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PYFC founder to step down in December



File Photo

RESIGNATION: Oscar de la Torre founded the Pico Youth & Family Center in 2002 to prevent gang violence and the organization has expanded services over the years.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

The founder of the Pico Youth & Family Center is stepping down at the end of the year.

Oscar de la Torre founded the nonprofit in 2002 as the Pico neighborhood, which has historically been less white and affluent than the rest of Santa Monica, struggled with gun violence and gang activity. For almost two decades, the center has served as a place for Pico youth to learn leadership, technology and arts skills. It has also become a center of the neighborhood's social justice efforts.

De la Torre, who also serves as a member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District board of education, said he has achieved PYFC's initial goals. The center has helped eliminate gang violence, successfully lobbied for restorative justice and ethnic studies in local schools, and campaigned for new parks and a library in Pico.

"I grew up in poverty in the most dangerous part of the city. Two months after I graduated from college, there was a gang war that killed five people," de la Torre said. "PYFC has made it so our youth don't grow up under a constant threat of violence anymore."

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California puts $15 billion schools bond on March ballot

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Californians will vote next year whether the state should issue $15 billion in bonds for school construction and modernization projects.

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation Monday placing the bond on the March 2020 ballot. He says improving physical conditions in schools will improve students' educational experiences.

Nine billion dollars will go to facilities serving students in preschool through 12th grade. Two billion dollars each will go to the University of California system, the California State University system and community colleges.

Local governments have to provide matching funds. But the state will provide a greater share of the money for districts with high percentages of low income, foster care and English learning students.

Newsom says he's confident voters will approve the bonds.

District to participate in county wellbeing initiative

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

With discussion on the Muir Woods Mural postponed until Oct. 17, governing board members of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District focused their attention on a new program that could benefit Santa Monica students.

District staff said the newfound Community School Initiative would have a substantial effect on the academic, emotional and physical well-being of local students, which is why SMMUSD board members unanimously agreed to partner with the county's office of education to participate in the initiative.

Once the prospective memorandum of understanding is signed by both parties, SMMUSD would become one of 15 districts across the state chosen to participate in the program, said Jacqueline Mora, assistant superintendent of education services.

"LACOE has done the community schools initiative with many different districts," including Compton, Bellflower and Inglewood, Mora said, mentioning the purpose of the initiative is to improve the lives of students in the community so they are healthy, prepared for college and are career and civic ready.

"We want to increase student graduation rates. We want to

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Tuesday, October 8

Monster Mash

Listen to stories, dance and craft a monster puppet. Make and explore the science behind an easy, little kid-friendly monster slime. For families. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Walk-in Tutoring

Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading, writing, and computer skills. Main Library, 5 - 7 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Main Library, Children's Activity Room, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9

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.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Two Days Gone

What could cause a man to suddenly snap and destroy everything he has built? Sergeant Ryan DeMarco knows–or thinks he knows–that beloved professor Thomas Huston couldn't have been capable of murdering his family. But if Huston is innocent, why is he on the run? Discuss "Two Days Gone" by Ryan DeMarcho at the Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Movie: Yesterday (2019)

In this box office smash from director Danny Boyle, a struggling musician realizes he's the only person on Earth who can remember The Beatles after waking up in an alternate timeline where they never existed. Fairview Branch Library, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation

Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8 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.

Thursday, October 10

Stellar Personal Statements

Please join organizers at the Main Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 10 for "10 Steps to a Stellar Personal Statement" with college counselor Nick Soper, who will teach you how to write a college essay that captivates your reader, conveys your unique essence, and catapults you off the page. Learn 10 great tools for taking your college essay to the next level. This program is free, open to the public, and takes place in the Multipurpose Room at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard. Free validated parking (60 minutes) is provided if you park in our underground structure.

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, 7 p.m.

Drag Queen Story Hour for Adults

Why should kids have all the fun? Celebrate National Coming Out Day by joining Ms. Pickle for a glamorous hour of story time presented by Drag Queen Story Hour. A discussion follows the program. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group

Join organizers for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fair-view Branch Library, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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Pac-12 Commissioner: Serious concerns with California law

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott has expressed serious concerns about a new law that would allow college athletes in California to hire agents and be compensated for the use of their names or likenesses through endorsement deals or other money-making opportunities.

The law signed last week by Gov. Gavin Newsom would blur the lines between college athletics and professional sports, Scott said Monday at the Pac-12 women's basketball media day. He also noted that other states considering similar legislation could create an unbalanced state-by-state approach to governing amateur sports.

