New ambulances race to emergencies

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Firefighters responding to medical emergencies have a new ambulance company following them to the scene. The City recently switched to McCormick Ambulance Services after five years with American Care Ambulance.

While the city does not pay the ambulance services, a city contract can be lucrative to the paramedic companies. Every three out of four calls to the fire department are for medical emergencies, according to statistics provided Captain Patrick Nulty with the SMFD. The department responded to 22,345 medical calls in 2017, and calls increased by 5 percent in the last year.

“Currently approximately 7,500 patients are transported annually to local hospitals,” said the staff report presented to Council when they approved the deal with McCormick. “The Fire Department’s response model includes six paramedic engine companies, two rescue ambulance paramedic non-transport unit, and other support units deployed as needed. The department also maintains two additional rescue ambulances that are mainly used for special events and non-emergency transport. Contracted emergency ambulances are used to transport patients on behalf of the Fire Department with Santa Monica Fire Department paramedics on-board to provide patient treatment in the ambulance while en route to a medical facility.”

Last year, the city averaged about 20 ambulance trips per day in just eight square miles and officials said the new provider will maintain the level of service residents are used to.

“There will be no change in the level of service. I want to stress that. The fire department is still providing paramedic services. We’re still going to every 911 call that requires medical intervention. The only difference is the company going with us,” Nulty said.

McCormick Operations Manager Mike Jones says the company operates at zero cost to the city since the early ‘60s. “There will be no change in the level of service, the type of help patients are going to get, the equipment that’s going to be used, that’s the same. The only difference is the company going with us,” Jones said.

“The reasons for the increase in transportation are that the budget is up. There are millions to spend. We’re finding it’s going to the colleges,” Nulty said.

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The only difference is the company going with us, “Nulty said. "We provide an excellent service, Jones said in a brief phone interview, “McCormick has been around since the early ’60s.”

The company operates in 30 cities across Los Angeles County and was one of two to bid on the Santa Monica contract. The contract is for three years with two potential one-year renewals.

“They’ve been around for a long time,” Nulty said.

A Santa Monica firefighter will continue to ride along with any patients in the back of the ambulance to the hospital.

“McCormick Ambulance’s proposal demonstrated their depth and breadth of experience and their organizational structure displayed their highly qualified personnel,” Fire Chief Bill Walker wrote in a staff report to the City Council in January, asking them to approve the contract.

STAFF: The staff of McCormick Ambulance are now providing emergency services in Santa Monica.

Markets waiting a while for a pullback. Then, pow!

BY STAN CHOE
AP Business Writer

The long, smooth, record-setting ride on Wall Street is over. The stock market pullback that experts had been saying was long overdue has finally come.

Investor fears about higher interest rates escalated into rapid, computer-generated selling Monday that wiped out all the market’s gains for the year. At one point, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 1,000 points in less than an hour, and it ended with its worst day in more than six years. The Standard & Poor’s 500 is now down nearly 8 percent from its record high, set a little more than a week ago.

Market professionals warn that the selling could continue for a bit. But many are also quick to say they see no recession looming, and they expect the strengthening global economy and healthy corporate earnings to help stock prices recover.

“The reasons for the increase in rates is the stronger economy,” said Ernie Cecilia, chief investment

SMOUSD aims to strengthen student wellness

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District is considering several revisions to existing policies that officials hope will improve student wellness.

At their Feb. 1 meeting, the board heard a long list of updates to existing policies designed to improve health within the district. The presentation followed significant research by staff.

“We worked on this for years and a half,” said Laura Morn, a coordinating school nurse and wellness policy coordinator. “We gathered a lot of people with different expertises, as seen in our ad hoc committee. We knew what was currently happening and what should be happening.” Members from the proposal’s ad hoc committee range from nurses and teachers to medical doctors.

Morn outlined a district in dire need of a revamp to their nutritional woes.

Morn shared stats from years past, among them figures showing that as recently as 2014, 15-29% of students didn’t pass state fitness components, and that in 2015 over 24% of students qualified for free or reduced lunch but weren’t provided healthy food on a consistent basis.

Goals included addressing lack of healthy food options, addressing special dietary needs, and getting students to adhere to a standards-based and inclusive physical education.

