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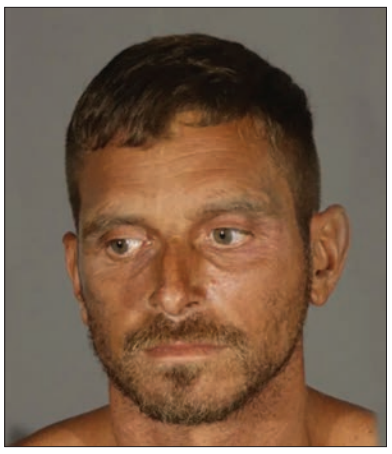
Homeless man arrested for attempted murder after beating at the Ocean Park library

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

For the second time in as many weeks, a homeless on homeless assault has sent a man to the hospital with critical injuries.

On August 9, at about 8:09 a.m., Santa Monica Police officers were called to the Ocean Park Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library on Main Street. A library employee tried to wake up a homeless man at the front doors and discovered he was badly injured.

According to SMPD, the unconscious, 41-year-old victim was found with blunt force trauma to his face and a swollen forehead. The victim was transported via ambulance to a local hospital where he was listed in critical condition but was expected to survive.



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NATHANAEL ROGER LAVOIE

Lt. Erika Aklufi said that at approximately 12:35 p.m., detectives investigating the incident spotted a person of interest who was loitering in the front of the library. The suspect was uncooperative and threatening towards the officers. The suspect was eventually hit with a taser

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Open Main Street festival series starts with impressive lineup of events and activities



Main Street Business Improvement Association
MAIN STREET: The street will be closed to cars.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Once again Main Street is showing the rest of Santa Monica that it is the events and activities epicenter of the city as the first of three Open Main Street festivals kicks off this weekend, with all manner of events and activities that are being organized by local businesses.

It only feels like only a short time ago we were watching the 4th July parade, then last week, the Festival of the Chariots took place and this weekend it's a celebration of...well, just being in Santa Monica. Like we need an excuse to hold a street party. And there's two more to come, with another in September and finally the last in October as the summer starts to draw to a close and fall gently nudges its way back into our lives.

Presented by Cypress Equity Investments and LAcarGuy, there will be a highly anticipated Pickleball activation, live-music and a festival beer garden for 21+ over attendees with free frozen sangria and food tastings from Sugar Plum at the Viceroy. Plus samples from Venice Duck Beer, Dulce Vida Tequila, JuneShine Hard Kombucha, Angelisco Tequila, St. Hildie's Spiked Tincture Tonics, and "Drag Bingo with the Alejandro Queen" inside the beer garden.

This marks the first time that Main Street has operated an event of this scale over an entire weekend since 2019 and before the pandemic.

Funnily enough, last Tuesday, August 8, was National Pickleball Day and the Santa Monica Pickleball Center at 2501 Wilshire Blvd is arranging to have a number

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Wilmont neighbors welcome families to Saturday Reed Park movie night

MAGGIE MARKS
SMDP Intern

Grab your picnic blankets and head out to Reed Park for the upcoming Second Saturday Movie Nights free showing of Finding Nemo on Saturday, August 12 at 6 p.m.

Organized by Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition (Wilmont), the movie nights have been scheduled for the second Saturday of each summer month. July's movie was the Princess Bride, August's will be Finding Nemo, and September will finish it off with Toy Story. Along with the movie, free music, popcorn, and lemonade will be provided.

Second Saturday Movie Nights



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SATURDAY: The movie will be at Reed Park.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Karen Bass sees bused migrants as humans. Greg Abbott sees them as pawns in his overstated crisis

JIM NEWTON

The first bus pulled into Los Angeles on June 14. It carried 43 men, women and children. They had arrived days earlier in Texas, presented themselves to authorities and asked for asylum in the United States. There, state officials, who have no jurisdiction in immigration matters, put them on buses and sent them to Los Angeles.

The second bus pulled into Los Angeles on July 1 with 41 passengers aboard. The third on July 13. The fourth on July 18. All told, seven buses so far have made the trip to L.A., bringing a total of 283 people from the Texas border to the nation's second-largest city. They have come from around the world: Colombia, Chile, Peru, Venezuela, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Brazil, Haiti, El Salvador, Cuba, China, Cameroon and, of course, Mexico.

The reception given these migrants in Texas and in Los Angeles could not be more different. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has done everything possible to make these people feel unwanted, placing buoys and razor wire in the Rio Grande to make entry dangerous – even lethal – and his office has instructed authorities to withhold food and water from the families trying to make their way to safety.

In Los Angeles, Mayor Karen Bass and her administration regard those migrants as people in need of help rather than as a blight to be eliminated.

When the busloads arrive in Los Angeles, they are met by the "LA Welcomes Collective," which provides the services that Abbott's administration deliberately denies. The asylum seekers barely exit the bus before they are given a quick medical check and offered food, water and hygiene kits. Volunteer lawyers brief them on their legal rights, and they are quizzed about family who might take them in.



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SHELTER: Officials bring new blankets into St. Anthony's Croatian Catholic Church in Los Angeles on June 14, 2023. Forty-two migrants, including some children, were dropped off at Union Station around 4 p.m. Wednesday and were being cared for at the church. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said the migrants were sent to Los Angeles because California had declared itself a "sanctuary" for immigrants.

Travel is arranged for those who have connections in the United States, whereas those without a place to go are

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From eggs to electronics to used cars, consumer inflation eased its grip on US households in July

PAUL WISEMAN
AP Economics Writer

Inflation in the United States edged up in July after 12 straight months of declines. But excluding volatile food and energy costs, so-called core inflation matched the smallest monthly rise in nearly two years, a sign that the Federal Reserve's interest rate hikes have continued to slow price increases.