"We are for choice and if young people want to earn money from their name, image or likeness or get paid to play, they should have that opportunity. That's called pro sports," said Scott, who met with Pac-12 coaches and student-athletes Monday and discussed the issue. "College sports is different. You go to get an education. It's amateur, they're students. Those are the defining characteristics and we'd like to see those lines not get blurred."

The NCAA, the main governing body for college sports, had called on Newsom to veto the bill. Some opponents also argued it would give California schools an unfair recruiting advantage because it would give student-athletes an added incentive to go where they could make money.

"Schools recruit nationally, compete for national championships. There have to be common rules that apply. I don't think state-by-state legislators deciding how college sports should run is the way to go, and we're going to be very active in trying to seek a national response and solution, whether it's through the NCAA or otherwise," Scott said.

"I think the other concern we've got — while I'm sure the legislators and Gov. Newsom are very well-intended — those of us that work in college sports understand a lot of flaws with this bill and the way it's written. I've seen plenty of people comment on this because people that understand college sports would immediately understand there's recruiting in college sports, and there's very aggressive recruiting and a lot of competition for student-athletes. And I think the concern is that while it may be well-intentioned to try to provide name, image, and likeness opportunities for that very, very small handful — maybe half a percent, 1 percent of our student-athletes go on to have successful professional careers and maybe have a name, image and likeness value — it's pretty clear that there's a market for recruiting student-athletes."

"So, the idea that agents would be involved, helping negotiate deals for student-athletes, our concern is that winds up being payment for recruiting and trying to get student-athletes to go to a certain school," Scott said.

The California law, which is set to take effect in 2023, could have implications for women's sports, too, Scott and coaches said, though everyone is still learning how this might work.

"It's such a delicate line, right? You want players to have opportunities and you never want to limit opportunities but you also don't want unintended consequences to maybe trickle down to how it could affect women's opportunities and how it could play out in recruiting circles," UCLA coach Cori Close said. "It's this good intention to try to reward image and likeness, is it really going to play out to reward that or will there be some other things that are taken away that are unintended?

"I think that's sort of my caution but I don't think I'm educated enough yet to do a side. I think it's a complicated issue that we need to think carefully about and we need to not get sucked up into the momentum of public opinion but at the same time listen well, consider well, research well and my job is always to look out for especially women's basketball, but women in sport in general."

Oregon State coach Scott Rueck takes great pride in knowing his players will leave the program with an education after having been part of a tight-knit team community through highs and lows.

"There are so many benefits to that experience that I have watched with my own eyes, and their preparation for life beyond what we do, that if this classroom were to be changed in some way that would impact that negatively it would make me sad," Rueck said.

Also Monday, Oregon was picked to win the Pac-12 for the third straight season in a poll of the conference coaches, followed by perennial power and defending Pac-12 Tournament champion Stanford and Oregon State in third. UCLA was fourth, followed by Arizona State, Arizona, Utah, USC, Washington, Washington State, California and Colorado.

Scott announced that the Pac-12 finalized arrangements to hold the men's and women's conference tournaments in Las Vegas for two more years, through March 2022.

