

HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Path To The 'Pathways' is Approved, 7-0

Homeless center may take a while

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

It's almost axiomatic that "navigation centers," a temporary location to help get the homeless off the street and connections to needed services isn't the long-term solution to the problems associated with homelessness in Orange County and elsewhere.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council a step was taken toward a "permanent supporting housing" development to be called the "Pathways Project." The council voted 7-0 in

favor, but it will really be a long-term operation.

What's approved is the authorization and execution of an 18-month exclusive negotiation agreement with Jamboree Housing to continue planning and securing funding for "Pathways."

Much of the desired funding will come from grants, rather than from city coffers and the process may take close to two more years before all is in place to proceed to construction.

The ENA will follow an earlier agreement ap-

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Navigation Center for three cities to debut

What's intended to be a major step in reducing problems with homelessness will become reality today (Wednesday) when a ribbon-cutting ceremony is held for the Central Cities Navigation Center in Garden Grove at 3:30 p.m.

The center, located at 13871 West St., will serve and is financed by Garden

Grove, Fountain Valley and Westminster.

The 85-bed center will provide more than just shelter.

It's a "wraparound facility" that will offer assistance in employment, mental health and dealing with substance abuse. There will be "dormitories" for males and fe-

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THREE DOG NICE



TRIBUNE GENERAL MANAGER Marilyn Tortolano meets with Mischa, Nellie and Heart, police "support" dogs at a fund-raiser at Valley View Lanes in West Garden Grove on Tuesday. Money raised will go to support a K-9 training facility at Pioneer Park in Garden Grove that would serve all Orange County (Tribune photo).

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Hotels, motels, STRs levy increase on selves

Tourism is a big part of Huntington Beach's economic vitality as well as a major contributor to the city treasury.

On Tuesday, the city council gave its approval to an increase of the self-assessment paid by hotels, motels and short-term rentals to help promote tourism.

The council voted to accept an increase from 4 to 6 percent for Huntington Beach Tourism Business Improvement District and its related Visit Huntington Beach arm. Twenty-one hotels and motels are

included, as well as about 200 short-term rentals - typically former residences - in the program.

VHB argues that the increase will be needed to remain competitive with other tourism centers in Orange County, including Disneyland-Anaheim, Newport Beach and South Orange County.

It plans to work with the city to boost the appeal of the downtown area with way-finding signs, a "welcome" sign at the entrance to the city pier, restroom upgrades and more.

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Central Cities Nav Center

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males, some rooms for couples and even a pet facility.

In addition to services to the unhoused is intended to provide having the center will enable the cities involved to enforce anti-camping ordinances.

The navigation center is located

in an industrial center northwest of Westminster Avenue and Harbor Boulevard.

Pathways Project Okd

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proved in June 2022.

“Pathways” would replace the temporary facility at Beach Boulevard and Cameron Lane, north of Talbert Avenue, which opened in December of 2020 with a permanent four-level facility with the navigation center occupying 9,805 square feet.

The permanent supportive housing will include 70 apartments, with 62 one-bedroom units (572 square feet) and eight two-bedroom units (832 square feet).



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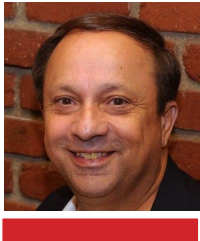
News & Views

Crisis? We are always in crisis and always win

I really don't have much to say about the conviction of a former president because a) everyone else has said it and b) I think the number of people I might convince one way or another is pretty small.

It's being said that this experience is a "stress test" for democracy.

but if it is – and perhaps it is – this has got to be the strangest crisis to come along since George Washington misplaced both his spectacles and his whalebone teeth.



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Let's consult our crisis checklist.

First, is the economy about to collapse as in the Great Depression? No, it appears to be more or less intact. The stock market is up as is employment (good) and so is inflation (not as good).

