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# Sasabune loses its iconic sushi chef, Chef Nobi

**ANGEL CARRERAS**
Daily Press Staff Writer

Sushi Sasabune lost its star chef this past week.

Nobi Kusuhara, the chef-owner of the high-end sushi restaurant Sushi Sasabune, passed away last Sunday, July 14. The Daily Press was told the chef was battling liver cancer at the time of his death.

Sushi Sasabune alerted customers to Kusuhara's death this past week, emailing patrons and posting the chef's biography to social media as well as when and where to pay their respects.

Sushi Sasabune Glendale's head chef, Hiroki Totsuka, will take over the chain's Wilshire location while the Glendale and Beverly Hills locations will be sold off to new owners. Totsuka says that despite new owners, the Glendale and Beverly Hills locations will still maintain the Sasabune style, an Edo



Courtesy photo

**NOBI KUSUHARA**

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# EPA won't approve warning labels for Roundup chemical

**ADAM BEAM**
Associated Press

The Trump administration has instructed companies not to warn customers about products that contain glyphosate, a move aimed at California as it fights one of the world's largest agriculture companies about the potentially cancer-causing chemical.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says it will no longer approve labels warning glyphosate is known to cause cancer. The chemical is marketed as a weed killer by Monsanto under the brand Roundup.

California requires warning labels on glyphosate products because the International Agency for Research on Cancer has said it is "probably carcinogenic."

The EPA disagrees, saying its research shows the chemical poses no risks to public health.

"It is irresponsible to require labels on products that are inaccurate when EPA knows the product does not pose a cancer risk," EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler said in a statement. "We

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# City partnership offers discounted carpool rides

**MADELEINE PAUKER**
Daily Press Staff Writer

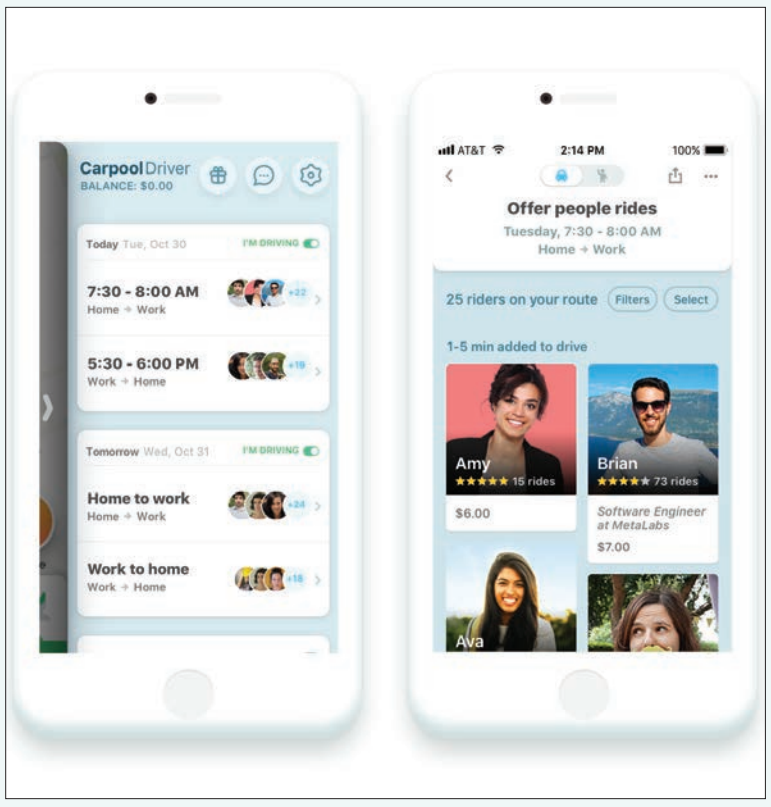
Santa Monica commuters can get $3 rides to and from work through the end of August.

Riders who join Waze's Santa Monica Carpoolers group can pay $3 for a seat in a carpool for the next three weeks, and first-time users will get $20 in carpool credits. The Waze Carpool app matches drivers to riders with similar commutes, based on their home and destination addresses. Drivers commuting to and from Santa Monica with Waze Carpool earn an average of $5 per ride, a spokesperson said.

"Waze Carpool wants to encourage everyday drivers to try carpooling and take cars off the road," said Mona Weng, a strategic partnerships lead at Waze. "A carpool group for specific cities allows commuters to connect with others who are also carpooling in their communities."

Users can schedule rides up to a week ahead of time or request them on-demand, but both drivers and riders are limited to two rides per day. Multiple users can plan to carpool together through a group setting. The app also allows users to filter drivers or riders by gender, employer, mutual friends or star ratings.

Waze, a Google-owned company that is best known for its navigation app, partnered with GoSaMo, the city's transportation management organization, to offer $3 flat rides for the month of August.




Courtesy image

**WAZE: The company known for directions also offers a carpool option.**

The campaign follows two features Waze launched within its carpooling app earlier this summer.

Carpool Calendar allows users to schedule rides and drives from a calendar view and set recurring rides with one tap.

Multiple Riders enables drivers to invite multiple riders with different pickup and drop-off points for a single carpool, whereas before only riders were able to add themselves to an existing carpool.

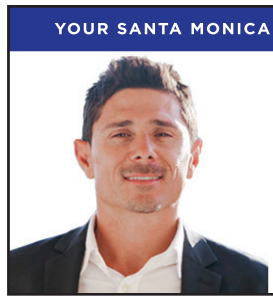
"This was our most requested feature, and benefits commuters traveling in cities with HOV-3 lanes," Weng said.

Waze Carpool first launched in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2016 and expanded into five states, as well as its country of origin, Israel, before launching nationwide last October. It is also now available in Brazil and Mexico.

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

## Saturday, August 10

### Read & Play

Spend the afternoon playing with friends and family in our indoor play space featuring a short story time for ages 3-5, followed by playtime for all ages with centers for arts & crafts, books, and games. Fairview Branch Library, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

### LEGO Club

Come have fun with LEGOS and build something amazing. Board games also available. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

### Classics Book Group at Fairview

This long-running book discussion group discusses literary classics from around the world. August 2019's book: The Death of Artemio Cruz by Carlos Fuentes. Fairview Branch Library. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## Sunday, August 11

### Pool Open

The pool will be open from 10 am to 7 p.m. Passes go on sale at 9 a.m. Annenberg Community

## Monday, August 12

### Landmarks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission The Commission normally meets on the second Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. 7 p.m.

### Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Board Meeting

Monthly Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Board Meeting. Administration Conference Room near Computer Commons. Main Library, 7 - 9 p.m.