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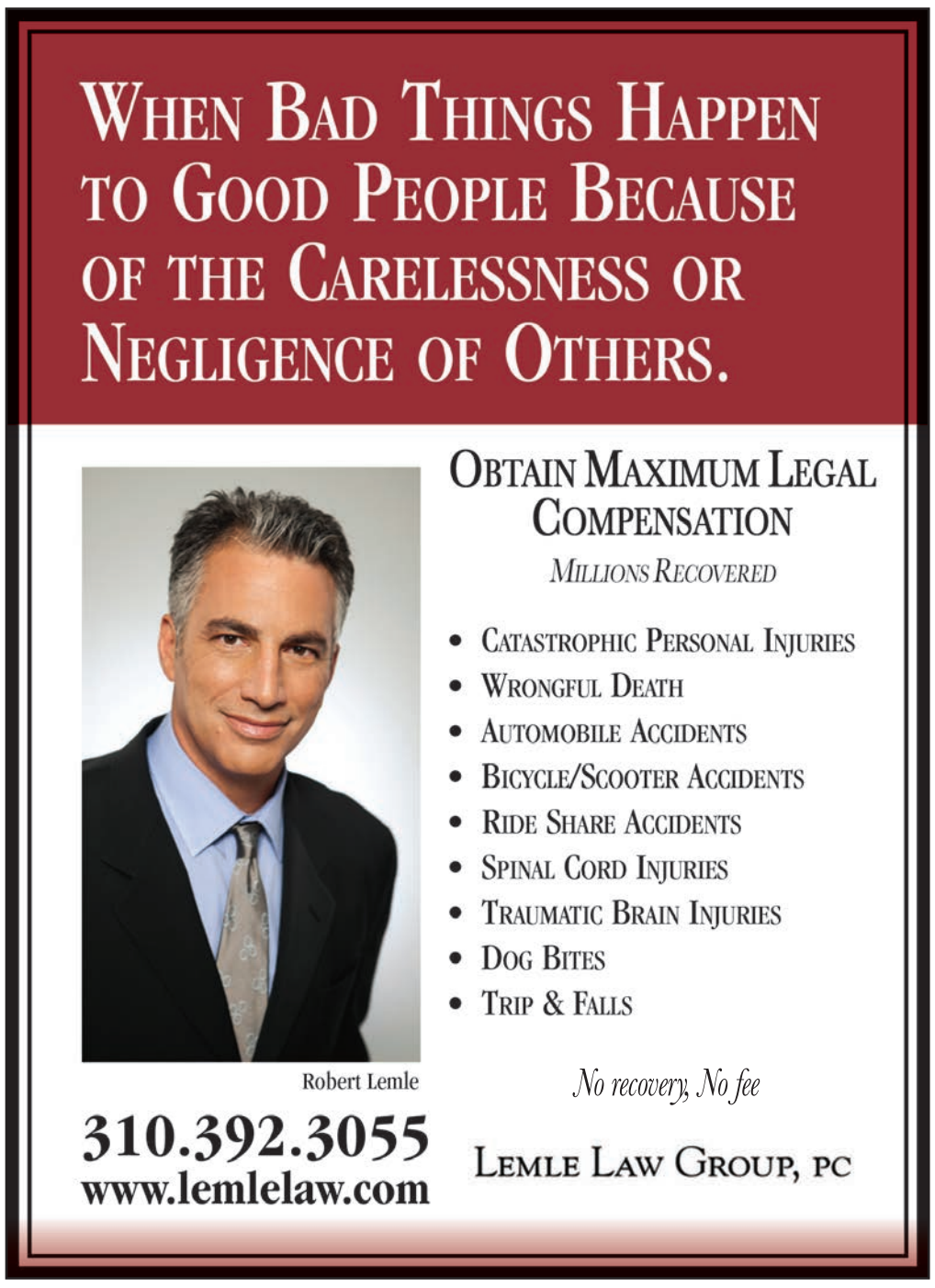


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Judge says New York prosecutors can see Trump's tax returns

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With President Donald Trump under siege on Capitol Hill, a federal judge dealt him a setback on another front Monday and ruled that New York City prosecutors can see his tax returns for an investigation into matters including the payment of hush money to porn star Stormy Daniels and a Playboy centerfold.

U.S. District Judge Victor Marrero emphatically rejected Trump's attempt to keep his financial records under wraps, calling the president's broad claim of immunity from all criminal proceedings "extraordinary" and "an overreach of executive power" at odds with the Constitution.

For now, at least, the tax returns remain beyond the reach of prosecutors. The president's lawyers appealed the judge's ruling to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which put the matter on hold while it considers the case on an expedited basis.

At issue is a request from Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. that Trump's accounting firm turn over eight years' worth of his business and personal tax returns dating back to 2011.

Vance, a Democrat, is investigating payments made to buy the silence of Daniels and model Karen McDougal, both of whom claimed to have had affairs with the president.

"The Radical Left Democrats have failed on all fronts," Trump fumed on Twitter after the judge's ruling, "so now they are pushing local New York City and State Democrat prosecutors to go get President Trump. A thing like this has never happened to any President before. Not even close!"

The district attorney's office declined to comment.

The investigation is unfolding with Trump already facing a fast-moving impeachment drive by House Democrats that was set off by his attempts to get Ukraine's leader to investigate his political rival Joe Biden.

Trump's lawyers have said that Vance's investigation is politically motivated and that the request for tax records should be stopped because Trump is immune from any criminal probe as long as he is president.

The judge swept that claim aside as overly broad.

"As the court reads it, presidential immunity would stretch to cover every phase of criminal proceedings, including investigations, grand jury proceedings and subpoenas, indictment, prosecution, arrest, trial, conviction, and incarceration," Marrero wrote. "That constitutional protection presumably would encompass any conduct, at any time, in any forum, whether federal or state, and whether the President acted alone or in concert with other individuals."

The judge said he couldn't accept that legal view, "especially in the light of the fundamental concerns over excessive arrogation of power" that led the founding fathers to create a balance of power among the three branches of government.

Trump has steadfastly refused to make his tax returns public, breaking a tradition set by presidents and White House candidates decades ago. He has also gone to court to fight congressional subpoenas issued to his bank for various personal financial records, including his tax returns. That dispute is also before the federal appeals court.