The inflation data the government reported Thursday showed that overall consumer prices rose 3.2% from a year earlier. That was up from a 3% annual rise in June, which was the lowest rate in more than two years. The latest figure remained far below last year's peak of 9.1%, though still above the Fed's 2% inflation target.

The Fed, economists and investors, though, pay particular attention to core inflation figures for signs of where price pressures might be headed. From June to July, core inflation remained a tame 0.2%, thanks to easing prices for such items as used vehicles and electronics. And compared with 12 months earlier, core prices rose 4.7% in July, the smallest such increase since October 2021.

> “Core prices are moving in the right direction
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> - Rubeela Farooqi, chief U.S. economist for High Frequency Economics

“Core prices are moving in the right direction,” said Rubeela Farooqi, chief U.S. economist for High Frequency Economics. “That will be welcome news to (the Fed's) policymakers.”

Thursday's price data will be among the key barometers the central bank will weigh in deciding whether to continue raising interest rates. In its drive to tame inflation, the Fed has raised its benchmark rate 11 times since March 2022 to a 22-year high.

Overall prices, measured on a month-to-month basis, rose 0.2% in July; roughly 90% of it reflected higher housing costs. Excluding shelter, Paul Ashworth of Capital Economics calculated that core prices actually fell 0.1% from June to July.

Food prices, which have pressured Americans' budgets for more than two years, rose a mild 0.2% from June to July. Eggs, meat, beer and dairy products all declined in price, though food is still up 4.9% over the past 12 months. Also falling in July were prices of televisions, audio equipment and pet food.

Energy costs rose just 0.1%. Modestly higher gasoline prices were offset by falling electricity prices.

Used-vehicle prices fell for a second straight month, dipping 1.3% from June and 5.6% from a year ago. Those prices had surged last year as a shortage of computer chips disrupted production of new vehicles, forcing more buyers into the used market. The chip shortage has eased, and new-car production has rebounded, thereby reducing demand for used cars and trucks.

On a three-month basis, consumer inflation was an annualized 1.9% from May through July, the slowest such pace in three years. Some economists prefer the three-month figure because it captures inflation trends with less volatility than the month-to-month figures.

Economists say that in the Fed's fight to conquer inflation, the easy progress has likely already been achieved. Gasoline prices, for example, though liable to bounce around from month to month, have already plunged from a peak national average of more than $5 a gallon, which was reached in June of last year after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Much of the inflationary surge that began in 2021 was caused by clogged supply chains: Ports, factories and freight yards were overwhelmed by the explosive economic rebound from the pandemic recession of 2020. The result was delays, parts shortages and higher prices. But supply-chain backlogs have eased in the past year, sharply reducing upward pressure on goods prices. Prices of long-lasting manufactured goods actually dipped in June.

Now, the Fed faces a daunting problem: Inflationary pressures in service businesses — restaurants, hotels, entertainment venues and the like — where wages represent a substantial share of costs. Worker shortages have led many of these services companies to sharply raise pay.

Last week, for example, the Labor Department reported that average hourly wages rose 4.4% in July from a year earlier, more than expected. To cover their higher labor costs, companies have typically raised their prices, thereby fueling inflation.

Another factor working against continued declines in year-over-year inflation rates is that prices soared in the first half of last year before slowing in the second half. So any price increase in July would have the effect of boosting the year-over-year inflation rate.

Still, economists caution against reading too much into one month of numbers. Many of them expect inflation to continue trending lower.

Despite chronic concerns about higher labor costs, one closely watched measure of wages and salaries — the Labor Department's employment cost index — grew more slowly from April through June. Excluding government jobs, employee pay rose 1%, less than the 1.2% increase in the first three months of 2023. Compared with a year earlier, wages and salaries grew 4.6%, down from a year-over-year increase of 5.1% in the first quarter.

Many Americans continue to feel under pressure from higher prices.

“There are some things you can stop buying or slow down on buying,” said Mark Dye of Port St. Lucie, Florida. “The cost of junk food has gone outrageously high. It's $5, $6 for a bag of chips. And I just think that is ridiculous. And then we pay even more for the healthy stuff.”

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> - Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets

Likewise, Richard Priedits of Grand Rapids, Michigan, said he's noticed higher costs during his annual vacation out West.

“We are using credit cards a lot more,” he said as he stopped at the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area in Nevada. “The hotel was probably about $100 more ... We filled up the tank this morning. It was like $90.”

Prices, he said, are high back in Michigan, too: “It's expensive everywhere.”

Fed officials will have plenty of data to absorb before deciding whether to continue raising rates. Thursday's report is the first of two CPI numbers the policymakers will see before their next meeting Sept. 19-20. In addition, their favored inflation gauge, called the personal income expenditures price index, comes out on Aug. 31. And the August jobs report will be released Sept. 1.

The moderating pace of inflation, combined with a resilient job market, has raised hopes that the Fed may achieve a difficult “soft landing”: — raising rates enough to tame inflation without causing a painful recession.

“Barring a hot August CPI and labor market report, the progress should encourage the (Fed) to skip a rate hike on Sept. 20 and, in our view, for the remainder of this exceptional tightening cycle,” said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. “That can only increase the prospect for a soft landing.”

Many economists and market analysts think the Fed's most recent rate hike in July will prove to be its last: More than 90% of traders now expect no Fed hike next month, according to the CME Group's FedWatch Tool.