Physical health wasn’t the only item on the proposal, as health services and emotional well-being

SEE SMOMUSD PAGE 4
Tuesday, February 6

Bands at the Broad
The Santa Monica High School Wind Ensemble and School Wind Symphony perform. Wine, cupcakes, and beer available. Silent Auction to follow. Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street. 7 p.m. $15-$100

Glory (1989)
Film historian Elaina Archer screens and discusses this film about the U.S. Civil War’s first all-black volunteer company, fighting prejudices from both the Union Army, and the Confederates. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street. 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Noon - 2:30 p.m.

Getting Ready for College and the Real World
So what happens after you get the college acceptance letter? Join us to learn about college readiness and the key skills for building a successful and fulfilling life after graduation. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7

Mindfulness meditation
Take time out to relax and center yourself. 5:30 p.m. Montana Ave. Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

Westside Writers Mingle
A monthly meeting hosted by the Society of Children Book Writers and Illustrators. Open to all. Topic: writing the dreaded synopsis. 7 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street.

Thursday, February 8

Citizenship Classes
An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Instructors help students complete and submit their application, and prepare them to pass the official review. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Miniature Puppet Theater
Create your own mini play; materials for puppets and stage provided. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Intro to Natal Astrology
You are more than just your Sun-sign! Learn the basics of your Horoscope while discovering the factors influencing your character, capabilities and life direction. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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The Prostate Cancer Foundation Honors Family And Caregivers During February With The True Love Contest

Starting February 1, the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) will kick-off a month-long TRUE Love contest that honors family and caregivers for their tireless work in caring for their loved ones living with prostate cancer. TRUE is a tribute to the unsung heroes – whether they are spouses, partners, nurses, doctors, siblings, children or friends. PCF will be accepting testimonials from all perspectives that reflect love, honor and care for prostate cancer patients throughout the Valentine’s season, when love is celebrated. The most inspirational story will be announced by PCF on February 28 via social media and the winner will receive a special care package from award-winning actress Kristen Bell.

Bell, known for her accomplished work in Veronica Mars, Frozen and Bad Moms will be helping to create awareness about the TRUE Love contest and will also be curating a special gift for the winner with the most moving and heart-felt story. This cause hits close to home for Bell. Her mother is a nurse and her father-in-law is battling prostate cancer, so she understands first-hand the value of how caregivers are an essential part of a support system.

“I am honored to support our Prostate Cancer Foundation’s True Love contest honoring caregivers for the month of February,” said Kristen Bell. Their selflessness and hard work is so admirable, and I wanted to give love and recognition to all of these unsung heroes over this Valentine’s season.”

How to submit: Simply visit www.PCF.org and upload a written story and photo portraying a unique caregiving situation. Select stories will be featured on PCF’s website.

In the U.S. every 3.2 minutes, a man is diagnosed with prostate cancer. In 2018, 1.6 million men worldwide will be diagnosed and battling the disease. Fortunately, many patients have someone or something to support them through the battle and that support can make all the difference in the world into someone with a cancer diagnosis. From finding the right treatment precision, to recovery or palliative care, compassionate care is always possible and an essential factor in all aspects of care, especially while fighting prostate cancer.

The Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) is the world’s leading philanthropic organization funding and advocating for prostate cancer research. Founded in 1993, PCF has raised more than $740 million and provided funding to more than 2,000 research programs at more than 200 cancer centers and universities. The PCF global research enterprise extends to 19 countries and funds a robust research portfolio. PCF advocates for greater awareness and education of prostate cancer and more efficient investment of governmental research funds for transformational cancer research. It’s efforts have helped produce a 20-fold increase in government funding for prostate cancer. For more information, please visit www.PCForg.

Los Angeles

John Mahoney, who played cranky dad on ‘Frasier,’ dies at 77

John Mahoney, who as the cranky, blue-collar dad in “Frasier” played counterpoint to pompous sons Frasier and Niles, has died at age 77.

The actor died Sunday in Chicago after a brief hospitalization, Paul Martin, his manager for more than 30 years, said Monday. The cause of death was not immediately provided.

In “Frasier,” the hit “Cheers” spinoff that aired from 1993 to 2004, Mahoney played Martin Crane, a disabled ex-policeman who parked himself in a battered old armchair in Frasier’s chic Seattle living room.