### Computer Class: Appy Hour - Library Apps Workshop

Bring your smartphone, tablet or e-reader and get help with using library apps and your device. Ocean Park Branch Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

### Toddler Time

Story series for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months accompanied by an adult. (20 min.) Pico Branch Library. 11 - 11:20 a.m.

## Tuesday, August 13

### Red Hen Press Reading

Join Red Hen authors Francesca Bell and Ilya Kaminsky for an evening of readings. Annenberg Community Beach House, Annenberg Community Beach House, 6:30 - 8 p.m. For reservations, visit http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture.

### City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall. 5:30 p.m.

### Walk-In Tutoring

Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading, writing, and computer skills; using the Internet to search for information; opening and using an email account; filling out online forms or applications; learning how to write a resume or cover letter; and more. Main Library, 5 - 7 p.m.

### Preschool Explorers: Stars

Explore the stars with stories and hands-on activities. Fairview Branch Library, 3 - 3:45 p.m.

## Wednesday, August 14

### The Commission on the Status of Women Regular Meeting

The Commission on the Status of Women works to ensure that Santa Monica is a place where women and girls can fully realize their potential and have a strong voice in all aspects of the community. The Commission explores policy and issues relevant to women and girls, and supports leadership and career advancement opportunities. Ken Edwards Center, 7 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to events@smdp.com

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**Malibu**

### Malibu Association Of Realtors Continue P.C.H. Clean Ups



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**PCH: Local Realtors are helping keep the community clean with a PCH trash pick-up.**

The Malibu Association of REALTORS recently organized a Saturday morning PCH clean-up after renewing their Adopt-A-Highway commitment. REALTORS adopted the stretch of PCH extending from Las Flores Canyon Dukes Restaurant to Big Rock, which both residents and visitors see as they approach Malibu from points east.

Malibu REALTORS have participated in the Adopt a Highway cleanup program for almost 6 years and proud of their "hands on" approach to keeping Malibu beautiful.

Local REALTOR and Chairman of M.A.R. Public Relations committee Ignacio Rodriguez says the clean-up efforts are well timed "with summer crowds flocking to our local beaches there is a great need to keep PCH and Malibu clear of trash, not only for beautification purposes, but for motorist and pedestrian safety".

Rodriguez would also like to remind the public that National CleanUp Day is fast approaching - Saturday, September 21, 2019. He encourages members of the community to create or sign up for a clean-up event with their local non profit organizations or join the REALTORS for their clean up event. To sign up for the REALTORS September 21st Adopt-A-Highway Coastal Cleanup Day, contact REALTOR Stephen Udoff at 310.701.6848 or stephen.udoff@compass.com

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN MANNERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MALIBU ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

**LOS ANGELES**

### LAFD uses helicopter to hoist fallen horse from hillside

The Los Angeles Fire Department has used a helicopter to hoist a fallen horse from the bottom of a steep hillside.

The horse was lifted to a large corral atop the Sunland-area hill late Friday morning and lowered onto its side for a veterinary exam.

The incident began before 7 a.m. The Fire Department says the owner did not believe the 30-year-old horse was injured but it was not able to stand.

The city's Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team was called in and the horse was medicated in preparation for the hoist.

An LAFD helicopter was prepared by removing its water-dropping tank to expose a hook capable of hoisting the 1,000-pound animal.

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# Bribe or donation? Parent's defense questions the difference

**BY COLLIN BINKLEY**
AP Education Writer

Robert Zangrillo is accused of paying $250,000 to get his daughter into college as a fake athlete. Prosecutors call it a bribe. But his lawyers say Zangrillo isn't much different from parents who make formal donations to try to give their children an advantage in the admissions process.

Zangrillo's lawyers offered a glimpse into their defense plans in a recently unsealed court filing that seeks a trove of admissions records from the University of Southern California, where Zangrillo's daughter was admitted as a transfer student last year. Zangrillo, a prominent Miami developer and investor, is among 19 parents fighting charges tied to a sweeping admissions bribery scheme at elite U.S. colleges.

In the June 21 filing, Zangrillo's lawyers requested USC records showing the number of prospective students who received special consideration from the school between 2015 and 2019, along with the amount of any donations from their families within a year of admission, among other related records.

Zangrillo's lawyers told a federal judge the records are relevant because they contain information about "other similarly situated students applying for admission in close proximity to a financial donation from a parent." A federal judge in Boston granted the subpoena request July 10. It was unsealed July 25, but large portions remain heavily redacted.

The subpoena aims to prove that parents often use their wealth to get their children admitted, and that USC officials are aware. If there's evidence supporting that idea, it could bolster a defense that argues USC wasn't a victim of fraud in Zangrillo's case.

The University of Southern California says it plans to challenge the subpoena over student privacy concerns, arguing that the records contain confidential information about people "unrelated" to the admissions scheme. A statement from the school says it is "common practice at private universities, including at USC, for alumni, friends and donors to recommend prospective students."

The legal strategy taps into a reignited debate about the role wealth can play in influencing admissions. Amid public outrage over the bribery scheme, some critics have said it's equally unfair that schools give preference to the children of donors and alumni.

Colleges are generally permitted to consider donations as a factor in admissions decisions, but little is known about how widespread the practice is. While a recent lawsuit against Harvard University revealed that school fundraisers sometimes weigh in on applicants with ties to donors, most universities carefully guard the inner workings of their admissions offices.

Still, some legal experts say there's no comparison between formal donations and the alleged bribes. Even if the USC records reveal that scores of students are admitted with the help of donations, it wouldn't excuse families who lied or faked documents to get in, said Stephen Sugarman, a law professor who has taught education policy at the University of California, Berkeley.

"What they caught these people doing is very different," Sugarman said. "They were part of a conspiracy to give fraudulent information to get the kid in."

Even the scheme's ringleader, William "Rick" Singer, said in court testimony that big donations are the "back door" to admission but aren't a sure thing, while he created a guaranteed "side door" through the bribery scheme.

The charges against Zangrillo say he arranged to have his daughter, Amber, designated as a recruited athlete on the USC crew team, even though she did not row competitively. Ultimately she was not presented as a recruit, investigators said, but a senior athletics official who is charged in the scheme placed her on a "VIP list" for transfer students and advocated on her behalf.

Zangrillo is accused of paying $200,000 to a fake charity operated by Singer, along with $50,000 to USC women's athletics. Prosecutors say one of Singer's employees also took online courses on behalf of Amber Zangrillo so she would have enough credits to transfer to USC. Singer pleaded guilty in March and is cooperating with prosecutors in hopes of getting a more lenient sentence.

Amber Zangrillo was accepted to USC in June 2018, a year after she was rejected from the school. Prosecutors say she knew about the scheme. USC did not say if she faces disciplinary action.