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REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

SUBJECT: Monday, August 14, 2023, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 250

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Report from the Landmarks Commission Subcommittee on Social Justice/ Equity in Preservation and discussion of next steps.
- Discussion of streamlining ideas for the Landmarks' nomination application process in response to City Council direction at the May 23, 2023 meeting, including but not limited to the possibility of a revised application and other revised procedures, with the goal of incentivizing new applications and reducing cost and time for applicants.
- Discussion regarding a potential 150-Year celebration of the founding of the City of Santa Monica, with a potential appointment for a subcommittee to plan for such a celebration.
- Report from Landmarks Commission Liaison to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) on recent ARB consideration and action taken on proposed projects involving additions to or modifications of potential historic resources.
- Report from Landmarks Commission representative to the Santa Monica Pier Corporation (SMPC) on recent SMPC activities and action taken on proposed projects involving the Landmark Santa Monica Pier.

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Emmy Awards move to January, placing them firmly in Hollywood's awards season

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The strike-delayed 75th Emmy Awards have a new date — one that places them squarely within Hollywood's awards season, for a change.

Fox announced Thursday that the Emmys will air Jan. 15 from the Peacock Theater at LA Live in downtown Los Angeles. The show will air on the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday.

The timing means that the Emmys, which honor the best shows on television, will air weeks before the Screen Actors Guild Awards, which honors film and television actors. Numerous other shows like the Golden Globe Awards, which haven't been confirmed for a return to network television, and the Critics Choice Awards, also are held in January.

The ceremony will happen roughly four months later than originally planned.

While the move is a bit of a throwback — the first Emmys, where only six awards were handed out, were held in January 1949 — the show traditionally airs in September, a slot that once heralded the upcoming fall television season. But that timing dates back to when broadcast television dominated — both in viewership and Emmys contenders — in a way that has been effaced by cable television and streaming services.

A person with knowledge of the plans but not authorized to speak publicly told The Associated Press last month that the show, originally scheduled for Sept. 17, would be moved because of the ongoing strikes by film and television actors and screenwriters.

HBO is the leading nominee heading into the ceremony, with three of its series — "Succession," "The Last of Us" and "The White Lotus" — racking up 74 nominations. In all, HBO received 127 nominations.

Because of the dual strikes, actors and writers cannot campaign for their shows or do promotional interviews. The writers strike is now in its 101st day, longer than the 2007-2008 stoppage — and no end is in sight.

No host has been announced for the ceremony, which will celebrate the Emmys' diamond anniversary.

The ceremony has grown into a two-weekend affair, with many nominees in craft and guest acting categories receiving their awards during the Creative Arts Emmys, which will be held a week earlier on Jan. 6 and 7. An edited version of that ceremony will air on Fox on Jan. 13.

The Emmys will be executive produced by Jesse Collins, Dionne Harmon and Jeannae Rouzan-Clay of Jesse Collins Entertainment. Collins has become a go-to producer of Hollywood awards shows and other spectacles, producing the Grammys, Oscars as well as the acclaimed 2022 Super Bowl halftime show featuring Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg and Mary J. Blige in a hip-hop celebration.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Compensate residents

Tenants are compensated if they are harassed by landlords. I see no reason why my neighbors, tenants and I shouldn't be compensated for the vast disruptions, noise and exhaust pollution caused by the so-called Michigan Greenway project which is ongoing as I type right in front of my home of almost 35 years! For Christ's sake everyone knows how damaging small particulates are, yet the contractors incessantly idle their vehicles, endangering everyone's health! Please, be more conscious and conscientious before unleashing such projects in the future!

Yours truly

Steven G Keats, Santa Monica

HEART HEALTH

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strains.

More recent research confirms the need to better understand and address these cardiac aftershocks. An analysis this spring of a large U.S. insurance database found long COVID patients were about twice as likely to seek care for cardiovascular problems including blood clots, abnormal heartbeats or stroke in the year after infection, compared to similar patients who'd avoided COVID-19.

A post-infection link to heart damage isn't that surprising, Verma noted. She pointed to rheumatic fever, an inflammatory reaction to untreated strep throat -- especially before antibiotics were common — that scars the heart's valves.

"Is this going to become the next rheumatic heart disease? We don't know," she said.

But Al-Aly says there's a simple take-home message: You can't change your history of COVID-19 infections but if you've ignored other heart risks -- like high cholesterol or blood pressure, poorly controlled diabetes or smoking -- now's the time to change that.

"These are the ones we can do something about. And I think they're more important now than they were in 2019," he said.

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COVID-19 took a toll on heart health and doctors are still grappling with how to help

LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

Firefighter and paramedic Mike Camilleri once had no trouble hauling heavy gear up ladders. Now battling long COVID, he gingerly steps onto a treadmill to learn how his heart handles a simple walk.

"This is, like, not a tough-guy test so don't fake it," warned Beth Hughes, a physical therapist at Washington University in St. Louis.

Somehow, a mild case of COVID-19 set off a chain reaction that eventually left Camilleri with dangerous blood pressure spikes, a heartbeat that raced with slight exertion, and episodes of intense chest pain.

He's far from alone. How profound a toll COVID-19 has taken on the nation's heart health is only starting to emerge, years into the pandemic.

"We are seeing effects on the heart and the vascular system that really outnumber, unfortunately, effects on other organ systems," said Dr. Susan Cheng, a cardiologist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

It's not only an issue for long COVID patients like Camilleri. For up to a year after a case of COVID-19, people may be at increased risk of developing a new heart-related problem, anything from blood clots and irregular heartbeats to a heart attack -- even if they initially seem to recover just fine.