Martin’s beloved dog, Eddie, also took up residence to annoy Frasier, played by Kelsey Grammer. Mahoney, a British native who made Chicago his home town, was a two-time Emmy nominee for “Frasier” and won a 1986 Tony Award for “The House of Blue Leaves.”

His recent credits included a recurring role as Betty White’s love interest on “Hot in Cleveland” and a 2015 episode of “Toyle’s War.”

SACRAMENTO

California lawmakers OK whistleblower protection for staff

The California Assembly on Monday unanimously passed a bill granting whistleblower protections to legislative staff members who say they are badly needed to ensure sexual misconduct and other misbehavior can be reported without fear of retaliation.

It will take effect immediately if signed by Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat. The Senate passed it last week after stonewalling a similar measure for four years. Legislative staff members donning black gathered in the Assembly gallery and balcony to watch the debate and planned to rally outside the Capitol to support the bill’s passage.

“You’re not standing alone,” Democratic Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia of Bell Gardens told them from the floor.

The measure comes after legislative leaders on Friday released 11 years’ worth of documents outlining sexual misconduct investigations and discipline against lawmakers and staff. Those documents revealed complaints against four sitting lawmakers for behavior ranging from unwanted touching to crude conversations about sex and about a half dozen complaints against staff members. Eight allegations of sexual harassment are pending before the Assembly, according to additional documents.

But critics said the documents do not illustrate the full universe of sexual harassment and misconduct at the Capitol because they did not include complaints that were not investigated. They also said legislative staff members and lawmakers say people often do not report harassment or misconduct because they fear retaliation. Legislative employees are at-will employees who are currently not protected by whistleblower protections given to other state employees.

The Legislature’s sexual harassment policies prohibit retaliation, but Assembly lawmakers argued whistleblower protections need to be strengthened in the Assembly, according to additional documents.

“We owe an apology to the staff; they have long deserved this protection,” said Republican Assemblywoman Catharine Baker. “They work hard every day to make sure we look good, we do better and we succeed in representing our districts. Every one of us should have their backs — this institution should have had their backs long ago.”

The bill by Garcia, received widespread attention last fall after nearly 150 women in California politics signed an open letter calling sexual harassment pervasive in the Capitol amid a national awakening on the topic. Two Assembly lawmakers have since resigned and a state senator is on suspension amid an investigation.

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KATHLEEN RONAYNE, ASSOCIATED PRESS
WE ALL KNEW IT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN – the plot of land next to the bowling alley is just too valuable. The “Pending Demolition” paperwork has been posted on 216 Pico. Currently it’s a two-story office complex and adjacent parking lot. It’s a relic of those old courtyard style buildings with some parking underneath the second floor. Whatever circuitous route this latest development project takes, in the end it will likely be some horrid mixed use box with green and yellow “architectural art.”

The sad but true reality is that this current usage of the land is not the “highest and best” use of it. That phrase is a maxim of the law. Land should be put to its “highest and best use” for the good of the community. We learned that phrase in law school years ago, and in general it works well. However, just because the building and the land should be redeveloped doesn’t mean that I have to like it. I’d much prefer the city to remain small and quaint. That won’t happen though.

My wishfulness for a beach culture of the community is a throwback to a time when our country was more polite, more genteel and frankly people were more connected to each other. Today we lose ourselves in the latest app on our phones and don’t engage with each other over pizza and root beer.

I remember being a kid playing video games at the bowling alley. I know it sounds hypocritical for me to say that I played video games, and simultaneously think phone apps are bad – but hear me out. When I would play Galaga or Ms. Pac Man often times one of my friends would be over my shoulder watching and “coaching” me. Oftentimes we’d switch roles and he’d play while I shouted instructions. I don’t see that level of interaction amongst people today as they play Candy Crush while sitting in Congress listening to the State of the Union, or on a bus riding to the beach.

I know it is inevitable for things to change, for buildings to be torn down and built up. Population increases, land value inflation and the need for more housing are driving the transformation of Santa Monica. It will be worse when the airport closes and the building codes change. When it is built out, and the inevitable multi-use, buildings get approved there, (and don’t doubt for a second that it won’t happen and I don’t want to hear any complaints from those who were so sure it was “just going to be a park” – yeah right! Can I buy a bridge from you as well?) the traffic will be that much worse on all those side streets.

