director Gus Van Sant’s fact-based drama (nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award) co-stars Emile Hirsch, James Franco and Diego Luna. *R For language, sexual content and brief violence*
129 minutes





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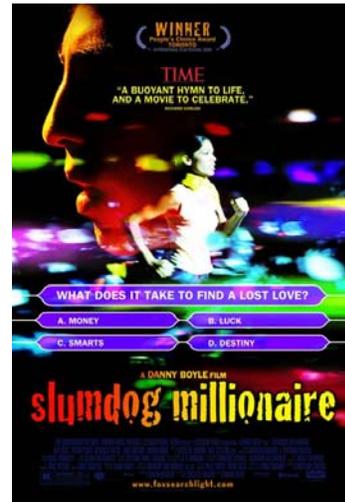
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Friday Afternoon at the Movies (Continued)

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

APRIL 17

Danny Boyle's 2009 Best Picture winning movie tells the story of an orphan from the slums of Mumbai who is born into a brutal existence. A petty thief, impostor and survivor, mired in dire poverty, he improvises his way up through the world and remembers everything he has learned. After coming within one question of winning 20 million rupees on the Indian version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?", 18-year-old Mumbai "slumdog" Jamal Malik (Dev Patel) is arrested on suspicion of cheating. While in custody, Jamal must prove his native intelligence and regales a jaded police inspector (Irfan Khan) with remarkable tales of his life on the streets, as well as the story of Latika (Freida Pinto) the woman he loved and lost. *R for some violence, disturbing images and language.* 120 minutes



MARLEY & ME

APRIL 24

Based on the best-selling memoir, this is a cheerful family movie about a young couple Jennifer and John Grogan (Jennifer Aniston and Owen Wilson) who start out in live as many newlyweds do with a new house, new jobs, a new dog (Marley) and then three children. The Marley kids,



Conor, Patrick and Colleen all love Marley. John Grogan bases his newspaper column on the troublesome canine. But Jennifer Grogan tells John that either the hellhound goes or she goes. The Grogans learn many of life's important lessons from Marley, the highs and lows of marriage, unconditional love, maturity and confronting ones' own mortality. *PG-13 For thematic material, some suggestive content and language* 110 minutes

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



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Children's Services Librarian Mary-Pat Gonzalez Receives Mayor's Award



During her fifteen years of library service, Senior Librarian Mary-Pat Gonzalez has assisted, inspired, and entertained thousands of children, welcoming them to the library, introducing them to the joy of books, sharing stories, and creating good memories of the public library. Mary Pat has worked on a number of projects over the years, coordinating and expanding children's programs to reach 15,000 people a year.

The Campfire Story Time she initiated thirteen years ago remains one of our most popular programs, attracting over 400 children every summer. She works diligently to build team spirit among the staff with her enthusiasm and positive attitude – who else could get staff members to dress up as zombie librarians and perform the Thriller dance scoring the Library Services Department the coveted 1st prize at the city's annual Halloween breakfast?

Mary Pat is a dedicated professional who makes a real difference in the lives of the children of Huntington Beach. Join us in congratulating her on this special award.



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April 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

April Television Schedule for Channel Three

Community Bulletin Board	Daily
City Council Meetings	April 6 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast April 7 @ 10 am and April 8 @ 7 pm April 20 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast April 21 @ 10 am and April 22 @ 7 pm
Planning Commission Meeting	April 14 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast April 16 @ 7 pm and April 28 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast April 30 @ 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.