Among the unknowns: Who's most likely to experience these aftereffects? Are they reversible — or a warning sign of more heart disease later in life?

"We're about to exit this pandemic as even a sicker nation" because of virus-related heart trouble, said Washington University's Dr. Ziyad Al-Aly, who helped sound the alarm about lingering health problems. The consequences, he added, "will likely reverberate for generations."

Heart disease has long been the top killer in the nation and the world. But in the U.S., heart-related death rates had fallen to record lows in 2019, just before the pandemic struck.

COVID-19 erased a decade of that progress, Cheng said.

Heart attack-caused deaths rose during every virus surge. Worse, young people aren't supposed to have heart attacks but Cheng's research documented a nearly 30% increase in heart attack deaths among 25- to 44-year-olds in the pandemic's first two years.

An ominous sign the trouble may continue: High blood pressure is one of the biggest risks for heart disease and "people's blood pressure has actually measurably gone up over the course of the pandemic," she said.

Cardiovascular symptoms are part of what's known as long COVID, the catchall term for dozens of health issues including fatigue and brain fog. The National Institutes of Health is beginning small studies of a few possible treatments for certain long COVID symptoms, including a heartbeat problem.

But Cheng said patients and doctors alike need to know that sometimes, cardiovascular trouble is the first or main symptom of damage the coronavirus left behind.

"These are individuals who wouldn't necessarily come to their doctor and say, 'I have long COVID,'" she said.

In St. Louis, Camilleri first developed shortness of breath and later a string of heart-related and other symptoms after a late 2020 bout of COVID-19. He tried different treatments from multiple doctors to no avail, until winding up at Washington University's long COVID clinic.

"Finally a turn in the right direction," said the 43-year-old Camilleri.

There, he saw Dr. Amanda Verma for worsening trouble with his blood pressure and heart rate. Verma is part of a cardiology team that studied a small group of patients with perplexing heart symptoms like Camilleri's, and found abnormalities in blood flow may be part of the problem.

How? Blood flow jumps when people move around and subsides during rest. But some long COVID patients don't get enough of a drop during rest because the fight-or-flight system that controls stress reactions stays activated, Verma said.

Some also have trouble with the lining of their small blood vessels not dilating and constricting properly to move blood through, she added.

Hoping that helped explain some of Camilleri's symptoms, Verma prescribed some heart medicines that dilate blood vessels and others to dampen that fight-or-flight response.

Back in the gym, Hughes, a physical therapist who works with long COVID patients, came up with a careful rehab plan after the treadmill test exposed erratic jumps in Camilleri's heart rate.

"We'd see it worse if you were not on Dr. Verma's meds," Hughes said, showing Camilleri exercises to do while lying down and monitoring his heart rate. "We need to rewire your system" to normalize that fight-or-flight response.

Camilleri said he noticed some improvement as Verma mixed and matched prescriptions based on his reactions. But then a second bout with COVID-19 in the spring caused even more health problems, a disability that forced him to retire.

How big is the post-COVID heart risk? To find out, Al-Aly analyzed medical records from a massive Veterans Administration database. People who'd survived COVID-19 early in the pandemic were more likely to experience abnormal heartbeats, blood clots, chest pain and palpitations, even heart attacks and strokes up to a year later compared to the uninfected. That includes even middle-aged people without prior signs of heart disease

Based on those findings, Al-Aly estimated 4 of every 100 people need care for some kind of heart-related symptom in the year after recovering from COVID-19.

Per person, that's a small risk. But he said the pandemic's sheer enormity means it added up to millions left with at least some cardiovascular symptoms. While a reinfection might still cause trouble, Al-Aly's now studying whether that overall risk dropped thanks to vaccination and milder coronavirus

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MOVIE

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have become an annual occasion. One of the movie night coordinators, Wilmont Board Member John C. Smith said the movie night has progressed from one night to a series of three nights throughout the summer.

"We started doing it about five years ago. We just did one movie, one a summer. It was kind of the idea of Elizabeth Van Denburgh, she's our chair of Wilmont. You know, and we thought okay, let's put together a movie night. Then, last summer we decided that let's make it three nights. Let's do three of them, not just one. Let's add some music to it. Last year was the first year that we did three," said Smith.

Smith and Van Denburgh choose the movies with an abundance of thought and consideration, with the assistance of parents via Facebook.

Their first movie was the Princess Bride as the target audience was slightly older, and they needed to start playing the movie later at night because the sun sets later in July opposed to August or September.

Prior to the movie, live music is played. In the previous movie night in July, a band called The Wilmonts played. Initially starting out through the friendship between Smith and Lawrence Eubank (former Wilmont Chair and active resident), they realized their shared interest in guitar, and started playing together. Shortly thereafter, more players were added to the group.

"We get together and we practice a little bit, and we play some music ahead of the movie. So it's like, a little bit of something for the adults and everybody," said Smith.

The decision to program Reed Park was driven by a community desire to make the park more active and welcoming to neighborhood residents.

Smith said the philosophy is that when you bring in more locals and events to challenged parks, it becomes a better environment for visitors in the community.

"Reed Park has had a real issue with homelessness. The feeling is that the more active a park is, the better and the cleaner it is and the safer it becomes because more people show up. When certain elements, good elements show up at a park, it discourages others, you know, the parks that go in disrepair and go downhill are the ones that people don't go to, and then they get taken over. It's sort of like a sliding scale. It's kind of like up and down," said Smith.