Second, is there some sort of deadly plague sweeping the country? No, we had that and now we've moved on, thank goodness.

Third, are we being invaded by a foreign power? Some people say we are, by poor folks who want to come here to work lousy jobs for minimum wage.

Fourth, is there a massive food shortage? I haven't checked the latest Agriculture Department statistics, but by doing my own casual survey of belt and dress sizes in Walmart and Burger King it looks like what we have is a massive shortage of self-control and green salads.

I don't mean to be flip ... or at least not very. I know we got climate change and rising oceans and chaos in Africa and

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HAZMAT INCIDENT at Hoover Street and Garden Grove Boulevard (OCFA photo).

Teamwork prevails over hazardous material leak

A hazardous material leak Friday night brought together the efforts of the Orange County Fire Authority, the Huntington Beach Fire Department and the Garden Grove Police Department.

According to the OCFA, the incident involved leaking chemicals from multiple drums and

containers on a work truck which were reported at 7:05 p.m. at Hoover Street and Garden Grove Boulevard.

Firefighters were able to isolate the containers and stopped the leaks. Orange County Health Care Agency also cooperated in this incident.

Semi-summer vacation for Tribune

Summer is approaching and that means vacation time for some.

That includes some members of The Tribune staff, so we will be not publishing our e-newspapers on Wednesday, June 12 and Saturday, June 15.

We are planning on continuing to update our website – www.orangecountytribune.com – to the best of our ability during that time.

We expect to return to our regular e-paper schedule with the issue of Wednesday, June 19.

Seek suspect in murder of woman in Hunt. Beach

Police are searching for the suspect in a homicide Friday afternoon in Huntington Beach.

According to Jessica Cuchilla, public affairs officer for the HYPD, officers were dispatched to a home in the 1100 block of England Street (northwest of Beach Boulevard and Indianapolis Avenue) at about 2:30 p.m. regarding a possible death.

Police entered the building and found a woman's body.

Detectives from the HYPD Major Crimes Unit responded and continued the investigation. They determined that the death was a homicide but an isolated incident and there's no threat to the public or community.

The investigation is ongoing and the identity of the victim is being withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

Anyone with information related to the incident is asked to call Detective R. Chen at (714) 536-5653.

GG will help you purchase home in town

The City of Garden Grove will hold the 2024 Homebuyer Day event on Saturday, July 13 at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

A resource fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with mortgage lenders, community housing organizations, and real estate agents providing a variety of resources and information related to becoming a home owner.

The event is for anyone interested in learning more about

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NewsUpdate

Biden Launches Asylum Crackdown

Border will close when asylum seekers reach 2,500 per day

President Joe Biden on Tuesday signed a presidential order placing major restrictions on would-be immigrants seeking asylum in the United States after traveling from Mexico and parts south.

Biden, citing a Congressional impasse on border reform, said “Republicans have left me

no choice,” and acted to close border points of entry when encounters there hit 2,500 per day. Based on that, border would be closed immediately.

The restrictions would be lifted two weeks after encounter numbers hit and or declined below 1,500 per day, based on a seven-day average.



BORDER SECURITY continues to be an issue (Shutterstock).



SECRETARY of State Antony Blinken (Wikipedia).

Push is on from Uncle Sam to accept cease-fire terms

The United States is pressing Israel to accept a cease-fire deal that might end – or at least, pause – a bloody conflict between Israeli forces and Hamas militants in Gaza.

Under the proposed plan,

Hamas would release the Israeli prisoners it still holds and Israel would withdraw all its forces.

However, Hamas has insisted that Israel release as least some of the Palestinian prisoners that it

holds.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has been speaking with leaders of over a dozen Arab states in an effort to help Hamas accept the cease-fire terms.

The trial of Hunter Biden on drug-related gun charges open

Hunter Biden’s trial on gun charges started Tuesday with a new juror impaneled.