In yet another effort to pry loose Trump's tax records, California recently passed a law requiring candidates for president or governor to turn over five years' worth of returns, or else they cannot appear on the state's primary ballot. A federal judge blocked the law this month, saying it is probably unconstitutional.

Vance began his probe after federal prosecutors in New York completed their investigation into payments that Trump's former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, arranged to be made to the two women to keep them silent during the presidential race.

Cohen is serving a three-year prison sentence for crimes that included campaign finance violations in connection with the hush money.

Trump was never charged, though prosecutors said publicly that he was aware of and directed the illegal payments. Justice Department policy has long been that sitting presidents cannot be charged criminally.

Grand jury proceedings and records in New York are secret. If Vance gains access to Trump's returns through a grand jury investigation, that doesn't necessarily mean their contents will be disclosed publicly.

It is unclear what Trump's returns might have to do with the criminal investigation or why prosecutors are reaching back as far as 2011.

But the long reach of the subpoena might stem in part from testimony Cohen gave to Congress early this year when he asserted that Trump overstated his wealth to financial institutions before he became president.

Cohen turned over copies of financial statements he said the president provided to Deutsche Bank during a 2014 effort to buy the Buffalo Bills. The statements showed Trump's net worth soaring from $4.55 billion in 2012 to $8.66 billion in 2013.

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PYFC

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He said he feels now is the time to pass the torch to a younger leader who is just as passionate about the community he grew up in.

Alex Aldana, who currently serves as associate director at PYFC, will succeed de la Torre as executive director. Aldana has been involved with the center since he was a teenager and recently earned a master's degree in social entrepreneurship from USC's Marshall School of Business.

De la Torre briefly resigned as executive director of PYFC in 2013 after the Santa Monica City Council voted to withdraw $300,000 in annual funding after an audit alleged thousands of dollars in financial discrepancies and administrative mismanagement.

This time around, he said he plans to permanently step down and start a consulting firm with his wife Maria Loya that will assist nonprofit and government organizations in developing social justice policy.

He said he may also run for City Council if an appellate court judge rules in favor of Loya's lawsuit against the city, which alleges that the city's elections dilute the voting power of the Pico neighborhood's Latino population. De la Torre previously ran for a seat in 2016.

A superior court judge ruled in favor of Loya earlier this year, saying that Santa Monica residents should vote for councilmembers to represent their neighborhoods, not the city as a whole. The city appealed the ruling on the grounds that an election that uses a district map drawn by Loya's attorneys would undermine the democratic process.

De la Torre said may run for City Council to represent the Pico neighborhood if the appellate court upholds the superior court's order that the city should hold a special election. The appellate court must issue a final ruling by July 2020.

"I've committed my life to public service, so if there's an opportunity that makes sense, I'll definitely consider it," he said.

Michelle Castillo, who attended PYFC programs throughout high school and is now a social worker with the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health, said de la Torre's roots in the Pico neighborhood allowed him to connect with youth and keep them coming back to the center.

"He understood the challenges we faced growing up in Pico," she said. "I had participated in other after-school programs, but this was different because it had a cultural and neighborhood connection."

Castillo said de la Torre and other PYFC staff members helped her navigate the college application process as a first-generation student and continued to mentor her throughout college.

"I have a lot of gratitude for (de la Torre) and the PYFC staff who helped me apply to college, because working through that process was definitely not easy for me and other youth who have grown up in Pico," she said. "When I got to college, I knew I could go to him for advice, and he wrote my letter of recommendation when I applied for graduate school at USC."

Aldana, who will succeed de la Torre in the new year, said he plans to focus on making PYFC financially sustainable through paid camps and classes and by partnering with local companies.

"We want to transition to a social enterprise model, where we offer affordable classes that bring in revenue to maintain our free programs," he said. "We want to create innovative programs that companies in Silicon Beach would be interested in developing partnerships with."

De la Torre said he looks forward to seeing Aldana continue to adapt to the changing needs of the neighborhood, where the threat of gang violence has given way to concerns about gentrification and displacement.

"We want to equip youth with the technology and arts skills to connect them with internships and then jobs in Silicon Beach so the next generation can afford the rent," he said. "To sustain the diversity of this neighborhood, locals have to be able to tap into those well-paying jobs."

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California OKs pharmacists to dispense HIV prevention meds

California's governor has signed legislation that will allow patients to buy HIV prevention pills from pharmacists without a prescription.