The park has evolved over time with new amenities. It now houses tennis courts, the Miles Memorial Play House, basketball courts, picnic tables, a small playground, walking path and exercise equipment. Movie night will be held on the grassy central portion of the park that has also been home to seasonal concerts.

Smith said that Santa Monica is one small community and anyone is welcome for the movies, regardless of their neighborhood of residence.

"Well, you know, we're all neighbors in the city, we're all neighbors," said Smith.

Santa Monica has seven recognized neighborhood associations (Friends of Sunset Park, North of Montana Association, Ocean Park Association, Pico Neighborhood Association, Santa Monica Mid City Neighbors, Santa Monica Northeast Neighbors and Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition). Each has its own set of priorities and Wilmont is currently focused on public safety, homelessness, development, and traffic.

"Why we exist is to make sure that people know what's going on in the city, and make sure that we are a more informed neighborhood, and make sure that everyone can contribute. This is Wilmont's way of contributing to a cleaner, safer, better city," said Smith.

Visit http://www.wilmont.org for more information.

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE:

Tonight, August 11, Santa Monica native Tony Todd will be staring in "Little Big League" along side Ken Griffey Jr. at movie night in Virginia Ave. Park. Todd, who coached at Samohi in addition to his acting career, will be on hand to give away autographed MLB baseballs as well as baseball cards.

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ARREST

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after SMPD said he attempted to assault uniformed officers.

The homeless suspect, Nathanael Roger Lavoie, 40, was booked for attempted murder, felony battery on a police officer, giving false name to a police officer and resisting arrest.

Records indicate Lavoie's last known residence to be in Rhode Island where he left behind a laundry list of felonies including several assaults, most recently in January of this year.

This week's arrest comes about a week after an altercation between two homeless individuals left one man dead following a daylight stabbing on the beach.

Juan Evarastico Bahena was arrested on July 31 after he is alleged to have stabbed a man to death along the 2000 block of the beach. Both men in that case are also homeless and witnesses said the two had a verbal argument before Bahena killed the victim.

Anyone with information related to these crimes or suspects are encouraged to contact the SMPD Investigations Division during business hours at (310) 458-8451 or the Watch Commander 24-hours at (310) 458-8427.

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GET IT DAILY...

MAIN STREET

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of temporary courts set up so that anyone in our sunny seaside city who hasn't yet been swept up in this popular paddle-based pastime can get a chance to see firsthand what all the fuss is about.

"Ever since the pandemic, pickleball has exploded in popularity," says Jonathan Neeter, owner of the Pickleball Center. "You had a real groundswell out there of people playing because there wasn't a lot else to do. People were playing in backyards or putting up nets in their driveways or patios. You can't really create a makeshift tennis court, it's too big, but pickleball you can do," Neeter says.

There will be the chance to try free introductory lessons, play live-ball, or open play for those familiar with the sport. Spectators will also get to enjoy exhibition games with experienced, high level players on both Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.

There's also a multitude of different musical acts, all local, with genres ranging from indie rock, funk, soul, R&B, jazz, country and even a Tom Petty tribute band, performing on two stages all weekend long from 3 p.m — 7 p.m.

A kid-friendly corner will be curated by the Pump Station & Nurtury, with Super Soccer Stars drills, face painting and a comedy show for kids to keep even the youngest attendees engaged. Parents are also invited to use the Nurtury Lounge, equipped with a changing station, chairs, and complimentary water and snacks. Other activities include rock climbing, performances from local youth organizations and more.

Of course, with any street party comes road closures. Main Street from Pier Avenue to Strand Street will be closed for events beginning 7 a.m. on August 12 until 10 p.m. on August 13. Ocean Park Blvd will be open in both directions. Check out the website mainstreetsm.com for further information and the SMDP's guide to all that's going on.

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> - Jonathan Neeter, owner of the Pickleball Center

But wait, there's more. In addition to this amazing weekend-long wingding celebrating all things Santa Monica, there's an "End of Summer Sidewalk Sale" taking place on Montana Avenue all day today, Friday, 11 August and tomorrow, Saturday, 12 August.

Retail outlets, coffee shops, gift stores and everything in between will have all manner of items on offer, tea samples, reduced membership rates and sales rack discounts on men's wear, women's wear and even pet's wear. Check out montanaave.com for more details.

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MIGRANT

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offered shelter until more permanent arrangements can be made. Volunteers give toys to bedraggled and bewildered children, some as young as 4 months old.

What is perhaps most notable about this shuffle is the fact that these migrants arrive unannounced. There is no call from Abbott's office to say a busload is on its way, no coordination between the Texas governor who ships people like cattle and the local authorities who take on the responsibility of caring for those they regard as human beings seeking safety and opportunity of America.

If this were genuinely an attempt to share resources and responsibly address the issues that arise from people crossing the border, officials in different states would be working together. The fact that there is no such effort speaks volumes to what is really going on.

This is not an effort to address immigration but rather a political opportunity. In fact, border encounters – contacts between law enforcement and migrants – are sharply down this year, dropping from 252,000 last December to 145,000 in June. Moreover, the largest number of those in the country illegally settle in California already, so shipping migrants from Texas to California isn't some cynical form of burden-sharing.

What's ratcheted up in recent months is not the problem itself but rather Abbott's exploitation of it. The governor dispatched the first buses of migrants to Washington, D.C., in September 2022 to Vice President Kamala Harris' house. He has expanded his program over the past year, directing thousands of immigrants to New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Denver and Los Angeles.