As a divorce lawyer I counsel others on accepting the changes in their lives, whether they asked for them or not. I’ve noticed that even when people want the changes they’ve asked for, there is often an ambivalence about giving up the old life. As an expert in telling people that it’s the resistance to change, not the change itself that creates the stress, you’d think I’d have an easier time accepting change – but no. Maybe because I see so much change, I am more resistant than others to accepting it. I believe the consistency of some things in my life, because so many other parts of it are always in flux.

I’ve said it before, and all we really need to do is look to history and other cities, the natural bent of cities to become more compacted and built up. Our future is to look more like Manhattan Beach. We will have the density of Venice Beach one day soon. The developers call it progress. Maybe it is maybe it isn’t, but in any event it’s our turn now, and we will have to learn to deal with it. Though I still don’t like it.
BEVERLY HILLS
Jokes, and selfies with Kobe Bryant, at Oscar nominees lunch
Film academy president John Bailey has welcomed this year’s Oscar nominees to the annual pre-show luncheon, playfully reminding guests to update their profiles on the industry site IMDb.
Bailey says there are 205 members of the 2018 class of Oscar nominees. Most were in attendance at the private luncheon Monday at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, including triple nominee Jordan Peele, double nominees Greta Gerwig and Mary J. Blige and retiree Lakers star Kobe Bryant, who was nominated for a short film “Dear Basketball.”
Bryant spent much of the meal posing for photos with fans, including James Mangold, who is nominated for his screenplay for “Logan.” Common, Allison Janney and Raphael Saadiq were among those who posed for photos with Bryant.
Even some of those who couldn’t attend were there in spirit. The artist JR brought a cardboard cutout of his “Face Places” co-director, Agnes Varda, holding a cat. He brought the cutout onto the red carpet and up on a stage where it stood next to Gerwig and Meryl Streep as they chatted.
“Faces Places” is nominated in the feature documentary category.
The Oscar nominees’ luncheon is typically a relaxed affair that allows nominees a chance to mingle and congratulate their colleagues and hear from producers about how to deliver memorable acceptance speeches.
The year, producers brought out comedian Patton Oswalt to offer advice. “When you get up there, think Freddie Mercury,” Oswalt said, urging winners to look up and project.
SANDY COHEN, AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER
SANTA PAULA
Small plane lands on California highway after engine trouble
Authorities say nobody was hurt when a small plane landed on a Southern California highway after experiencing engine trouble.
Ventura County officials say the 1960s-era Cessna 150 with two people aboard touched down around 3 p.m. Sunday on State Route 126.
The pilot, Ted Ripp, tells the Ventura County Star newspaper that he had taken off from nearby Santa Paula Airport and was cruising at 3,000 feet when the engine failed.
Ripp says traffic was light on the highway and he executed an emergency landing in westbound lanes.
The incident came just two days after a small plane crashed when it clipped an unoccupied helicopter while landing at Santa Paula Airport. Two people walked away unhurt from the crash that left the plane upside down in a river bottom.
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officer at Bryn Mawr Trust. “The reasons are positive. It’s not as if something like 2008 or financial Armageddon is coming.”

The trigger for the sell-off came at the end of last week when a government report showed that wages across the country rose relatively quickly last month. While that’s good for workers, traders took it as a signal that higher inflation may be on the way, which could push the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates more quickly than expected.

Higher rates not only make it more expensive for people and companies to borrow, they can also drive investors away from stocks and into bonds.

The sell-off Monday was so steep that some market-watchers blamed automated trading systems. These systems are programmed to buy and sell based on several variables, and they may have hit their sell triggers following the first wobble for stock prices after an unusually placid run.

That may mean even more volatility in the coming days, something that investors haven’t had to deal with during a blissful year-plus of record-setting returns. Before Monday, the S&P 500 index had gone a record period of time — roughly 400 trading days — without a drop of even 5 percent.

Monday was also the first day in office for the new chairman of the Federal Reserve, Jerome Powell, and investors are wondering how closely he will stick with the low interest-rate policies set by his predecessor, Janet Yellen.