Robert Zangrillo's filing provides an early look at the type of defenses parents may pursue as they fight their charges. Others pleading not guilty include "Full House" actress Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli. In a June 27 court filing, lawyers for the couple said it's "far too soon" to know what defense they will raise at trial.

The subpoena requests information about prospective students who were designated as "VIP," ''special interest" or "university advancement," including admissions rates for those students and for a subset of students whose parents donated at least $50,000 within a year of their acceptance.

It also asks for any records showing that USC's president reviewed applications from those students, along with emails and text messages exchanged among university officials related to the admission of Zangrillo's daughter.

Martin Weinberg, a Boston lawyer who represents Zangrillo, said the records "could demonstrate that my client's conduct was in good faith and consistent with legitimate practices that have been engaged in by universities for decades."

Jeffrey Cramer, a former federal prosecutor in Illinois, said it could prove to be a smart strategy.

"If this bears fruit, I think this defense is open to a lot of these defendants," said Cramer, who is now managing director at Berkeley Research Group in Chicago. "If you can't argue the facts, then you need someone else to point to. And who's better than a large corrupt university that has billions in its endowment?"

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# CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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REESE WESTENBERGER

### ON JULY 31, AT 11:24 A.M.

Officers responded to Vons at 710 Broadway for an Estes Robbery. Officers met with the security guard of the market who reported seeing a male holding onto multiple items attempting to walk outside the store without paying for the items. The security officer advised the male he did not pay for the items. When the security officer tried to retrieve the items, a fight ensued. Officers arrived on scene and took the suspect into custody. Reese Westenberger, 54, homeless, was arrested for robbery and providing false information to a police officer. Bail was set at Bail $50,000.

## DAILY POLICE LOG

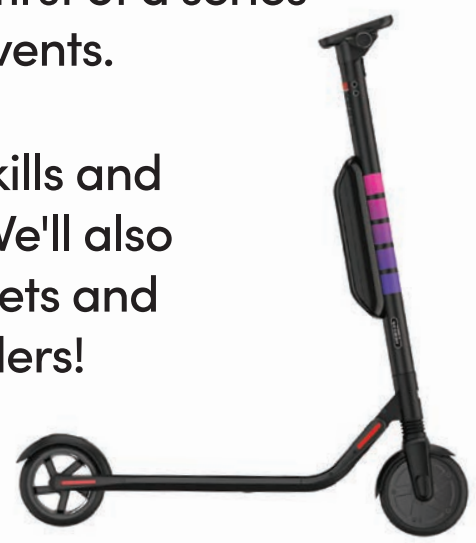
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Auto burglary 2600blk 16th St 5:12 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200blk 2nd St 6:40 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1500blk Ocean Ave 6:54 a.m.
Missing person 300blk Olympic Dr 7:42 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 7:45 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1600blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:46 a.m.
Auto burglary Ocean Ave / Bay St 7:48 a.m.
Hit and run 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 8:56 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1000blk Pacific St 9:00 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 9:12 a.m.
Threats 300blk Olympic Dr 9:20 a.m.
Encampment 400blk Interstate 10 9:22 a.m.
Burglary 1200blk Sunset Ave 9:36 a.m.
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Vehicle blocking driveway 2800blk 3rd St 9:39 a.m.
Violation of preferential parking zone 100blk Hollister Ave 9:41 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Ashland Ave 9:48 a.m.
Person with a gun 1000blk Pico Blvd 9:58 a.m.
Missing person 2200blk Colorado Ave 10:43 a.m.
Petty theft 900blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:58 a.m.
Missing person 300blk Olympic Dr 11:09 a.m.
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Burglary 2100blk 3rd St 11:39 a.m.
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Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1000blk Ashland Ave 3:28 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 3:42 p.m.
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Grand theft 1700blk Ocean Ave 9:34 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 3100blk Broadway 9:37 p.m.
Burglary 2900blk 31st St 9:44 p.m.
Hit and run 900blk Princeton St 9:48 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200blk 23rd St 9:50 p.m.
Hit and run 5th St / Broadway 10:03 p.m.
Fight 1500blk Ocean Ave 10:27 p.m.
Burglary 1300blk 17th St 10:47 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:50 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 400blk Arizona Ave 10:53 p.m.
Threats 1300blk 15th St 11:06 p.m.
Encampment 2300blk 4th St 11:10 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1000blk 10th St 11:12 p.m.
Elder abuse 200blk San Vicente Blvd 11:49 p.m.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

### Ralphs Remodel




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**FOOD: Ralphs Fresh Fare of Santa Monica Store Manager Shelley Guzman presents a donation of more than $25,500 to Aviva Kraus of Westside Food Bank as part of Ralphs' Zero Hunger Zero Waste goal of ending hunger in our communities by 2025..**

Ralphs on Olympic & Cloverfield celebrated the completion of a major remodel with the unveiling of a new Fresh Fare format on Friday, August 9.

The store's grand re-opening festivities were highlighted by complimentary tastings, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the presentation of a $25,500 donation to the Westside Food Bank, a Santa Monica-based organization that shares Ralphs' Zero Hunger Zero Waste social impact plan goal of ending hunger in our communities by 2025.

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The reinvention of the Ralphs Fresh Fare format features the addition of thousands of new natural, healthy, organic, vegan and gluten-free products, while the décor emphasizes a country market-style that shouts fresh, natural and healthy. The new décor features decorative reclaimed wood in all departments along with signage and graphics featuring earth-tone colors, such as green and brown.

"With our improved Fresh Fare format, our customers here in Santa Monica will have a new, fresh and exciting way to shop," said Ralphs President Mike Murphy. "The store now has a better selection of products, which will provide our customers with a one-stop shop for all their grocery needs."

The improved Olympic & Cloverfield Ralphs Fresh Fare store is managed by Shelley Guzman. Shelley is a 17-year Ralphs veteran, who has held a variety of positions with the company including district shrink coordinator and district service deli/bakery coordinator. She has been the store manager at Ralphs #292 since 2016.

"With our new look, expanded and unique offerings and great service, I want customers to know that they can count on me and the entire Ralphs Fresh Fare of Santa Monica team to continue to provide an easy, fresh and remarkable shopping experience," said Guzman.

**Citywide**

### Cozen O'Connor's West Coast Expansion Continues

Cozen O'Connor has announced 13 attorneys from California's Miller Law Group – one of the largest woman-owned employment law firms in the country – have joined its San Francisco and Los Angeles offices including five individuals in Santa Monica. The new hires are an expansion of the firm's highly regarded Labor & Employment practice.