"Texas' small border towns remain overwhelmed and overrun by the thousands of people illegally crossing into Texas from Mexico because of President Biden's refusal to secure the border," Abbott said after announcing the first bus to L.A. "Los Angeles is a major city that migrants seek to go to, particularly now that its city leaders approved its self-declared sanctuary city status."

Abbott is correct that Los Angeles recently declared itself a sanctuary city, but a word about that is in order: Immigrants who are in Los Angeles illegally are not protected from deportation. In 1979, Los Angeles' famously – or infamously, some would say – conservative police chief Daryl F. Gates barred LAPD officers from acting as immigration authorities, preventing them from inquiring about a person's immigration status or stopping them solely on suspicion of being in the country illegally.

That was intended not to offer sanctuary but to encourage cooperation with police – to come forward as witnesses, for instance.

The L.A. City Council recently expanded on that notion, and Los Angeles does not spend any city resources to enforce immigration law. But that's in part a recognition that immigration is enforced by the federal government, not the city. Migrants who live in Los Angeles illegally are subject to deportation, just as they are in Brownsville, Texas.

Abbott's work, then, adds to the challenges that Bass already faces in governing Los Angeles, and for no apparent gain other than to bring the Texas governor a little attention and strengthen his credentials with those who demonize immigrants, fantasize a border crisis and award points for cruelty.

"This is a political strategy to make Democratic cities look like they're helpless," Bass recently told me. It is coordinated and amplified by the helpful ideologues at Fox News, she added, noting that the bottom line is to "make sure that things get worse" and that Democrats get blamed.

Gov. Gavin Newsom agrees. He believes in borders and is frustrated by illegal immigration, too. California, after all, is home to 2.7 million people without legal status – more than Texas and Florida combined.

But he sensibly pointed out that throwing people onto a Greyhound bus hardly solves anything.

"I get why people are upset about this, and they have a right to be," Newsom told me an interview this spring. "But they shouldn't be upset with state and local governments and elected officials who are trying to keep people healthier, safer and more educated."

Abbott's bus campaign – which Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has played along with, too – is just ramping up in Los Angeles, but its full effects are more visible in New York City, where buses have been arriving for months. There, Mayor Eric Adams has buckled under the amount of people pouring into the city – some 79,000 in total. Like Los Angeles, New York has tried to manage those arrivals with compassion, but the influx has overwhelmed city services.

Immigrants in New York are sleeping in shelters and even parks. As with Los Angeles, officials are trying to connect the new arrivals to loved ones in the United States, and even those efforts have brought Adams some grief. One especially dense piece in Politico equated Adams' relocation of 114 migrant households – some in Florida and Texas – to the influx of some 9,700 migrants that Abbott has sent to New York, calling Adams' efforts "something similar" to those of Abbott.

That's just bad reporting, but it's evidence that Abbott's campaign is working, at least to some extent, as Adams' response to the Texas governor's provocations has left him politically isolated: He's angry at President Biden for not offering more help at the same time that he's furious with Abbott for keeping up the bus parade.

Bass, by contrast, has focused her ire on Abbott. That may help preserve her relations with the White House, which is important to Bass on a number of levels. Just as importantly, it separates Bass from Abbott's deplorable political gamesmanship, a charade that ignores the humanity of those crossing the border and reduces those men and women – and their children – to talking points in America's cynical immigration debate.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 11)