Still, many market-watchers said they remain optimistic that stocks will recover. Despite worries about interest rates, they still see a recession as a long shot. With economies growing around the world, profits for U.S. businesses are expected to continue rising, and stock prices tend to follow the path of corporate earnings over the long term.

“The rate worries have been the trigger” for the stock market’s swoon, said Melda Mergen, deputy global head of equities at Columbia Threadneedle. “But fundamental, we don’t see any new news. It’s earnings season, the time that we get more direct feedback from our companies, and we don’t see any concerns.”

More than half the companies in the S&P 500 have told investors how they performed in the last three months of 2017, and most have topped analysts’ expectations, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence. Even more encouraging is that more than three quarters of them made more revenue than expected, which means it’s not just cost-cutting and layoffs that are allowing companies to earn more.

The White House cited some of those trends Monday and said “long-term economic fundamentals ... remain exceptionally strong.”

President Donald Trump has frequently commented on gains by the market during his first year in office. He has stayed silent in the face of market gyrations over the past week.

If the stock market does indeed bounce back, though, many market-watchers expect returns to be more muted than in prior years because prices have already climbed so high. The S&P 500 is up nearly 292 percent since bottoming in early 2009.

And investors should remember that drops like those of the past two days aren’t a unique occurrence for stocks. They’re inherently risky investments, and investors should be prepared to see drops of 10 percent. Such declines happen so regularly that analysts have a name for them: a market correction.

Associated Press writer Darlene Superville in Washington contributed to this report.
Rates for ambulance service are set by Los Angeles County. An ambulance operator can charge up to $1,970 for non-emergency calls with equipment and personnel. An emergency 911 call can cost a patient without insurance up to $2,108, according to rates effective July 1, 2017. The operator can also bill for special charges like oxygen ($94), neonatal transport ($211), and disposable medical supplies ($27).

A letter from McCormick’s CEO posted on the company’s website said the service merged with American Medical Response (AMR) last year. “As AMR’s partner, we will have access to the national resources and infrastructure support services hospitals and health systems demand. We will also keep our existing management structure and continue to operate at McCormick Ambulance Service,” said Joe Chidley. In 2016, the Fair Political Practices Commission fined Torrance Mayor Patrick Furey for accepting $35,000 in illegal campaign contributions from McCormick Ambulance two years earlier. The FPPC said Furey never reported the contributions. McCormick later received a contract to work with the fire department there.

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**TUESDAY** – **FAIR** – **SURF: 2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft WNW swell tops out. More size for WNW exposures.

**WEDNESDAY** – **FAIR** – **SURF: 2-3 ft** Knee to chest high WNW swell cases.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Program funds.**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive community input to inform the development of the 2018-19 Action Plan. The Action Plan is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It delineates the City’s specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds in order to meet the City’s overall housing and community development needs as specified in the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2015. The City will notice and hold another public hearing prior to adoption of the FY 2018-19 Action Plan.

Copies of the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan are available on the web at http://www.smgov.net/ccsgrants, or you may request a hard copy from the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send any written comments to humanservices@smgov.net or to the above address by February 9, 2018. You may also present your comments verbally at the City Council meeting.

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

The Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible. If you have any special disability-related needs/accommodations please contact the Human Services Division.

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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.

**ON JANUARY 19, AT ABOUT 9:53 P.M.**

Officers responded to a radio call for service at 1450 5th Street regarding a burglary. The reporting party indicated a male subject grabbed several boxes from the apartment complex and left the location. The suspect was located and detained in the 1500 block of 5th Street. Officers learned the suspect was seen rummaging through several boxes addressed to several residents of the complex. The suspect grabbed several boxes and fled the location. The suspect was identified by several witnesses. The suspect was in possession of several packages addressed to others. Adam Hugh Kinney, 35, homeless was arrested for burglary and receiving stolen property. Bail was set at $ 50,000.

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**DAILY POLICE LOG**

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 317 Calls For Service On Feb. 4.

**HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.**

Party complaint 1900 block Pico 12:20 a.m.
Fight Moonat Ahiko Way / Ocean 12:23 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 100 block Wilshire 11:4 a.m.
Loud music 2900 block Lincoln 1:34 a.m.
Prowler 1000 block 6th 1:46 a.m.
Drunk driving 6th / Colorado 1:47 a.m.
Fight 300 block Santa Monica Pier 1:48 a.m.
Identity theft 2200 block Colorado 2:01 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 2300 block Broadway 3:45 a.m.
Domestic violence 1400 block Palisades Park 4:39 a.m.
Fight 1400 block Montana 6:07 a.m.
Grand theft 1800 block 11th 7:39 a.m.
Grand theft 900 block 4th 8:39 a.m.
Speeding 16th / Wilshire 8:45 a.m.
Trash dumping 1000 block 10th 10:12 a.m.
Burglary 400 block Raymond 11:00 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2200 block Virginia 11:05 a.m.
Hit and run 300 block Santa Monica Pier 1:16 p.m.
Battery 1200 block 6th 1:29 p.m.
Domestic violence 1500 block 19th 1:52 p.m.
Domestic violence 100 block Wilshire 2:20 p.m.
Battery 2000 block Pico 2:31 p.m.
Hit and run 300 block Santa Monica Pier 2:59 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln / Interstate 10 3:02 p.m.
Vandalism 2900 block Main 3:06 p.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block Colorado 4:01 p.m.
Fraud 2200 block 30th 4:02 p.m.
Vandalism 100 block Ocean Park 4:06 p.m.
Party complaint 1000 block 4th 6:05 p.m.
Auto burglary 11th / Washington 6:52 p.m.
Hit and run Highland / Ashland 6:53 p.m.
Threats / s 1400 block 26th 7:44 p.m.
Auto burglary 26th / Broadway 8:08 p.m.
Drunk driving 1200 block Lincoln 8:35 p.m.
Battery 1500 block Ocean 8:37 p.m.
Fraud 2200 block 30th 8:40 p.m.
Battery 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 8:42 p.m.
Burglary 1000 block 7th 8:42 p.m.
Battery 300 block Santa Monica Pier 8:46 p.m.
Attempt suicide 2000 block Olympic 9:50 p.m.
Lewd activity 1100 block 15th 10:37 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 11:07 p.m.

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**DAILY FIRE LOG**

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 28 Calls For Service On Feb. 4.

**HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.**

EMS 2600 block Expo Line 2:12 a.m.
EMS 100 block Ocean Park 2:48 a.m.
EMS 3000 block Santa Monica 2:56 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 3:52 a.m.
EMS 2800 block Pico 4:36 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 8:14 a.m.
EMS 1800 block 10th 8:23 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 9th 11:04 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Ozone 12:43 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 17th 12:47 p.m.
EMS 800 block Santa Monica 1:18 p.m.
EMS 800 block Pine 1:31 p.m.
EMS 2300 block 30th 1:44 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 2:14 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 2nd 2:21 p.m.
EMS 800 block Broadway 3:54 p.m.
EMS 100 block Bicknell 4:05 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Montana 5:19 p.m.
EMS 51h / Colorado 6:21 p.m.
EMS 400 block San Vicente 6:24 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Cloverfield / Interstate 10 6:51 p.m.
EMS 800 block Washington 8:35 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block Montana 8:58 p.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 21:10:34
EMS 2000 block Olympic 9:50 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 10 p.m.
EMS 1900 block 20th 11:41 p.m.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive community input to inform the development of the 2018-19 Action Plan. The Action Plan is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It delineates the City’s specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds in order to meet the City’s overall housing and community development needs as specified in the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2015. The City will notice and hold another public hearing prior to adoption of the FY 2018-19 Action Plan.

Copies of the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan are available on the web at http://www.smgov.net/ccsgrants, or you may request a hard copy from the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send any written comments to humanservices@smgov.net or to the above address by February 9, 2018. You may also present your comments verbally at the City Council meeting.

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

The Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible. If you have any special disability-related needs/accommodations please contact the Human Services Division.
An estimated 6 million American adults have Alzheimer’s disease or mild cognitive impairment, which sometimes is a precursor to AD. The National Institutes of Health predicts that number will jump to 15 million by 2060 as the population ages. These numbers are higher than previous estimates. Researchers used new methodology that included people with biomarkers or other evidence of possible preclinical AD, but who were not yet impaired by dementia.

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**WORD UP!**

1. to make a crunching sound, as in walking over snow, or as snow when trodden on.
2. (of an artillery shell) to land and explode with a heavy, muffled sound.

