

■ ELECTION 2024

Filing Deadline Getting Near For Candidates

In some cases, no one has taken nomination papers

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

With a little over a week to go, candidates for city council, mayor and other city positions are weighing their options, gathering their signatures and hoping for success on Nov. 5.

Candidates for public office in Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Stanton and Westminster must return their completed nomination papers to their respective city clerks by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9.

If there's a situation in which an eligible incumbent has chosen not to run for re-election, the filing period deadline is extended to Wednesday, Aug. 14, also at 5 p.m.

Here is the list of candidates – as of our deadline on Tuesday – who have pulled nomination papers and those who have submitted completed forms. Incumbents are marked with an asterisk*. Those who have submitted completed forms are marked with **.

Garden Grove Mayor:
Diedre Thu-Ha Nguyen,
John O'Neill, Musaag B. Mughal, Phat Bui.

Garden Grove City Council (District 2):

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Search suspended for missing HB swimmer

The search for a missing 15-year-old youth who had been swimming in the ocean off the Huntington Beach shore has been suspended, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

"The decision to suspend an active search is never easy and is only made after exhaustive efforts to

find the missing person," said Capt. Stacey Crecy, commanding officer for the Coast Guard Section Los Angeles-Long Beach. "Our hearts ache for his family and friends."

The youth – who has not been publicly identified – had gone swimming with

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THE SURF IS DEFINITELY UP



The Lexus US Open of Surfing will be held starting this weekend in Huntington Beach. It will begin on Saturday, Aug. 3 and continue through Sunday, Aug. 11. The event will feature not only competition with the world's best surfers, but a special concert by Sublime, movie nights, autograph signings, a "beach bar," X Games, and more. The event is held on the sand south of the city pier. Above is Sawyer Lindblad, the 2023 women's champion. For more details, go to usopenofsurfing.com.

Tribune staff taking some vacation time

The leadership team of The Tribune is taking its annual summer retreat/vacation starting this week, so the publication schedule of our e-newspaper will change.

There will be no Tribune e-papers published on Aug. 3, 7 and 10. The next will be on Wednesday, Aug. 14. During the hiatus, the website – www.orangecountytribune.com – won't be updated.

HB gets 1 year to submit compliant housing element

The City of Huntington Beach has been given one year to submit a housing element document that provides zoning for 13,368 homes by order of a judge.

It's the latest development in the ongoing legal battle between Surf City and the State of California over the Regional Housing Needs Assessment assigned to that city.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Katherine Bacal ruled that the city had violated the law by refusing to submit to the housing requirement, which states that the Huntington Beach must zone for – but not necessarily build – the units as part of a statewide effort to ease the housing shortage.

Huntington Beach City Attorney Michael Gates

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List of city candidates

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Philip Nguyen.
Huntington Beach City Council (three seats):
 Amory Hanson**
 Natalie Moser*
 Don Kennedy
 Edward "Butch" Twining
 Cody Cleary
 Marissa Jackson
 Shawn Kirby
 Dan Kalmick*
 Chad Williams

Rhonda Bolton*
Huntington Beach City Clerk:
 Lisa Lane Barnes.
Huntington Beach Treasurer
 No candidates.
Stanton City Council
 District 2: Hong Alyce Van* **
 District 4: Mike Montgomery**,
 John Douglas Warren**, Caroline Conboy.
Westminster City Council
 District 2: Carlos Manzo*
 District 3: K.C. Wolbert, Mark Nguyen.

Search for swimmer ends

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friends Sunday evening in the water near Lifeguard Tower 11, south of Huntington Beach Pier. His absence was reported around 9 p.m. Agencies including Huntington Beach Lifeguards, Orange County Fire Authority, Orange County Sheriff's Depart-

ment and Huntington Beach's police and fire departments, along with the Coast Guard, took part in the search from the Bolsa Chica Wetlands to Newport Beach.
 The waves were estimated at about three to five feet high with strong rip currents Sunday.

HB-State housing dispute

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has sought to exempt his city from the requirement on the grounds that as a charter city, it

had more authority over zoning and land use than "general law" cities, but so far those efforts have not been successful.

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News & Views

So what's in a nickname, or a slogan? A lot

You might not think so, but nicknames or slogans can be potent political weapons almost as powerful as campaign speeches or TV commercials.

We've seen this recently and even now. Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris – and her spokes-

people – have termed former president Donald Trump and his running mate J.D. Vance to be “weird,” or in the case of Mr. Trump “old and weird.”