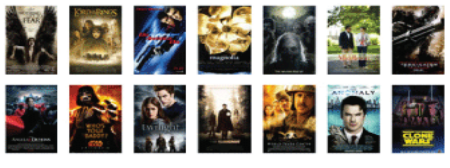
Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday signed a law authorizing pharmacists to provide both pre-exposure and post-exposure drugs directly to patients.

Supporters of the legislation say California is the first state to make both available without prescription, and the action will greatly reduce barriers to PrEP, or preexposure prophylaxis, and PEP, post-exposure prophylaxis.

Supporters say PEP significantly reduces the risk of infection if taken within 72 hours of exposure, but patients may not always be able to see a doctor in that time frame.

The law was co-authored by state Sen. Scott Wiener, a Democrat from San Francisco, who has publicly disclosed that he takes PrEP as an HIV prevention strategy.

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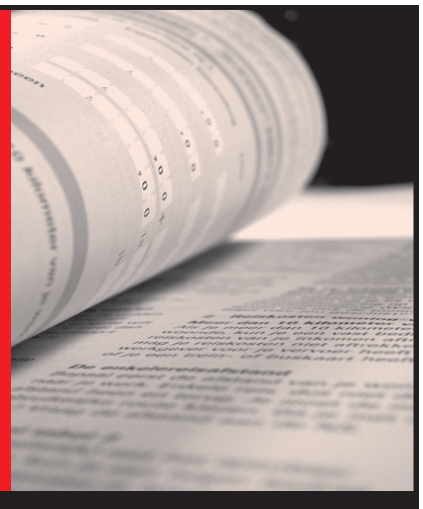
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Man admits to defrauding concert promoters of $550,000

A California man who goes by the nickname "Big Cheeze" has admitted to defrauding concert promoters and investors of more than a half-million dollars.

Federal prosecutors say 39-year-old Jordan Mouton of Patterson, south of Sacramento, pleaded guilty Monday to using wire fraud and identity theft to bilk the promoters and investors of $550,000.

He admitted to falsely claiming to be able to attract artists including Snoop Dogg, Maroon 5 and Rihanna to perform concerts in Asia and elsewhere. He created false documents including the forged signatures of the performers and their managers. He gave one victim counterfeit passports supposedly belonging to members of Maroon 5.

The charges carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison and a $250,000 fine when Mouton is sentenced in March.

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CARACAS, Venezuela

Adobe cuts off Venezuela clients, citing US sanctions

The software company Adobe says it is cutting off its accounts in Venezuela, the latest repercussions of U.S. financial sanctions targeting President Nicolás Maduro.

The California-based firm on Monday cited sweeping measures by the administration of President Donald Trump announced Aug. 5 banning companies and individuals from doing business with Maduro's socialist government.

Adobe is best known for its graphics and multimedia software including Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop and Adobe Flash that enable online websites.

Its cutoff follows a move by Major League Baseball to ban its players from the Venezuelan Winter League because of the sanctions.

U.S. officials back Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó's bid to unseat the socialist government, saying Maduro's election last year was a fraud.

Venezuelan officials didn't immediately comment on the move by Adobe.

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25 years later and the death of Nicole Brown Simpson continues to resonate

The world went abuzz 25 years ago when the blood soaked walkway made the headlines with the lifeless bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman. It was a double homicide that rocked the tony Brentwood neighborhood, and continues to have an impact 25 years later.

The presumed killer was one Orenthal James (OJ) Simpson – the former spouse was, as usual, the prime suspect. OJ Simpson was an icon, a football hero, and a pop culture icon from his Hertz commercials as he ran through the airport, to his appearances in movies he was one of the top celebrities in America at the time.

But celebrity doesn't guarantee one is emotionally healthy. In fact it oftentimes is a prime indicator of an emotionally imbalanced individual who is constantly striving for more recognition and notoriety. The relentless pursuit of headlines and a perfect public image will often mask an underlying insecurity and low self-esteem.

The betrayal, or perceived betrayal, by a spouse can lead to an outburst of anger and frustration that thankfully most of the time, does not lead to homicide. But it can. A quick scan of the headlines in the local news will show the extent of attacks, homicides and suicides that happen as a result of a relationship gone past its prime.

The Simpson relationship had clearly gone past its prime. The reports of the yelling, abuse and terrorizing by OJ against Nicole were numerous and highly repetitive. We see that same behavior in many of the cases we handle that involve a domestic violence component.

Domestic abuse knows no gender. It has no age limits. There are no socioeconomic groups that are not affected by it. And since the death of Nicole Brown Simpson the courts have grown steadily more aware and responsive to stopping it. Her death was a turning point in our society. We went from domestic abuse and violence being a family matter that required actual physical harm before the courts and police would do anything, to what is now a hair-trigger response to the slightest claim, on the flimsiest of allegations resulting in a domestic violence restraining order that has profound impacts upon individuals and families.