"Miller Law Group's focus for the past 20 years has been helping clients navigate the challenging and increasingly complex California employment law environment. Whether a Fortune 50 powerhouse or a burgeoning startup, we know California employment law," said Michele Ballard Miller, founder of Miller Law Group. "Many of our clients, however, have facilities across the country as well as in other countries. In order to meet these broader needs, we recognized that we needed to change. Cozen O'Connor was the obvious choice. Joining Cozen O'Connor, a firm with a nationally recognized, full service Labor & Employment Department, gives our clients access to professionals who can advise on the full complement of employment issues, including immigration and OSHA and employee benefits," said Miller.

Cozen O'Connor currently has West Coast offices in Seattle, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. Its western expansion was bolstered in 2017 with the hiring of all of the lawyers from real estate and commercial litigation powerhouse, Gilchrist and Rutter, and the opening of a Santa Monica Office.

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# For Zack and Shia, a buddy movie becomes a real friendship

**JAKE COYLE**
AP Film Writer

Shia LaBeouf is trying to show how different he is from his co-star in "The Peanut Butter Falcon," Zack Gottsagen.

"Hey, Zack," says LaBeouf. "Are you a good opera singer?"

"Yes!" replies Gottsagen with a smile.

"Hey, Zack. Are you good scuba diver?"

"Yes!" responds Gottsagen, just as quickly, just as brightly.

LaBeouf shakes his head in awe. Like the 33-year-old LaBeouf, Gottsagen, is an actor. He's one year LaBeouf's senior and he has Down syndrome. Truth be told, he can't sing a lick of opera and isn't much for scuba diving. But that's never stopped Gottsagen.

"No matter what you ask him, he's good at it. He was raised a special, magical kid since he was young. There's no self-doubt in him," says LaBeouf. "You ask me if I'm a good actor and I'll tell you I'm s—-."




Six years ago, Gottsagen met Tyler Nilson and Michael Schwartz at an acting workshop for disabled people at a camp in Santa Monica, organized by Zeno Mountain Farm. They immediately noticed Gottsagen who, while playing the bad guy in a Western, would with an air of danger take off his glasses and put down his drink before saying his line.

Gottsagen, who works as an usher at his local movie theater in Florida, told them he wanted to be a movie star.

"We had to have a really frank conversation about how there aren't many opportunities for people with Down syndrome to act in movies that go into theaters. He kind of got really emotional and he just said, 'Well, let's do it together then!'" recalls Schwartz. "It was his idea. It was a great idea."

Schwartz and Nilson had only toiled on the peripheries of Hollywood, working on commercials and short films. Nilson, once a hand model, doubled for Brad Pitt. But, inspired by Gottsagen's determination, they checked out some books from the library about how to write a screenplay.

They put together a script about a wrestling-obsessed young man with Down syndrome who breaks out of his assisted living home and embarks on a "Huck Finn"-like adventure across the North Carolina outer banks and joining up with a destitute crab fisherman running from his debtors (LaBeouf).

It took extreme effort to make it a reality. Nilson and Schwartz went broke and became homeless in the process. For a spell, Nilson lived in a tent without much food. "For better or worse, we went a little bit crazy getting that promise we made to Zack to happen," says Nilson.

But with Gottsagen starring, the filmmakers scraped together some money and began attracting an enviable cast drawn to the project's good heartedness. The film co-stars Dakota Johnson, John Hawkes, Bruce Dern and Thomas Haden Church. After it premiered at SXSW earlier this year, "The Peanut Butter Falcon," which opened in theaters Friday, won the audience award. Reviews have been excellent. Gottsagen's dream has come true.

"I hope some people could have the opportunity to go for their dreams," Gottsagen said in an interview alongside LaBeouf shortly after taping appearances on the "Today" show and "Good Morning America." ''Follow your heart and maybe someday you can be a movie star."

What's striking about Gottsagen is how he's taken his good fortune in such stride. Having long loved movies (he counts "Grease" as his favorite) and studied acting since has a kid, Gottsagen is remarkably comfortable in the spotlight. He has even taught acting to others with Down syndrome. He worked for his big break. He earned it.

Instead, it's those around Gottsagen whose lives have changed, particularly LaBeouf's. The intense actor and sometimes meta-artist who has been known to battle self-destructive tendencies didn't know what exactly he was getting into when he, a month before shooting, got off an airplane in Georgia and hopped into the back of a pick-up. Nilson and Schwartz sat in the front, Gottsagen and LaBeouf in the back, holding each other as the truck swerved.

They quickly became close, spending their evenings watching wrestling and their days on 12-hour shoots across the Georgia countryside, swimming in rivers, dancing on railroad tracks and having watermelon fights. Like their characters, there was just honesty, tenderness and equality.

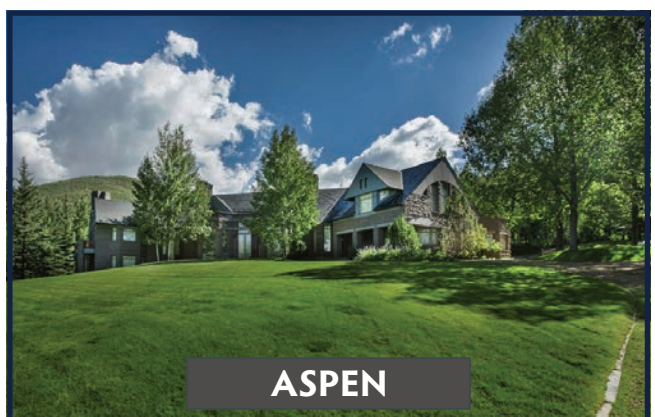
"I was quite unintelligible to myself before I met him. He had more self-awareness coming into this picture than I do, which is saying a lot," says LaBeouf. "Walking out, I've adopted a lot of his self-love and his confidence. It's leading to self-love, which is leading to an ability to receive love, which is what was lacking in my life. And I would run to alcohol. I just hated myself. Just a big self-hater."

In the middle of production in 2017, LaBeouf was arrested for public drunkenness . A video captured him making sexist and racist remarks to police officers. LaBeouf has since gotten sober, and he credits Gottsagen with his turnaround.