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Trump has long described the current president as “Sleepy Joe” but has still not settled on a name for Ms. Harris, as the phrase “childless cat ladies” seems to have backfired.

When Martin Van Buren ran for re-election in 1840, his opponents chanted, “Van, Van is a used-up man.”

When William Henry Harrison ran for the White House (with running mate John Tyler) also in 1840, the slogan for the hero of the Battle of Tippecanoe and his pal was “Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too.” Not brilliant, but it had a nice beat and you can dance to it.

Grover Cleveland admitted to having fathered a child out of wedlock, so Republicans chanted, “Ma, ma, where’s my pa?” to which Democrats responded with “Gone to the White House, ha, ha ha!”

More recently, Warren Harding’s 1920 successful slogan was simply, “Normalcy,” a persuasive offer to a nation that just emerged from World War One.

Ronald Reagan’s “Morning in America” was powerful, as

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IT'S HAPPENING AT HERITAGE



Heritage Computer Science Academy in Santa Ana recently hosted a transitional kindergarten orientation to prepare students and families for the new school year, which will commence in the Garden Grove Unified School District on Monday, Aug. 12 (GGUSD photo).

Free summer concert series ends with The Tijuana Dogs

The free summer concert series sponsored by the City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Community Foundation wraps up on Thursday, Aug 1 at Eastgate Park with The Tijuana Dogs.

That concert will commence at 6:30 and close at 8:30 p.m. in the park at 12001 St. Mark St. (at Chapman Avenue west of Valley View Street).

Kettle corn, ice cream, lemonade and food trucks will be available to provide snacks for purchase. The Outdoor Movie Series will conclude on Friday, Aug. 9 with “Grease” on Main Street in downtown. The free movie will start at 8:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Main Street between Acacia Parkway and Garden Grove Boulevard will be closed to traffic..

News Briefs

OC Library offers free ice cream Aug. 1

An ice cream social is planned for Thursday (Aug. 1) at the Garden Grove Main Library at noon.

Guests can enjoy ice cream with a choice of toppings. Supplies are available as long as they last, so it's first come, first served.

It's all a part of the Orange County Public Libraries summer reading program.

The library is located at 11200 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove (at Euclid Street).

“Time Out” for kids

A new free program for kids ages 6 to 11 will start on Monday, Aug. 12 at the Stanton Family Resource Center, 11922 Santa Paula St.

It's called “Out of School Time” and will offer snacks, games and more.

The hours will be from 3-6 p.m. Register at stantonca.gov/ classes or by calling (714) 379-0129.

Locals in the Olympics

The athletes we see on TV in the 2014 summer Olympics in Paris are from all around the world, but some are from around here.

Alumni who attended schools in the Huntington Beach Union High School District include:

- Lilia VI, USA women's golf (Fountain Valley High);
- T.J Defalco, USA men's volleyball (Huntington Beach High);
- Chase Dodd, USA men's water polo (Huntington Beach High);
- Jenna Nighswonger, USA women's soccer (Huntington Beach High);
- Kevin Nguyễn, USA paralympic shooting (Westminster High School).

NewsUpdate

Field is Clear for Harris Now

Online voting will make nomination official this week

There's no surprise to it, but Vice President Kamala Harris is the only candidate who's qualified to compete for the Democratic presidential nomination.

That's the final word from the Democratic National Convention allowing Harris to proceed uncontested. The selection process will be voting online beginning on Thursday and concluding on Aug. 5.

Votes for other candidates will be recorded as "present."

The virtual voting was scheduled to cope with early ballot deadlines in several states, but there will still be an actual convention later in August in Chicago.

In other political news, at a rally in Georgia, Harris taunted Republican nominee Donald Trump about whether he would participate in the next scheduled debate. Referring to Trump's



KAMALA HARRIS will have no opposition in the delegate voting (Shutterstock).

criticism of her, she said, "If you've got something to say to me, say it to my face."

Also, Republican vice presidential nominee JD Vance has writ-

ten a complimentary forward to a book written by the president of the Heritage Foundation, which produced the controversial "Project 2025" which has

promoted policies some found extreme.

"The foreword has nothing to do with Project 2025," said spokesman William Martin.

"What I saw made me ashamed," says Secret Service head

Ronald Rowe Jr., the acting director of the U.S. Secret Service, said that "what I saw made me ashamed," referring to the assassination attempt on former president Donald Trump.