The juror who wished to leave claimed she had transportation “issues”

and didn’t realize she would have to be at the trial every day.

Hunter is the son of President Joe Biden. He’s has a history of drug abuse, and pleaded not guilty

to three felony counts of possession of a firearm while under the influence of illegal drugs.

First Lady Jill Biden attended the trial.

Nice weather daily

The West Orange County area will continue to enjoy mid-70s daytime highs right into the weekend.

The forecast calls for morning clouds on Wednesday morning and afternoon sun. Temps will vary from 75 to 77 during the day and 62 to 63 at night.

Who’s winning the 2024 presidential election? No one, yet



With the 2024 presidential election about five months ahead, who’s leading in the race?

Based on the latest polling, nobody’s really in the lead. One summary of polls publicized by Newsweek has President

Joe Biden with a slim 1.1 percentage edge over former president Donald Trump, but 538.com puts Trump ahead of Biden by a margin of 1.4 percent.

However, almost all of that polling was conducted before the an-

nouncement that a New York jury had convicted Trump on 34 felony charges of falsifying business documents.

Presidents are not elected by the popular vote but by the Electoral College.

The website 270towin.

com projects that Trump is leading in enough states to get 235 votes to Biden’s 225.

But if Biden can win three key states he won in 2020 – Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania – he would be re-elected.

Arts & Living

“Idea Man” Created A World

Documentary on ‘Muppets’ and their impact

By Mark Kennedy
AP Entertainment Writer

There are moments when the spark of creation suddenly ignites and history stops. Like when the Wright brothers got a plane to fly.

Or when Oreo added double filling. Maybe just as resonant was when Jim Henson cut up his mother’s green coat into odd shapes and added ping-pong balls for eyes.

At that moment, he birthed Kermit the Frog, who would go on to enchant generations. Kermit’s humble beginnings are part of the engrossing and enlightening documentary “Jim Henson Idea Man” and it’s apt to start with the sweetly outgoing Kermit, who is in many ways Henson’s alter ego.

The Ron Howard-directed Disney+ movie is a kinetic mix of show clips, interviews, bloopers, behind-the-scenes workplace videos, home movies and artist sketches — as animated as Henson’s Muppets, who educated millions on “Sesame Street” and entertained even more on “The Muppet Show.”

Viewers are walked chronologically through Henson’s early life in rural Mississippi, his teaming up with his wife, Jane, on early late-night TV appearances, his often oddball sensibility, his self-doubt, embrace of educational TV, his marriage crumbling, the red-hot height of fame and then the fall with “Labyrinth.” It’s a definitive as you can get. We even learn why he chose to grow a beard: acne scars.

It’s also a portrait of a driven, brilliant creative man who wanted to be taken seriously as an



JIM HENSON really got into his characters, as shown in “Jim Henson Idea Man” (Disney+).

Movie Review

artist and had lifelong ambivalent feelings about becoming America’s favorite preschool entertainer. Writer Mark Monroe makes it seem as if he often felt straightjacketed, like an arm stuck in a puppet’s felt body.

Watchers will walk away with a deeper understanding of a man who had such an outsized presence in their childhoods. Once you realize that Henson was, in his heart of hearts, really a experimental filmmaker, you better understand the whacky, psychedelic videos on “Sesame Street” or why The Great Gonzo eats a rubber car tire to “Flight of the Bumblebee.”

The voices Howard has wrangled are fantastic, from Frank Oz (the Burt to Henson’s Ernie), puppeteer Fran Brill, puppet builder/costume designer Bonnie Erickson and actors Jennifer Connelly and Rita Moreno. Henson’s own short diary entries —

“attend seminar in Cambridge re: Children’s TV workshop” — are also put to good use, as is footage from his funeral, a joyous affair.

One weird quibble is the decision by Howard — who apparently met Henson once, briefly — to put his interview subjects in a sterile, grey room with brick walls. Why keep going back there to celebrate a figure who opposed formality?