In today's world of hyper-vigilance to all things victim – it takes little more than a well told tale to suspend a person's Constitutional right to bear arms. Father's are routinely excised from their children's lives by the stroke of a judge's pen, that was based on a stated "fear of something happening" and a well played tearful plea.

For example, yesterday I was in a courtroom and watched a judge remove a father from his daughter's life, based on her having a bump on her head. The 2 year old was in her father's care and according to his testimony, she slipped out of his arms and hit her head on a jar in the crib. The mother took the allegedly "lifeless body but her arms were moving" child to the emergency room for a CT scan. The Doctors looked at the trauma and of course had to report the case as a "possible child abuse /shaken baby" to cover their own tuches's. A case was opened with Department of Child and Family Services and promptly closed as not child abuse.

At the hearing yesterday the mom asked the dad if it truly was an accident, he testified under oath it was. The judge, in issuing her ruling said, I'm paraphrasing, "I have much experience with small children who can wriggle out of a parent's arms, and I know how common that is. However the standard for issuing a domestic violence restraining order is preponderance of evidence which is the lowest level possible. So I'm issuing a restraining for three years, dad is not to have any contact with the child. I'm ordering parenting classes for dad."

That was it. Dad is erased from the child's life. Now he'll have to spend tens of thousands of dollars to fight to get his child back in his life. I don't know what the right answer is in all of this. Maybe the judge made the right call. Maybe not. But I do know that from the little I saw and heard, it doesn't seem right that a child lost their father over what seemed to be an accident, even when the experts looked at it.

This is the extreme world we live in where we are doing significant damage to good parents who make small mistakes, and that affects the children for their lives.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 08)

Little actions get big reactions over the next 10 weeks when the details of your work excite, inspire and influence. You can turn this into money. Build slowly, and test the integrity of every choice along the way. Ideal partners and investors will come along in May. Your family and network will grow. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 1, 11 and 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Acting honorably is different from simply operating within the expected rules. Honor has more to do with claiming a code you can personally get behind and living by it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a lot to overcome on the mission to connect with and impress others today. For starters, it's pretty easy to say what you don't mean or hear something other than what the other person intended.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What good can your talents do for you if you don't know what they are? Explore. Try different activities. You'll be surprised at what you have a natural knack for.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Nearly all people who've walked the Earth know the emotion of shame, as it's part of how humans keep one another in line. You hate to see someone shamed and will offer ways to save face and/or overcome shame with honor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One way that love comes through is when you notice that you miss someone. When you recognize the pangs of longing as a form of love, it will add a little sweetness to the bitterness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be punctual without a witness, virtuous without a reason, vigilant without a threat. You're not out to impress anyone. You do what you do because it makes you stronger, healthier and more self-reliant.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you didn't have an artistic eye, you wouldn't be drawn to beautiful things. If you're willing to experiment a bit, you'll soon find the right outlet to work through the raw material stirring in your mind and spirit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). For your sign, charisma just comes with the territory. Only now, with Venus sliding into your part of the sky, your natural gift gets supercharged. You'll soon be fielding more interest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may feel responsible for the happiness of your boss, partner, child, friend or any number of other people around you, though you're actually only responsible for one person's happiness, and that's your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The best way to avoid letting guilt run your life is not to do anything bad. But since everyone makes mistakes, the next best way is to contribute as much good as possible to balance those out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Everyone has to do things they don't want to do from time to time, but your schedule certainly shouldn't be chalk-full of such tasks. How can you make your own life a little friendlier to the one who has to live it?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're afraid to add to your schedule in a way that some people in your life may not relate to. But not being relatable is the whole point here – enjoying a fully formed identity outside of certain relationships and roles.

Venus Transformation

In Libra, the sign of partnership, harmony and art, Venus is gloriously at home. Then she advances to Scorpio, where tension is the name of the game. The relationship sector becomes a hot room, a red dress, a dangerous proposition. In the weeks to come, many a personal matter will arise to seduce us out of our comfort zones.

ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHTS

As far as monsters and ghouls go, vampires showed up pretty late in the game. Tales of werewolves had been around for many centuries before stories of vampires took the stage. It wasn't until the Middle Ages that the blood-sucking undead started their rise to evil infamy. In the Middle Ages, the plague decimated entire towns, sometimes leaving bloody lesions on the mouths of the afflicted, which were taken as a sign of vampirism. Other diseases of the time had the symptom of sun sensitivity that blistered the skin, adding to the certainty that vampires were real.