"As a career law enforcement officer and a 25-year Secret Service veteran, I cannot defend why that roof was not better secured."

The shooter – Thomas Matthew Crooks – fired at Trump from a rooftop at a distance of about a football field.

"I can assure you that we are not going to make that mistake again."

Weather: The weekend will heat up a bit

That cooling trend which brought daytime highs in our West Orange County area will reverse itself and warmer days are coming.

The forecast for Wednesday is for a high of 79 (with a low of 62), rising to 83 on Thursday and 86 (65) on Friday and Saturday. One thing won't change and that's partly cloudy skies.

Uproar continues over the Venezuelan election

Who won the presidential election this week in the oil-rich South American nation of Venezuela?

Incumbent President Nicolas Maduro has been declared the winner by the National Electoral Council, but the opposition – supporting Edmundo Gonzalez – has presented voting data that claims that the challenger won

by a wide margin.

The election outcome has been criticized by the United States and Brazil, who are calling for more detail about the voting and counting process. The Organization of American States is suggesting that a new election – monitored by international observers – be held.

Great Thoughts

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

– Abraham Lincoln

Arts & Living

“Fab Four” a Third-Act Comedy

Something that’s different from super-heroes

By Lindsey Bahr
AP Film Writer

Scheduling a movie’s release date is an imperfect science and occasionally an art. Just look at the masterpiece that was “Barbenheimer.”

While most are open to experimentation in figuring out just what audiences want and when in the wild west of modern theatrical moviegoing, there’s also an unwritten rule that it’s best to leave big superhero movie weekends clear of competition.

But whoever thought to open the third-act female friendship comedy “The Fabulous Four” alongside “Deadpool & Wolverine” deserves a raise. Because if any audience is being underserved on the opening weekend of an oxygen-sucking, violent and self-referential superhero mashup, it’s women over 60.

So, what better way to escape the merc with a mouth than a trip to Key West with Bette Midler, Susan Sarandon, Sheryl Lee Ralph and Megan Mullally?

In the vein of “80 for Brady” and “Book Club,” “The Fabulous Four” may not be a great movie, but it’s also better than it looks. Although it strains for raucousness with edibles and a parasailing expedition gone wrong, there is something admirably sane about it too even if you don’t believe a single moment.

It begins, as many of these kinds of films do, with a somewhat tortured explanation of why these women became friends in their youth. Though it nods at a slight age difference between college peers Lou (Sarandon) and Marilyn (Midler) and the two gals they met in New York, Alice (Mullally) and Kitty (Ralph), it’s



“THE FABULOUS FOUR” stars Bette Midler, Susan Sarandon, Sheryl Lee Ralph and Megan Mullally (Bleecker Street).

Movie Review

better to not do the math.

Besides, the more interesting question is not why four single girls in the same building became friends, but rather how they maintained that closeness over the decades. This big life mystery goes largely unex-

plored, instead focusing on the 40-year estrangement between Lou (now a heart surgeon) and Marilyn.

It’s a drama that for utterly incomprehensible reasons Alice (a rock star, seriously) and Kitty (a cannabis entrepreneur grandma) are still entangled in.

Marilyn, recently widowed, is newly engaged and desperately

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wants Lou to be at her wedding. Alice and Kitty lure Lou to Key West under false pretenses, telling her that she’s won a polydactyl (six-toed) cat and can visit the Hemingway House. They don’t have anything more elab-

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The rise and fall of a new Lake Wobegon

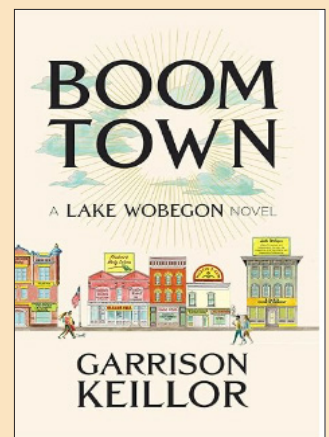
By Jlm Tortolano/Orange County Tribune

Since his gentle 1985 best-seller “Lake Wobegon,” author Garrison Keillor has been able to weave a vast tapestry of sly fiction about an imaginary town in Minnesota where “all the women are strong, all the men handsome and all the children are above average.”