"He knows about my pain intimately. We'd be sitting there watching wrestling every night. He'd be eating ice cream. I'd be drinking gin. I'd tell him, 'You gotta stop eating all that ice cream.' He'd say, 'You gotta stop drinking that gin,'" says

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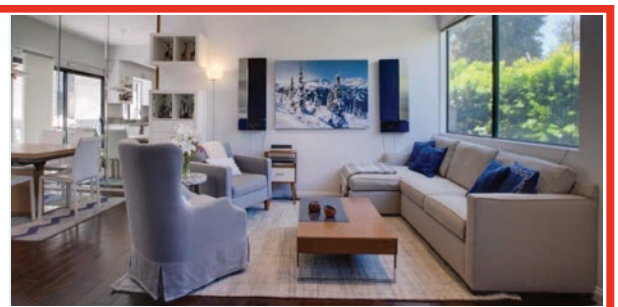


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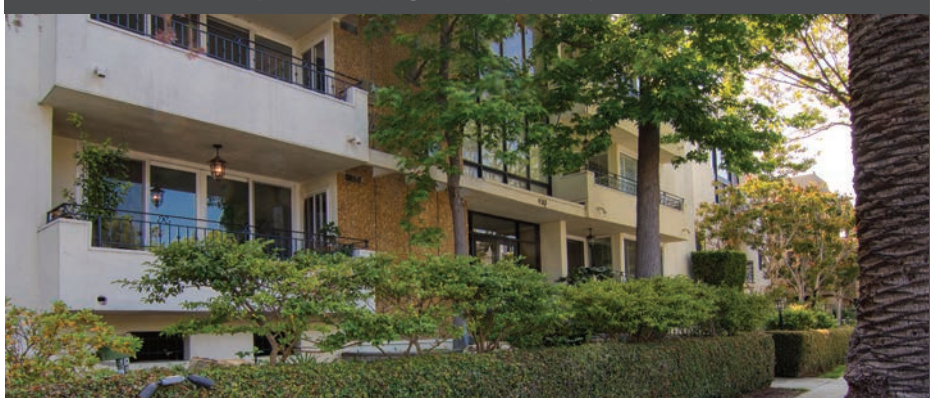


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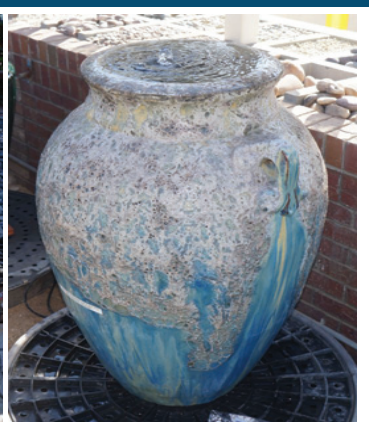
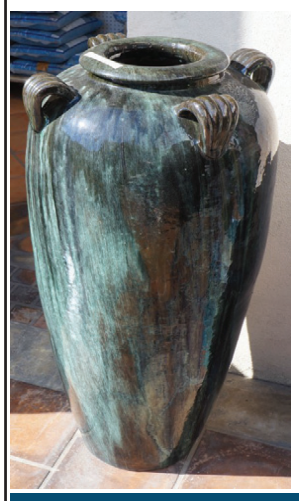
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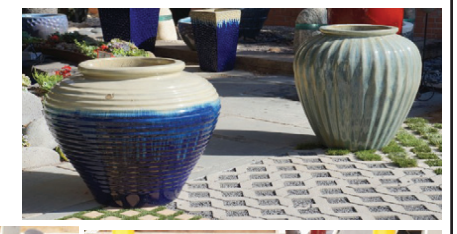
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# Trump heads for golf club holiday with summer storms looming

**JONATHAN LEMIRE**
Associated Press

Now is the summer (vacation) of the president's discontent.

As Donald Trump prepares to leave on Friday for his annual August holiday at his lush New Jersey golf club, he's confronting a storm of crises, at home and abroad, that could set the course for his reelection bid.

With his poll numbers stalled and his ability to rally the country questioned, he's being tested by an escalating trade war with China that may slow the economy, rising tensions with both Iran and North Korea and, in the aftermath of the mass shootings last weekend, pressure to act on guns and face accusations of his own role in fostering an environment of hate.

The dark clouds are converging as the Republican president's bid for a second term takes on new urgency. Trump exudes confidence but as the two dozen Democrats eager to take his job sharpen their attacks, the White House — or, for the next 10 days, the clubhouse in Bedminster, New Jersey — will have to mount a multifront effort rooted in maintaining his base rather than trying to expand it.

"There are often presidents facing reelection who face an onslaught," said Douglas Brinkley, presidential historian at Rice University. "Those are the times when you need to heal the nation's wounds or make your case for a real change. But Trump long ago decided that he was going to try to be a president who divided and conquered to intimidate friend and foe alike."

Unlike other embattled incumbents at this point in their terms, Trump does not face a serious primary challenge. His vise-like grip on the Republican Party has warded off insurgencies like Ronald Reagan's challenge to Gerald Ford in 1976 or Pat Buchanan's to George H.W. Bush in 1992, allowing him to focus solely on his foes across the aisle.

Trump has long bristled at the term "vacation" and is expected to hold a handful of official events and trips while settled in New Jersey's horse country. But aides say his attention will be focused on golf, cable news and Twitter. They often worry about the scattershot outbursts — such as his "fire and fury" to North Korea in 2017 — that can emerge when Trump escapes Washington and has more access to his friends and less to his staff.

When Robert Mueller's Russia probe wound down, culminating in the special counsel's appearance before Congress last month, a sense of relief permeated the West Wing, which was finally free of the investigation that has shadowed the administration since its earliest days. But Trump's punitive trade tariffs, his racially inflammatory language and now a renewed national call for action on gun control have created internal pressure on the president and his staff.

His reelection strategy, which has placed white grievance and immigration at the forefront in an effort that his aides say is designed to activate his base of conservative voters, represents an approach not seen by an American president in the modern era. Already condemned by Democrats, Trump's language has come under increased scrutiny this week after a warning similar to his about a "Hispanic invasion" was found in the rambling screed linked to the gunman who killed 22 people in El Paso, Texas.

The president's response to the shootings — nine more people were killed in Ohio a few hours after El Paso — has been uneven. He largely stayed out of view last weekend, also in Bedminster, and then on Wednesday turned a visit to the two grieving cities into an awkward mix of hugs and handshakes followed soon after by aggressive political attacks against Democrats.

Some Democrats have accused Trump of giving license to the hate lurking in dark corners of American life, even contending he has blood on his hands for the weekend of violence.

"It's both clear language and in code: This president has fanned the flames of white supremacy in this nation," said former Vice President Joe Biden in Iowa on Wednesday. "If Donald Trump is reelected, I believe he will forever and fundamentally alter the character of this nation."

The White House did not respond to a request for comment Thursday.

But Trump's problems extend beyond America's borders. After he pulled the U.S. out of the Iran nuclear deal, Tehran upped its enriched uranium production, sending it last month over the limit specified by the agreement. Tension in the Persian Gulf has accelerated as Iran shot down a U.S. drone and seized control of ships in the Strait of Hormuz. American forces returned the favor, shooting down an Iranian drone.

The president opted against a military strike last month and indicated he would be open to talks, but Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has said he would only negotiate if all of the crippling U.S. sanctions were lifted. And he warned Tuesday that anyone's conflict with Iran would "be the mother of all war."