Perhaps the most famous vampire was very real indeed. The 15th-century Romanian ruler Vlad III Dracula (of Transylvania, of course) was known for many vampiric behaviors including impaling his enemies with wooden stakes and dining with the dying, dipping his bread in their blood. To be alive is to dance in the sun. Those who can't are a threat if they decide to leach onto the vitality of others. The vampire legends represent our fear, fascination and fight with death and our quest to hold onto vitality, which, like blood, is a finite resource.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Grammy-winning crooner Bruno Mars admits to sitting alone talking to the moon. He even wrote a song about it. He is a Libra (the sign of art, harmony and lovers) born when the moon was in Leo, the sign of entertainers, and lucky Jupiter was in Aquarius, the sign of dreamers. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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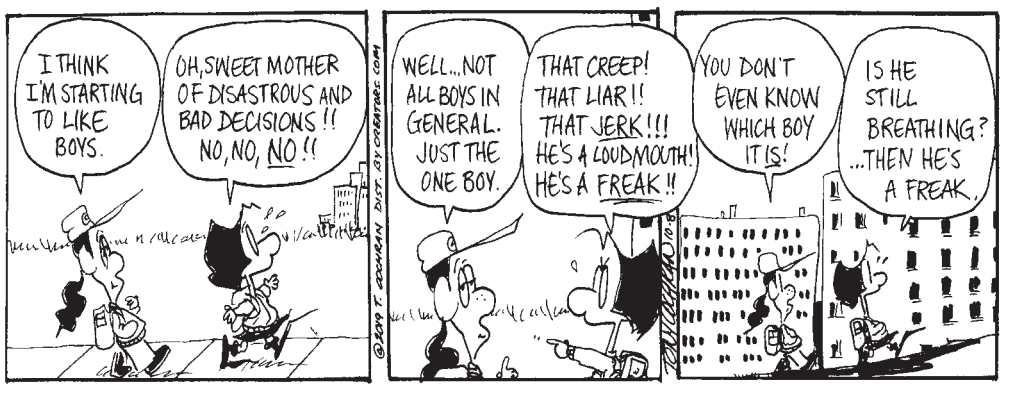
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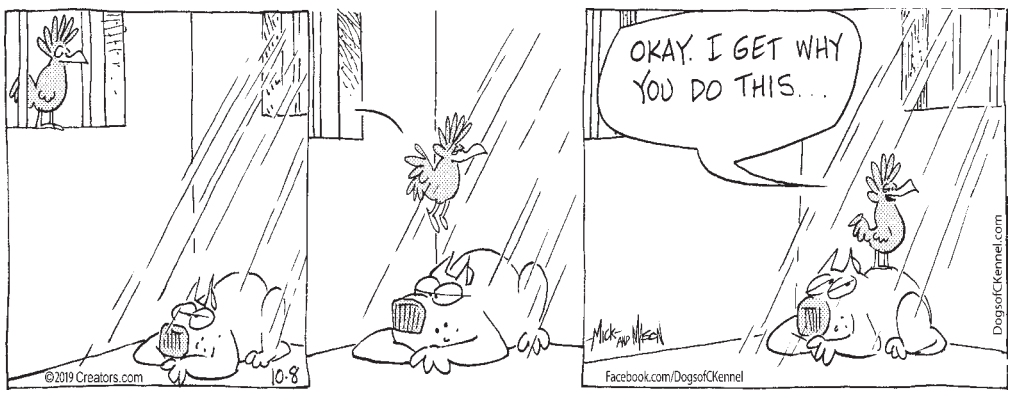
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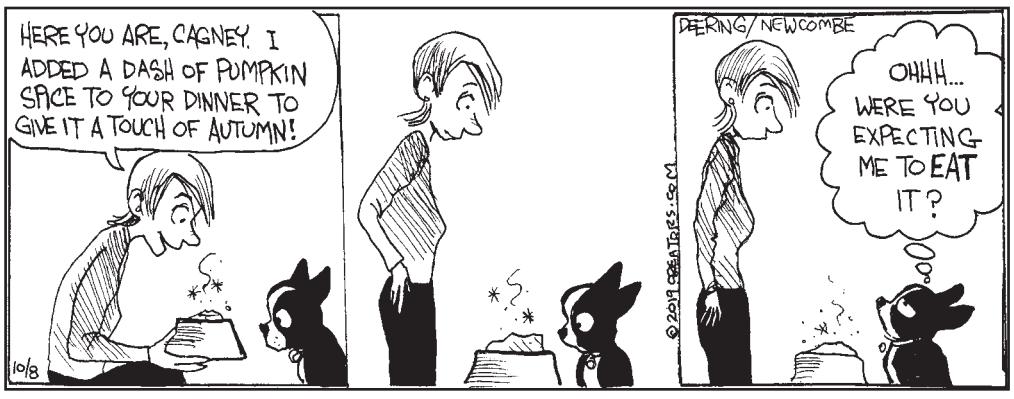
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11 38 44 48 70
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Jackpot: 55 M