Part of the charm of these books is that the town changes little from year to year and decade to decade, offering a journey of literary archaeology. Origins are explained, customs established and maintained, and the community’s culture pro-

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TheSportsPages

Now, here are sports I could really enjoy

As someone who thinks that skateboarding, “sport climbing” and “breaking” belong in the Olympics about as much as hopscotch and beer pong, I am always amused by the long-gone sports that seem even less worthy of wall-to-wall multi-network coverage.

For example, in the 1900 games in Paris, there was a sport called “200-meter obstacle swimming” in which the athlete had to navigate over a pole and two small boats to reach the other side.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Tug of war, which you generally think of in connection with a picnic or a custody dispute, was in the summer games from 1900 to 1920. The initial competition was very uncomplicated; the only contestants were the Danish-Swedish team (gold medal) and the Racing Club of France (silver).

There were other off-the-wall events, such as pigeon racing, kite-flying and firefighting over the years. Weird, eh?

Well, maybe not. The last one got me thinking. How about the Real Life Games, in which competitors do things that are more useful in real life than, say, curling?

I can imagine firefighting, sure, but also extreme shopping (sort of like the old “Supermarket Sweep” only with elbow pad and helmets and set in Target two days before Christmas), parallel parking, TSA airport security check (who can get through the lane and past the electronic scan gate the fastest without being sent back because you had the bad judgment to wear clothing with

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PUKA NACUA had a spectacular rookie season for the Rams in 2023 and hopes to repeat that (Rams photo).

Hope for A Rerun For Puka in 2024

His goal? Hang on to the football

By Joe Reedy/AP Football Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rams fans were learning to pronounce Puka Nacua’s first name during training camp last year. The fans found out quickly and chanted it often last season during Nacua’s breakout campaign.

As the Rams concluded their third training camp practice at Loyola Marymount on Saturday, Nacua attracted the most cheers and demands for autographs.

“It is definitely not like training camp last year in the best way,” Nacua said.

Nacua had the most prolific season in NFL history for a rookie last season. The fifth-round pick — who was second in voting for Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year — had 105 receptions for 1,486 yards and six touchdowns. That included seven 100-yard games and five with at least eight receptions.

Judging by how things have gone the first week of training camp, Nacua doesn’t appear to be at risk of a sophomore slump. Nacua made a pair of nice catches on Saturday while being matched up against cornerback Tre’Davious White, who the Rams signed in the offseason from Buffalo.

“He’s very smart. He understands motions, and depending on where we’re lined up he knows he can eliminate certain routes,” Nacua said of White. “I know my strengths and they don’t re-

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Angels rally to a win; Dodgers lose in the 10th

The two area Major League Baseball teams went in different directions on Tuesday night with one battling from behind to post a win and the other suffering an extra-inning loss.

After a four-game skid, the Los Angeles Angels won their second straight game, defeating the Colorado Rockies 10-7 in Anaheim.

The Halos fell behind 6-2 early, but kept chewing away at the visitor’s lead, finally pulling away with one run in the seventh and two in the eighth.

Matt Thaiss batted 3-for-5 with five RBIs, and Taylor Ward knocked in three runs. Jo Adell hit his 16th homer of the season.

With the win, the Angels are 47-60 and remain in fourth place in the American League West.

In San Diego, the Los Angeles Dodgers jumped out to a 5-0 first inning lead and were held scoreless the rest of the way, losing 6-5 to the Padres.

Donovan Solano’s ground ball single in the bottom of the 10th drove in the winning run and gave the Padres a walkoff win.

Cavan Biggio’s two-run homer for the Blue Crew helped build their early lead. Tyler Glasnow had a good night, working seven innings and giving up three runs on six hits. He struck out eight batters and walked one.

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Seattle	57-52	.523	—	5-5
Houston	55-52	.514	1	4-6
Texas	52-56	.481	4.5	6-4
ANGELS	47-60	.439	9	6-4
Oakland	45-64	.413	12	7-3

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	63-45	.583	—	6-4
San Diego	58-51	.532	5.5	8-2
Arizona	57-51	.528	6	8-2
San Fran	53-56	.486	10.5	6-4
Colorado	38-70	.352	25	3-7

Puka and fans hope for another good year

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ally work against him because he's great in the mental game before I get to be a physical player with him. So, it's been super fun because now I get to work on some of the different tools that me and Cooper (Kupp) are working on."

Nacua's biggest goal during training camp is to cut down on dropped passes. He had six



PUKA also has a pretty good sense of humor (Rams photo).

last season, which was tied for eighth in the NFL.