Trump has also mused about pulling American forces out of Afghanistan by the 2020 election, a move some aides fear would be premature and could lead to a dangerous vacuum in the region.

The president is personally invested in North Korea.

Just over a month ago, he became the first U.S. president to step into North Korea and, in a meeting with Kim Jong Un, negotiated a restart to talks that had broken down during a Hanoi summit in February. Trump has repeatedly praised Kim and the letters he has sent, believing that a close relationship is the key to nuclear breakthrough.

But since the meeting at the DMZ, with negotiations yet to resume, North Korea has tested several short-range missiles, a provocation that Trump has had to resort to diplomatic gymnastics to brush aside.

"These missile tests are not a violation of our signed Singapore agreement, nor was there discussion of short-range missiles when we shook hands," Trump tweeted this week. "There may be a United Nations violation, but Chairman Kim does not want to disappoint me."

The president's top preoccupation of late, however, has been the escalating trade dispute with China. He fumed last week when negotiations in Shanghai broke down, and, against the advice of advisers, he slapped additional tariffs on China.

His moves rattled the financial markets, which have been volatile for days, and have worried West Wing aides who fear a battle with Beijing could not only hurt Trump voters, including farmers at the mercy of China's retaliatory tariffs, but could undermine the president's best argument for reelection, a strong economy.

Former White House communications director Anthony Scaramucci said Trump is going on vacation feeling smug.

## WARNING

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will not allow California's flawed program to dictate federal policy."

California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, approved by voters in 1986, requires the government to publish a list of chemicals known to cause cancer, as determined by a variety of outside groups that include the EPA and IARC. The law also requires companies to warn customers about those chemicals.

California regulators have twice concluded glyphosate did not pose a cancer risk for drinking water. But in 2015, the IARC classified the chemical as "probably carcinogenic," triggering a warning label under California law. Monsanto sued, and last year a federal judge blocked California from enforcing the warning label until the lawsuit is resolved.

Federal law regulates how pesticides are used and how they are labeled. States are often allowed to impose their own requirements, but they can't be weaker than the federal law, according to Brett Hartl, government affairs director for the Center for Biological Diversity.

Hartl said it is unusual for the EPA to tell a state it can't go beyond the federal requirements.

"It's a little bit sad the EPA is the biggest cheerleader and defender of glyphosate," Hartl said. "It's the Environmental Protection Agency, not the pesticide protection agency."

In a letter to companies explaining its decision, Michael L. Goodis, director of EPA's registration division in its Office of Pesticide Programs, said the agency considers labels warning glyphosate to cause cancer to "constitute a false and misleading statement," which is prohibited by federal law.

Chandra Lord, a representative for Monsanto's parent company Bayer AG, said the EPA's announcement "is fully consistent with the science-based conclusions reached by the agency and leading health regulators worldwide for more than four decades."

"Glyphosate is not carcinogenic," Lord said.

An estimated 13,000 plaintiffs have pending lawsuits against Monsanto concerning glyphosate.

In May, a jury ordered Monsanto to pay a California couple $2.055 billion dollars after a trial where they blamed the company's product for caused their cancers. Last month , a judge reduced that award to $87 million.

## CHEF

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style that focuses on simplicity.

Kusuhara was a well-known chef in the culinary world and popular with patrons. The words 'TRUST ME' appear in each of his restaurant locations, a message to let customers know he had their tastebud's best interests at heart.

"He cared greatly about Sasabune style and customer's enjoyment of sushi," Totsuka said. Totsuka was Kusuhara's apprentice since 2003 and learned the ins and outs of Kusuhara's style for roughly 15 years.

He walked into Sasabune one day with no chef experience whatsoever, looking for a work opportunity after having dinner at the restaurant. Totsuka says he was struck by the quality, saying even the sushi in his home country of Japan didn't have sushi that could compare to Kusuhara's.

The Sasabune chef took Totsuka under his wing, teaching his eventual successor everything he knew: how to cut fish, when to head to the fish markets (before dawn), how to present a Sasabune style sushi (cold fish on loose, warm balls of rice) and what vendors to trust, among a multitude of learnings.

"Nowadays, so many sushi restaurants make fancy sushi," Totsuka said. "They put toppings like caviar and other stuff on sushi. Nobi-san teaches to do very simple—just high-quality fish and warm rice. He taught me that style. When a customer eats sushi with warm rice, the warmth brings out the sweetness of the fish. Nothing else. Simple. That's Sasabune style."

Totsuka likened Kusuhara to a stern father, teaching him culinary secrets inch by inch with no room for error.

Totsuka laughs off the stern lessons, calling them necessary to not only his continuing of the restaurant and sushi chef education, but also important lessons for his life. Totsuka gets emotional for a brief moment, noting he'll miss his former teacher.

"I'm still learning about sushi every day and I have 16 years of experience," Totsuka said with a smirk. "When I don't know something, he'd always give me a good answer. Not just for sushi, but for my life. He always gave me good advice. He was like my father. He taught me everything I know. He changed my life. I'll miss him. It feels like I lost my father."

Though there will not be a formal memorial service, an informal viewing for Nobi Kusuhara will take Fukui Mortuary, 707 E. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please feel free to join the Sasabune Family.

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## MOVIE

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LaBeouf. "This man's a year older than me. He's been acting longer than me and he's healthier than I am. He has more friends than I have, has longer lasting loving relationships."

At that, LaBeouf begins to tear up. Gottsagen leans his head against his co-star and wraps his arm around him. They tell each "I love you."

"I was doing things for Shia because I just don't like to see old Shia act like this. I wanted to see the new Shia that I know," says Gottsagen. "I have respect for other stars in films and I want Shia to be nice with them, except for those stars who don't care about Shia. That would be their loss. I don't care about what they do, but I care about Shia a lot more. Shia can do anything."

Gottsagen turns to LaBeouf and says, "I do mean it."

"I know you do," LaBeouf replies. "You mean everything that you say."

Dakota Johnson also grew especially close with Gottsagen, tending to his battered feet, scheduling rehearsal time and organizing trips, like one they took to a water park. Gottsagen was a leader on set, too. After each day of shooting, he'd take the directors' bullhorn and say a few encouraging words to the cast and crew.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### DISCONCERTING

Editor:

In his column in the Daily Press, Charles Andrews made a comment about how Donald Trump's legacy may go. He refers to Trump's several years of stimulating, rather than fighting, climate change that may result in the end of human life on our planet. Needless to say, as a grandparent, I found this extremely disconcerting.

There has been a flurry of climate bills introduced in Congress since the beginning of this year, first in the House and more recently in the Senate. They have received hardly any GOP support. One has to ask, are the Republicans in Congress so afraid of losing their seats, that they are willing to risk Armageddon on their watch?