You apply brilliant creativity to endeavors people don't normally approach that way. With emotion as your paintbrush, you design experiences and lead people through them. More highlights: Something you've waited for will be yours within 10 weeks. You'll be ahead of a trend; hang on to make your money. Your family grows. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 5, 8, 18 and 31.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As you embrace the best within you, you might be surprised to find some of your top qualities are things you considered to be flaws. Ignoring your shadow side would weaken you. Acceptance sharpens and empowers you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It feels like you're blending in too much. You're a unique presence in the world, and yet you're not getting the level of attention this deserves. Eventually the right audience will change this. For now, keep honing your style.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone is smiling through hurt. Your acknowledgment has healing powers. Don't worry about saying the right words. That you notice and care enough to reach out says everything.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Helping others be comfortable is a chief aim of many of today's interactions. It's good for everyone. When people can relax around you, trust is built, connections are established, and mutual interests are served.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be hosting or planning social arrangements. One person's refreshing entertainment is another person's been-there-done-that. Find out more about the experiences of others before you solidify a plan.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Wishes that exist in your "maybe someday" realm will remain there forever. You're starting to realize which goal is important to you, and you'll move it to a different category when you give it a deadline.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Every season of life comes with its own level and form of drive. If you're among the many who don't have a specific goal these days, don't worry too much about it. A sincere desire to be useful will open your world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't go on a fact-finding mission to make a case, as pursuits with such an aim make you vulnerable to bias and falsehood. The truth comes easily to those without an agenda or preconceived notion about what it should be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a multitude of easy ways to contact someone, but connecting still feels a little hard. When you're the initiator, the emotional risk, however small it may be, takes courage. You'll be rewarded for the effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The only difference between you doing your life to the gold medal standard and an athlete training for the games is how you regard the stakes. You determine what makes you a winner and how important it is to get there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One way to conserve your energy is to not let anything take up more mental space than it's worth. Handle things in the moment so you don't have to think about them again. Make speedy decisions about things of little consequence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People who don't get you attention when they want it will whine and pout. Can you blame them? Your attention is gold. You can comfort, energize, motivate, support or protect. Turns some of that love to yourself.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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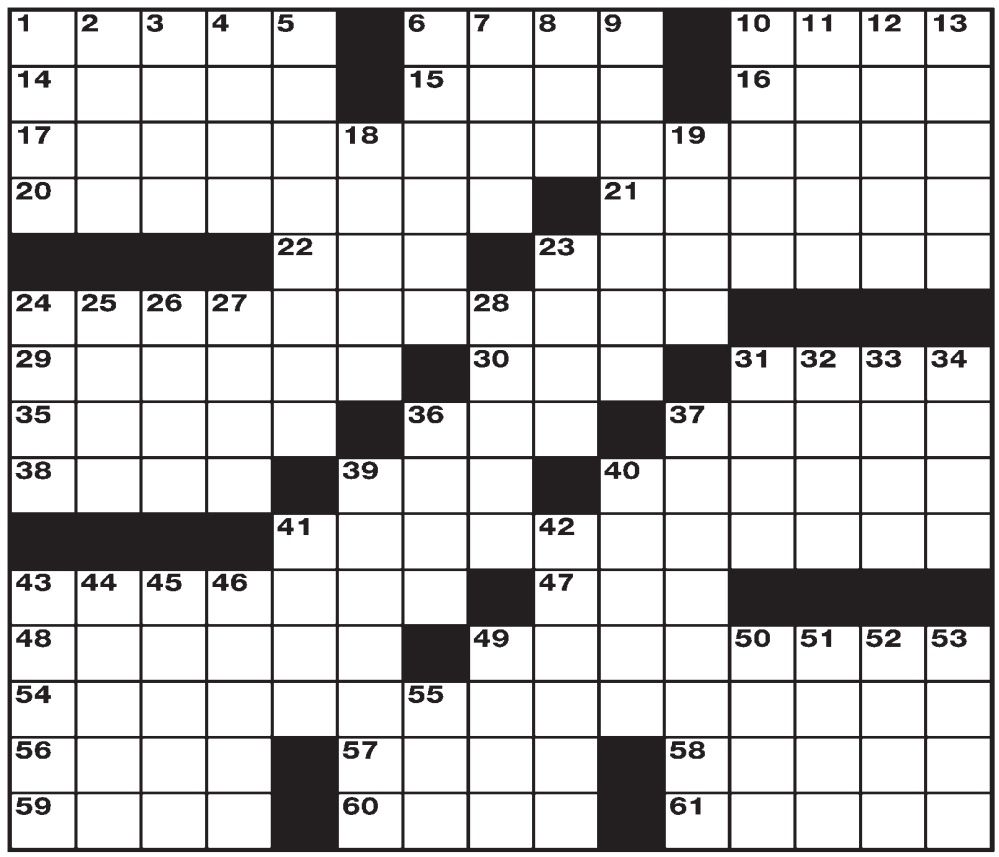
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31 Girl in Burns poems
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36 Go-to person
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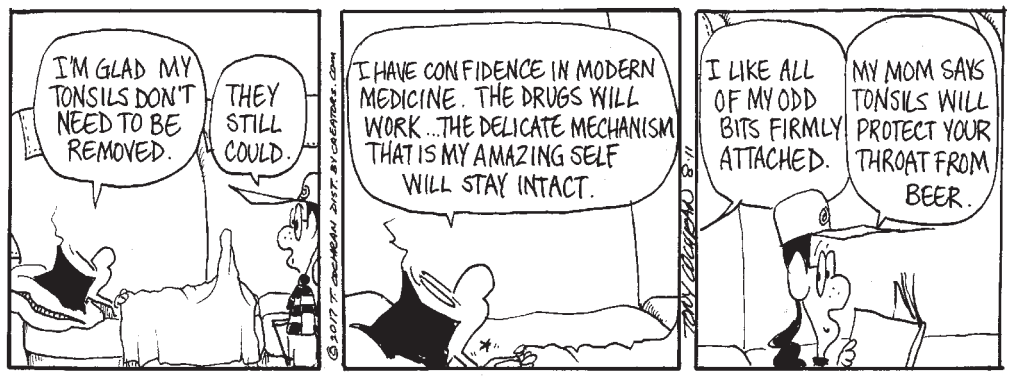


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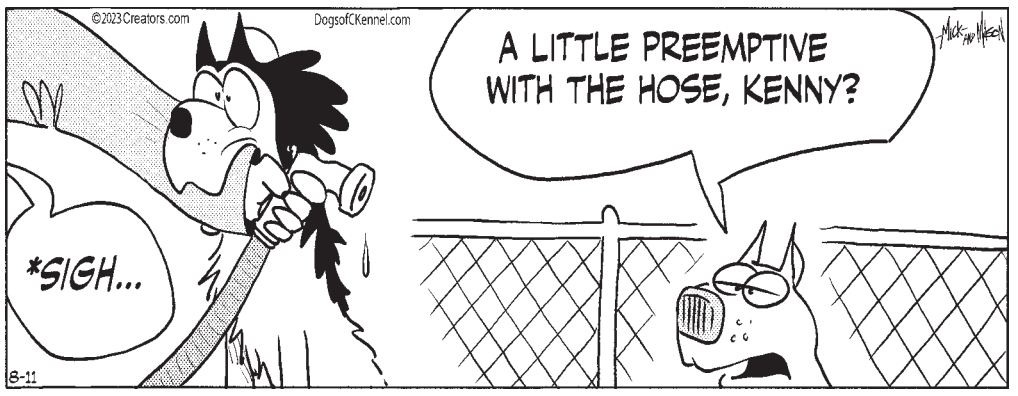
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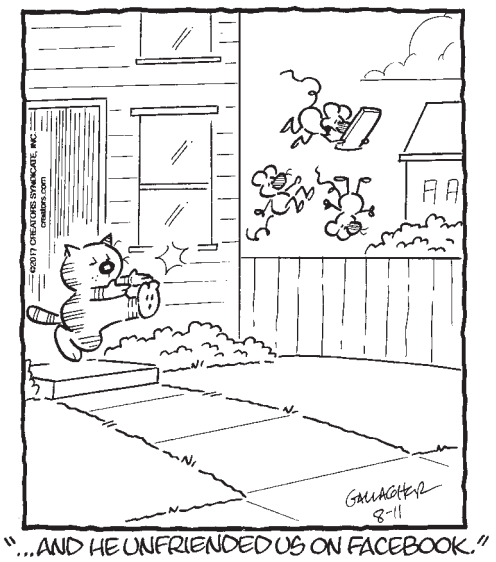
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By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Starting a journey