Frank Oz, the voice of Miss Piggy and Ernie who was Henson’s puppeteering partner in crime for decades, is wonderfully honest about his yin-and-yang relationship with Henson — “it was both a joy and a grind” — as are Henson’s children about their father, who died in 1990.

“There’s an honesty and an integrity to what he was creating. He was creating it because he needed to create it,” one says. Another concludes: “He showed that creativity, artistry, metaphor can be used as a great power of good.”

Good: ★★★

There are fascinating moments — like when we learn that Kermit wasn’t originally a frog at all — to ones more sublime, like how Miss Piggy made her dramatic entrance as a star in her own right. (A clip of her flirting with Morley Safer is priceless.) Viewers may shake their head when learning that all the networks initially passed on “The Muppet Show” and it had to be made in England.

It’s a documentary, ultimately, about creativity and a singular mind, one who dreamed up a gaggle of friends for life: Big Bird, Cookie Monster, the Count and, of course, Kermit, stitched from an old coat.

“*Jim Henson Idea Man*,” a Disney+ release that starts streaming now, is rated TV-PG. Running time: 108 minutes.

TheSportsPages

Managers and coaches tempted to tell the truth

I always get a kick out of watching the postgame press conferences in which the team's head coach or field manager gets hauled in front of the news media right after a game, especially a crucial game.

There are two kinds of "crucial" games. The first is one that actually bears on the team's prospects vis a vis a playoff berth or a key series against a hated rival.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Second is a game that bears on the coach/manager's job security.

In the first instance, the poor soul is relaxed, often sitting back in his/her chair, waxing philosophical about this player's efforts or that player's amazing talent.

In the second instance, the beaten-down schmo leans forward, shoulders slightly hunched, his gaze floating over the tops of the heads of the assembled reporters.

In the case of Bill Belichick, the second expression was always in place, win or lose.

I feel sorry for the guys on the hot seat, because there's usually not much worth saying. But here's what they would like to say, in my opinion.

"Listen, you bunch of ignoramuses. I doubt that any of you got much further than middle school softball [flag football/NJB basketball]. And you're going to go back to your iPads and preach about what this player or that team is doing wrong?"

"And then there's the stupid questions about what's going to happen next. How the he** should I know? If I could predict the future I'd have been a bookie or a stock broker.

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Putting It All Together



LOS ANGELES Angels' Zach Neto hits a single off Seattle Mariners pitcher Mike Baumann to score Kevin Pillar during the ninth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, June 2, 2024, in Seattle. He also had a game-winning double on Tuesday night (AP Photo/Jason Redmond)

Neto's double, good pitching earn a victory

By Pete Zarustica
Orange County Tribune

It was kind of a recipe for a victory menudo that the Los Angeles Angels have been lacking all season. But on Tuesday night the Halos had all the right ingredients to defeat the San Diego Padres 4-2 in Anaheim.

There was a strong pitching start by Patrick Sandoval, who went six innings, giving up four hits and one earned run. He struck out seven Padres and walked just one.

There was timely hitting, as Zach Neto's bases-loaded two-run double in the bottom of the seventh inning broke open a tie game.

And there was a rare successful performance by closer Carlos Estevez that closed down a late rally by the visitors with a perfect ninth inning and his 10th save.

With the win, the Angels are 23-38 and remain in fifth place in the American League West. As for the Padres, they

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Dodgers find no steel in their bats in Pittsburgh

By David Arthur
Orange County Tribune

It was an old-fashioned pitching duel in Pittsburgh Tuesday night when one very good performance was topped by a slightly better one.

Tyler Glasnow (6-4) turned in another sharp effort, working six innings for the Los Angeles Dodgers and yielding just three hits while striking out nine batters and walking only two.

But the thing that separated him from Pirates' ace Jared Jones (six

innings, three hits) was the third inning solo home run by Jack Suwinski that gave the home team the 1-0 win.