**WELL NEWS**

**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S CROSSWORD**

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**TALK A LOT OR NOT by Billie Truitt**

Edited by Stanley Newman

**Newsway Day Crossword**

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**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S SUDOKU**

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TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 6)

You’ll be charged with keeping the standards high because people admire your approach to life. Spring brings a transformation. You’ll win at work and enjoy the applause. But your personal breakthroughs will bring a deeper validation with its own resonance. Invest in yourself in June. Aries and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 3, 38, 13 and 9.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
There is hardly an agreement that can’t be made sweeter for you with a little creative thinking on your part. So don’t settle. Dream a little bigger, and the small, practical ideas will pop into your head.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
In-person meetings will be the success of a project, deal or relationship. Sure, you could do it remotely, but it’s not the same. The prize will go to the one who put the face time in to get it going.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
That quiet bit of unpleasantness you experienced is all in the past now – you’ve been made richer for it, which is why you’ll have so much to give today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Your attitude? Empowered. You don’t have to do much to get things moving in the right direction today. Just show up and the inspiration of your presence will be enough.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Your creative muse is tapping you on the shoulder. Shut the world out for a while, and let your imagination carry you away. Don’t have time for this: Make time. A new you could spring from the exploration.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
They want what you’re not willing to give. There may be another way you could strike a bargain. They want what you’re not willing to give.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You are in a position to help someone save face. You would definitely want this person to help you out, were the roles reversed. You earn karma points for taking the dignified route.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You are just trying to solve a problem and go on your merry way, but people are apt to confuse things by giving you too much information. Avoid this dynamic by asking people for the short version of the story.

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Renewed Natalie Wood death investigation may be nearing end

BY MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

Detectives hope the renewed interest in the mysterious 1981 drowning death of actress Natalie Wood will bring forward new witnesses who provide the information needed to determine if the case was a crime or tragic accident. If not, it may be the end of the investigation, a Los Angeles County sheriff’s official said Monday.

For nearly four decades, speculation has swirled around the death of the 43-year-old actress who was nominated for three Academy Awards and starred in “West Side Story” and “Rebel Without a Cause.” She was found floating in the waters off Southern California’s Catalina Island.

Investigators initially ruled her death as an accidental drowning. But the case was reopened in 2011 to see whether Wagner or anyone else played a role after the boat’s captain said he heard the couple arguing the night of her disappearance. The coroner’s office later amended Wood’s death certificate to include “drowning and other undetermined factors.”

Detectives have reclassified Wood’s drowning as a “suspicious death” and say Wagner is a person of interest in the case. But the case “really don’t add up to what we were looking for,” Corina said.

Detectives have not contacted Wagner, now 60, who refused, Corina said. “We’re doing our last shot here, seeing if anybody else comes forward with any information, “ he said. “When the tips all dry up, then I guess we move on to the next case.”

Several new witnesses have come forward since the case was reopened, including one who described hearing yelling and crashing sounds coming from the couple’s stateroom, officials said. Shortly after that, separate witnesses who were on a boat that was in the water nearby, heard a man and woman arguing on the back of the boat and believe the voices were those of Wood and Wagner, according to detectives.

Those witnesses corroborated the account of the boat’s captain, Dennis Davern, who had told detectives he heard Wood and Wagner arguing in their cabin on the boat and went to check on them. When he went to their cabin, Wagner told him to go away before Wagner and Wood ended up arguing on the back of the boat, sheriff’s homicide Lt. John Corina said Davern told investigators.

“He was the last person with her, arguing, before everything went quiet,” Corina said of Wagner. “He’s a person of interest because he was the last person with her before she went in the water.”

Wagner only spoke to detectives after the drowning in 1981 and although investigators have tried to question him several times since they reopened investigation, he has refused, Corina said.

Wagner’s initial statement about what happened and subsequent comments about the case “really don’t add up to what we found,” Corina said.

Wagner has denied any involvement in Wood’s death and his attorney has said he fully cooperated with investigators.

The actor’s publicist, Alan Nierob, said detectives have not contacted Wagner, now 87, in more than five years but declined to comment further on the case. Sheriff’s officials would not say Monday when they last tried to contact Wagner.

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