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, one of the earliest bills introduced in January, is designed with features that would appeal to conservatives. It would place an annually increasing fee on all fossil fuels with all of the proceeds returned to U.S. households. Despite the recommendations of economists, scientists, and recently, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, only one of the bill's cosponsors is a Republican, Frances Rooney of Florida.

As the reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other scientific organizations become increasingly dire, one would hope that enough GOP members of congress would come to their senses, and join Democrats in supporting the veto proof passage of key climate legislation.

Barry Engleman, Santa Monica

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Like a good parent at a 5-year-old's ballet recital, applaud all effort, even the most awkward. Most people aren't even dancing. On this sort of day, all dancers deserve participation awards.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Understanding so much nuance of human interaction can be overwhelming and even paralyzing. Forget about all the small things that can and do go wrong. Step back for a bigger picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Put the goals of your personal life front and center. Represent them obsessively. Make them the wallpaper of your phone, your screensaver, the Post-Its on your mirror. This is what it takes to realize a dream.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Digital desktops can be a very efficient place to get work done and there's no waste to contend with either. Even so, you need to see your plan on actual paper today. The physical copy brings forth a reality you won't argue with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You put an awful lot of pressure on yourself to say and do the right thing. And while full-responsibility is the way of winners, sometimes it's not you; it's them. Recognize and avoid those who bring out a lesser side of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The excitement of starting a new thing can cause you to only see a small part of it. Like an audience being wowed by a magic trick, your attention is being carefully guided. This is something to cautiously enjoy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The way to tell a story shows what you care about. It's not so much the facts of what happened, but how you prioritize them that lets everyone know what's important to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can love a person very much and still not fully understand the pressures that person is under. You'll try though. Perhaps the same stressors wouldn't even faze you, but empathy overrides this point.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've tried to make something happen for so long that you don't even notice how it's come to fruition. You have so much of what you wanted! Treat this like the big deal that it is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This thing you're involved in isn't a game exactly, and yet it wouldn't hurt to apply a strategy. One tactic that will work is keeping your cards close to the vest and being in no rush to make your move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a sharpness to your attitude, an edge to your style. It's attractive to many more people than will actually show their interest. Are you surprised that some find you intimidating?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When it comes to being there for others, you use reminders to make sure you're in the right place at the right time. Similar reminders can be employed to make sure that you're prioritizing yourself.

### Theme Park Sun

No one would have to set the record straight if the record were experienced in a linear fashion by all. Alas, life is not a book you can read in order or a long strip of film. Under this wild Leo sun it's more like a theme park with several entrances and exits. One never knows what people are going to choose to experience and in which order.

## ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

"My life is dampened by a shortage of confidence. I want to start my own business, but won't take the risk, so I stay working a demanding job instead that pays instead. I want to be more social, but I can't seem to put myself out there. My love life is nonexistent. How can a Pisces become more confident and do the things I want to do?"Confidence is a quality that is both misunderstood and overrated. Those who constantly reinforce their own worth and talents are not displaying signs of confidence so much as signs of insecurity similar to that felt by those who constantly tear themselves down. The ones without baggage around the area of self-esteem, on the other hand, are generally so absorbed in the project at hand that they don't think much about themselves one way or another. Anyway, many extremely successful people have low confidence levels. Be confident about your low confidence and go forward with small goals that you are likely to hit. For instance: Invite friends to join you for drinks after work. Talk to a friendly looking stranger. Save a certain amount of your paycheck for the business you will start when you're ready. In all matters, be on your own side, confident or not.

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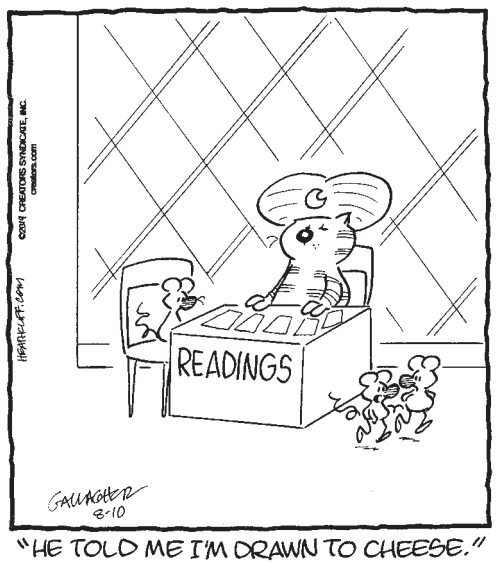
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**Cat's-paw**
noun [kats-paw]
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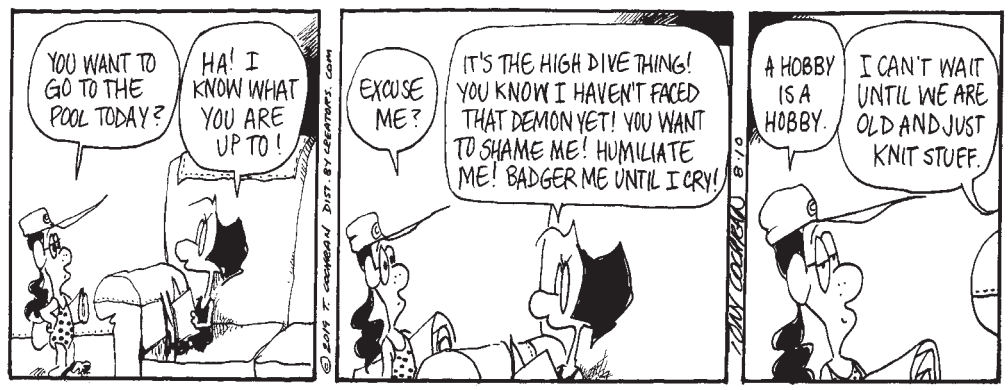

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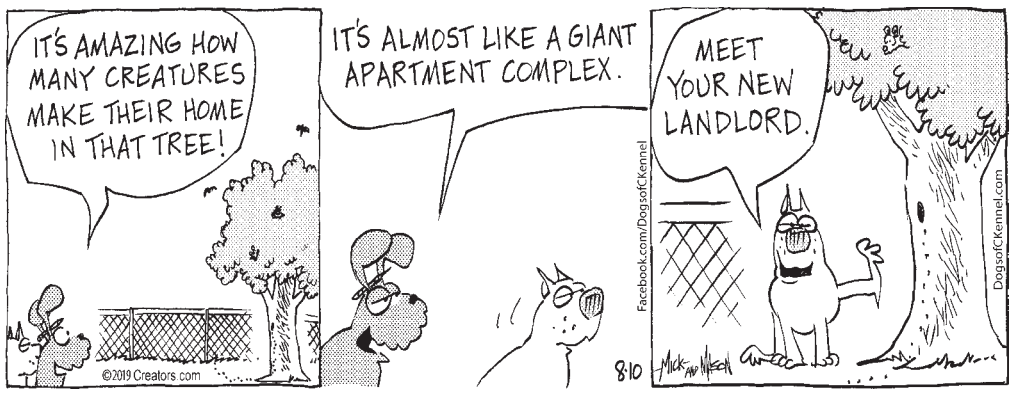