The Blue Crew (38-24) stayed solidly in first place in the National League West., seven games ahead of the San Diego Padres (32-32) who lost 4-2 to the Los Angeles Angels.

Despite the loss, Glasnow had a few things to smile about. He now has 100 strikeouts in 2024, a feat that no Dodger has

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AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Seattle	35-27	.565	—	8-2
Texas	29-32	.475	5.5	5-5
Houston	28-34	.452	7	5-5
Oakland	24-38	.387	11	3-7
ANGELS	23-38	.377	11.5	3-7

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	38-24	.618	—	5-5
San Diego	32-32	.500	7	5-5
Arizona	29-32	.475	8.5	5-5
San Fran	29-32	.468	9	3-7
Colorado	21-39	.350	16	4-6



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Dodgers lose, 1-0

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achieved this early since it was done by Clayton Kershaw.

Additionally, it was a trip back to Steeltown, to face the team that had drafted him six years ago.

"It was cool," said Glasnow. "A familiar feeling. I hadn't been back in a while."

The Dodgers will be back in PNC Park on Wednesday with James Paxton (5-0) getting the start

Halos over Padres with timely hit and good pitching

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fell back to 32-32 and remain second in the National League West. Luckily for them, the first place Los Angeles Dodgers lost 1-0 in Pittsburgh.

The Angels will get a chance at a series sweep Wednesday when they host San Diego. Jose Soriano (2-5) will get the start.

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Dozen locals are named to spring all-CIF/SS teams

A dozen athletes from our West Orange County area were honored on the 2023-24 All-CIF teams announced on Tuesday.

For the second consecutive year, Pacifica High's softball team won the Division 1 title. The championship coach was (again) Tony Arduino and Player of the Year was senior infielder Kaniya Bragg.

The 2022-23 Player of the Year was Brynne Nally and she was the other Mariner to make the all-CIF-SS team this year.

Also named to the D-1 team was Liah Lummus, senior infielder from Huntington Beach High.

From Division 5, Kayden Connaty, senior pitcher from Garden Grove High made the all-CIF team, as did Ashley Capelouto, senior infielder from Ocean View High.

From Division 7, two players from Loara – Sinamapu Fina'i and To'avalu Fina'i were honored.

Baseball

Two players from Huntington Beach High made the Division 1 baseball 2023-24 team. They are Nathan Aceves and Trevor Goldenetz.

Boys volleyball

From Huntington Beach High, Jake Pazanti (senior setter) made the Division 1 team, as did Ben Winokur (senior mid-

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Boys Lacrosse

In Division 2, Brandon Soleau of Huntington Beach High (senior defender) was selected.

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"I know your editors' always want a quote. Well, here's a quote for you. Nobody knows who's going to win on a given day. Nobody knows whether a left-hander is better in this situation or a right-hander. It's all just guess-work, and if you want to know the truth, a lot of us on the sidelines and in the dugout spend the game with our fingers crossed. Metaphorically. Any other questions?"

"Yes, coach. What does 'metaphorically' mean?"

Retorts: The crisis de jour

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wars in the Middle East and the Ukraine-Russia war and the return of widespread piracy (Somalia and Horn of Africa).

And that's just the short list.

However, the world has always, always been in crisis

and somehow America always seems to end up the least scuffed.

Jim has always been known as someone who is cynical about cynicism.

Homebuyer Day on July 13

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down payment assistance, understanding the home buying process, credit readiness, financing, and more.

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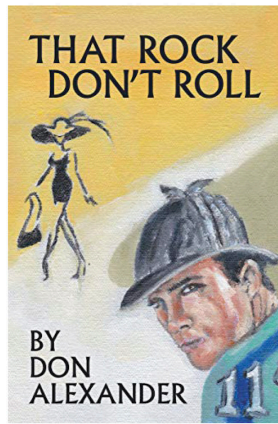
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