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FRIDAY | AUGUST 11

VENICE FAMILY CLINIC OPEN HOUSE, CELEBRATING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

Join Venice Family Clinic, a nonprofit community health center serving 45,000 people in need from the Santa Monica Mountains through the South Bay, in celebrating National Health Center Week with a clinic open house at the Simms/Mann Wellness Center on August 11. The open house will offer the community book and snack giveaways, as well as information on many of the health care services the Clinic provides, including mental and physical health, social well-being, and healthy lifestyles. National Health Center Week is held annually to recognize community health centers, like Venice Family Clinic, that provide care to some 30 million people around the country. By providing accessible and integrated health care to people in need, the National Association of Community Health Centers estimates that these nonprofit health care providers save the health care system more than $24 billion annually in reduced emergency, hospital and specialty care costs. 3:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m, Simms/Mann Health and Wellness Center, 2509 Pico Blvd

SUNSET SWIM

Enjoy an evening around the historic 1920's pool at the former oceanfront estate of actress Marion Davies built for her by media mogul, William Randolph Hearst. Swim, hang out with friends and make new friends poolside With provided s'mores and pool floaties. Adults Only, 18+ Purchase your Sunset Swim pool passes at the door on the day of the event, per availability, if you pre-purchase pool passes, please pick up your pool passes by 6:30pm, if the pool is at capacity when you arrive, you may be added to a waitlist and notified when space is available. Parking: Pay upon arrival. $12/day or $3/hour; payable at the park and pay machines in the Beach House parking lot. Credit cards or exact change only. Disabled person placards/license plates and City of Santa Monica Senior Beach Permits are accepted. Outside food welcome, no glass, no alcohol.

- $10 Adult (age 18 – 59)
- $5 Senior Adult (age 60 & above)
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SATURDAY | AUGUST 12

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STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD CLASS

Learn the basics of this exciting activity and enjoy the world-famous Santa Monica State Beach from a whole new perspective. Participants learn water safety, entering and exiting the water with the board and paddle, and the basic positions, techniques, and strokes needed to enjoy their time on the water. Class fee includes use of paddleboard, paddle, and Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device. 9 to 11:30 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. Register online at https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreationor call (310) 458-4904.

FREE RECYCLING EVENT

9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at 2500 Michigan Ave. (2nd gate) for Santa Monica residents only. Bring used mattresses, box springs, electronic waste, and up to five boxes of paper for shredding! Questions? Call 3-1-1

HAVE YOU "HERD" THE BIG NEWS?!
THE ELEPHANTS ARE COMING TO SANTA MONICA!

In celebration of World Elephant Day on August 12, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. and the Santa Monica Art Museum, in collaboration with the worldwide exhibition Elephant Parade®, are pleased to unveil an exhibit featuring a selection of handcrafted five-foot-tall elephant sculptures from the creative minds of entertainment icons including Katy Perry, Tiésto, Lily Tomlin, Khloé Kardashian, Cesar Millan and Oliver Benjamin. The museum will host an opening event on World Elephant Day on Saturday, August 12th from 10 am - 3 pm. Members of the press are invited between noon - 2 pm. As part of opening day, six elephant sculptures will also be placed outside of the museum on the Promenade and free for public viewing. The Elephant Parade exhibit will remain on view at the museum through Friday, September 22.

SUNDAY | AUGUST 13

CHESS SUNDAYS

Make your move! Chess players of all ages and levels are invited for weekly casual play on Third Street Promenade! Every Sunday through the summer, from 11am-3pm, play a game with a friend or meet a new one. Chess sets (including a few giant ones) will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own! This event is a partnership between the Santa Monica Chess Club and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **68.9**

FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	SSE swell from the Southern Hemisphere levels off with a refresh as a bit of new SW swell creeps in. Potential to see NW windswell nudge up a bit, helping the cause in the size and shape department.
SATURDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Potential fun little combo on hand. Tide push early will be best bet with peaky shape off long-period SW swell and NW windswell.

WEATHER

Friday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

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2023/08/12	Sat	09:20 AM	3.88	H
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2023/08/14	Mon	8:55 PM	6.09	H
2023/08/15	Tue	04:05 AM	-0.30	L
2023/08/15	Tue	10:29 AM	4.14	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 8/9
10 15 21 67 69
Power#: 3
Jackpot: 194 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/8
13 19 20 32 33
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 20 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 8/9
9 22 31 32 33
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/9
6 8 26 33 35

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/9
EVENING: 1 2 9

Draw Date: 8/9
MIDDAY: 9 7 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 8/9
1st: 02 - Lucky Star
2nd: 03 - Hot Shot
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
Race Time: 1:47.11

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