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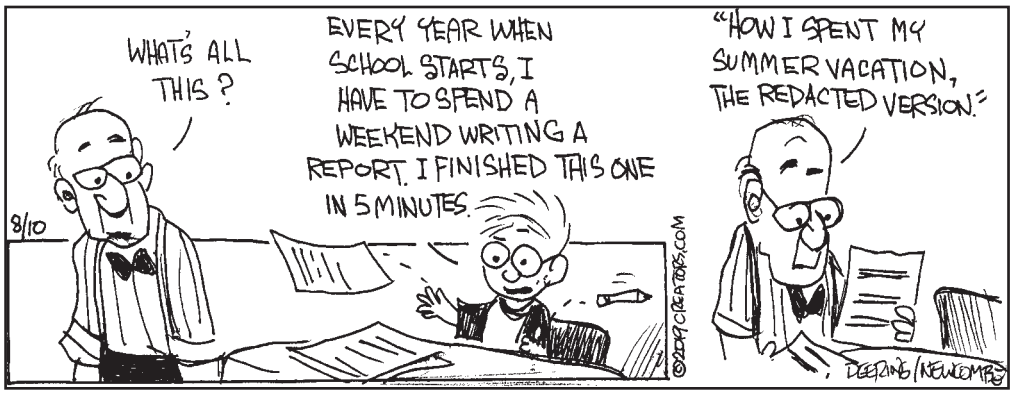

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SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
S swell continues.

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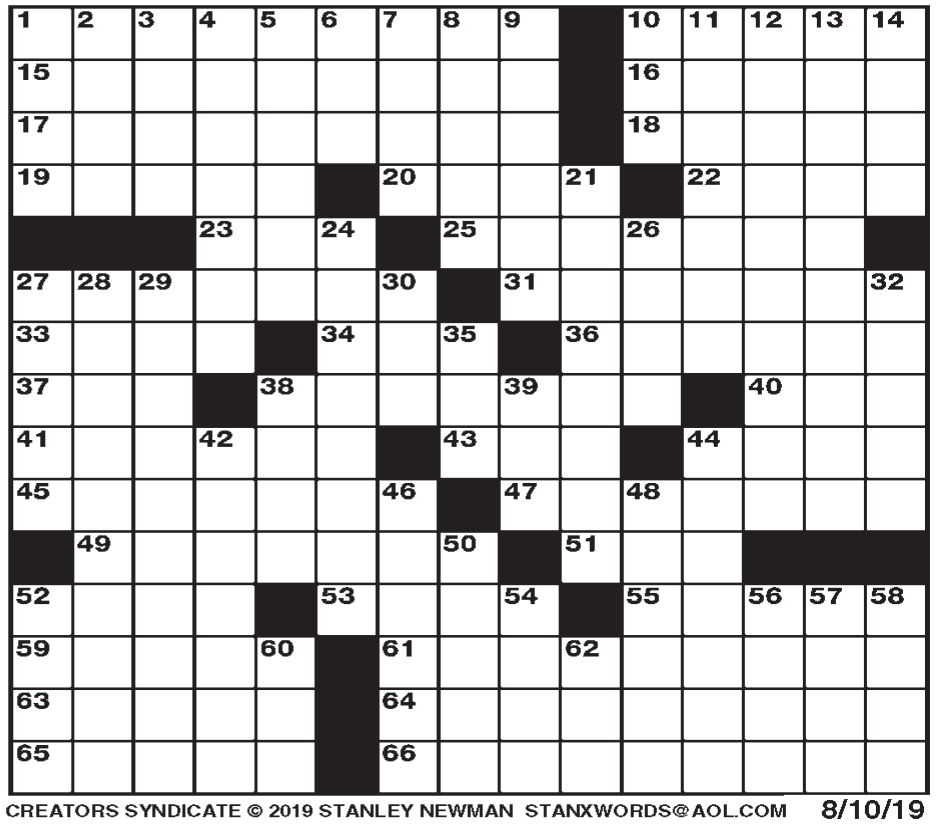
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## Newsday Crossword

**SATURDAY STUMPER** by Andrew Bell Lewis
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**ACROSS**
**1** Flash stash
**10** Institute
**15** What Freud called narcissism
**16** Most easily tied
**17** What truants don't hear
**18** Rocky summit?
**19** Enviable collection
**20** Price preceder or follower
**22** Chocolate, in some candies
**23** Where Burns was born
**25** Eco energy source
**27** About 15% of raw quinoa
**31** Code slammed in *Oliver Twist*
**33** Collective wisdom
**34** Evince antsiness
**36** Christian Grey's eventual spouse
**37** Rhyme for LBJ on '64 buttons
**38** Simple generator
**40** Common carrier
**41** "You're joking!"
**43** Don't just appear
**44** Get along
**45** Back in production
**47** Sends back, in the legal system
**49** Bag of tricks
**51** __ *último* (Felipe's "finally")
**52** What Brits call gravel
**53** Transistor descendant
**55** Whom Aristophanes is said to have "read"
**59** Palm fruit eater
**61** Traffic flow facilitator
**63** Longstanding observation
**64** Silk-spinning spider
**65** Notable
**66** Curb

**DOWN**
**1** Britannic forebear
**2** Vegan substitute for gelatin
**3** Spirit, in musical scores
**4** Promote
**5** Chuck alternative
**6** 2019 G20 summit host
**7** Evidence of outstandingness
**8** Verbal slip cover
**9** Ill-considered confidant
**10** Excluding
**11** High-class diner
**12** Exceed what's deemed to be possible
**13** Unrealistic
**14** "Faster than shaving" brand of yore
**21** Out of reach, in a way
**24** Sicilian cuisine staple
**26** Pic, in product names
**27** Promotes
**28** Shirley Temple was its Grand Marshal in early 1939 and 1999
**29** Inclined to stump
**30** Do some needlework?
**32** Proceeds
**35** Plot twist in police procedurals
**38** Deliberate
**39** End up off
**42** Acting up?
**44** It may improve your cost of leaving
**46** What Eminem calls himself in a 2013 song
**48** Malcontent
**50** Bogart's five-time film foe
**52** Erstwhile auto-pay giant
**54** Certain collector's concern
**56** Excluding
**57** Thermally insulated device
**58** Presumptuous
**60** Intricate set of circumstances
**62** What a certain crook might catch



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