Nacua said he has had a bad habit of popping his back and trying to see where the defender might be.

"I'm trying to make sure I watch it all the way into my gloves and snag that ball and protect it," he said.

Offensive coordinator Mike LaFleur has also noticed Nacua's body has improved after a full offseason of working with Kupp.

Nacua said he has cut down on trips to McDonald's as well as being down five pounds from his playing weight last season.

"I was joking around with

him last year, he wore a long t-shirt. This year, after working out with Cooper off season, he wants to show off his washboard a little bit," LaFleur said.

The thing that coach Sean McVay likes the best about Nacua though is that the early success has not changed him and that he has remained the same.

"He's humble. He's got this authenticity to him. But when he goes in between those white lines, he is a maniac. He loves to compete and loves the challenge," McVay said.

Sports Retorts: here's my idea of Olympics

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a metal zipper) and my favorite, Romantic Apology. In the latter, you have to verbally smooth over a "situation" (randomly assigned) related to money, old girlfriends or "you don't like my mother."

Wouldn't that be more fun to watch and democratic than to squash? Whatever that is ...



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“Fabulous Four” is an alternative to Spandex

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orate in store in this lie. Their plan, it seems, is just to roll up to Marilyn’s house and surprise their unwitting hostage. This seems misguided at best but becomes retroactively cruel when the cause of the fallout is finally revealed. Why meddle now?

The movie was directed by Jocelyn Moorhouse, the Australian filmmaker behind great and varied female-focused films like “How to Make an American Quilt,” “The Dressmaker” and “Muriel’s Wedding,” and written by Jenna Milly and Ann Marie Allison. And it never quite

harmonizes. These characters, fabulous as they may be individually or on paper, aren’t greater together somehow.

As Marilyn and Lou dance around this ancient feud, you start to feel bad for Alice (mostly there to be a quip machine) and Kitty, who would have much more fun ditching them and going off on their own adventure. Midler plays Marilyn

so big and broad that she’s more parody than person, although there is a grain of intrigue in the 70-something who gets engaged two months after her beloved husband dies and becomes obsessed with creating TikToks.

Sarandon’s Lou is the most thoughtfully developed character, as a rule-abiding woman whose life is in desperate need of a shakeup. She has some cringey moments too (the aforementioned edibles), but also several charming flirtations with the bachelors of Key West (Bruce Greenwood and Timothy V. Murphy).

This is a movie that should have

probably leaned far less on wild hijinks with diminishing returns and more into the smaller moments of what it means to be friends for 40 years. But it’s not without its charms, either. I’m not going to argue with them breaking into song out of nowhere. That kind of break from reality, especially with this cast, is always welcome.

“The Fabulous Four,” a *Bleecker Street* release in theaters Friday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for “drug use, some sexual material, language.” Running time: 98 minutes.

Lake Wobegon becomes a “Boom Town”

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gresses at a gentle trot, not the gallop that seems to be happening to the rest of the world.

But what happens if everything starts to change? What if the Chatterbox Cafe is reeling from trendy competition? What if Ralph’s Pretty Good Grocery

is being shouldered aside by Whole Foods?

In “Boom Town,” the trends and tastes of Generation Z have finally touched down in rural Minnesota like Paul Bunyan’s boots. Clever, trendy entrepreneurs are marketing artisanal firewood and the miraculous

curative properties of certain organically-grown tomatoes and – via the Internet – are making millions and transforming this timeless little town.

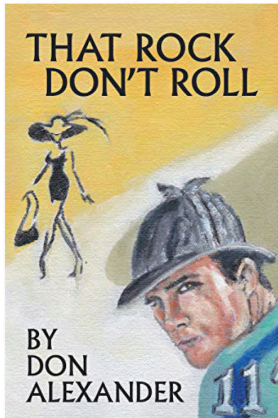
Without giving away the punchline, let’s just say that Garrison uses this latest creation as a way to pour gentle – and sometimes not so gentle – ridicule on fad diets, trendy faiths and numbskull politics. It’s all cleverly interwoven with a sobering but life-affirming account of the search for true love, and the inevitability of death.

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Retorts: Slogans and nicknames can be powerful

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was Barack Obama’s “Yes, We Can.”

It remains to be seen just what shorthand might be decisive in this crucial moment, but history tells us what speech teachers know: “Be brief. Be brilliant. Be gone.”