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Draw Date: 10/05
8 27 33 42 47
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 17 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/06
14 17 19 35 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/06
Evening: 6 2 6

Draw Date: 10/07
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Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/06
1st: 11 - MONEY BAGS
2nd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
3rd: 12 - LUCKY CHARMS
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 67.6°

TUESDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Small new SSW and SE swell. New pulse of small NW swell.

WEDNESDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
SW and SSE swell mix. Minor NW swell-mix continues.

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.

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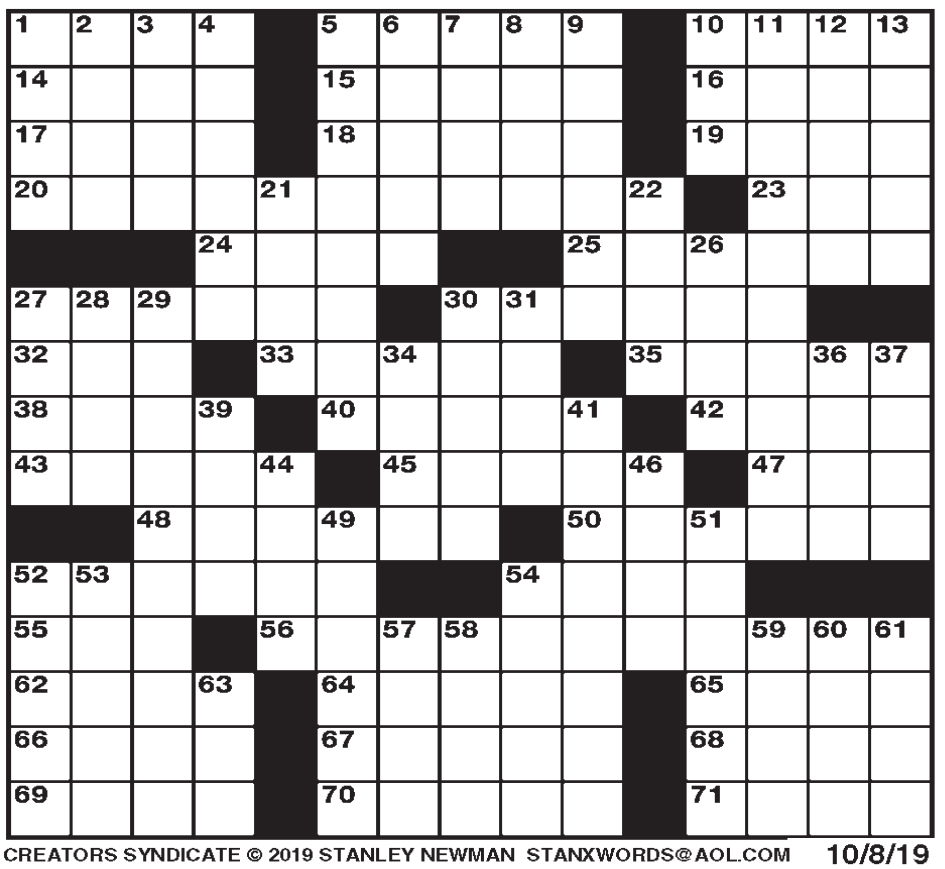
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Long look
5 Synagogue leader
10 "In your dreams!"
14 Cain's younger brother
15 Of birds
16 Thin coin
17 Ernie's Muppet roommate
18 Bit of colorful chocolate candy
19 Bed frame plank
20 Police informant
23 Size bigger than med.
24 Fishing rod spool
25 Give the thumbs-up
27 Put in more film
30 Eggnog spice
32 Chimp, for instance
33 Congratulations
35 Marry secretly
38 Sty dwellers
40 Trees with cones
42 Stolen property
43 Burn with a hot liquid
45 Up, on most maps
47 Distress signal
48 Landlord's documents
50 Hardly ever
52 Alternative to cash
54 Reasonable
55 Motorists' org.
56 Easy target
62 Close by, in poems
64 On the way out
65 Like __ of bricks
66 Speck of land in the sea
67 Chop into tiny bits
68 Back of the neck
69 Child between 12 and 20
70 Modify
71 "With this ring, I __ wed"

DOWN
1 Talks on and on
2 Help in wrongdoing
3 Nothing at all
4 Matador opponent
5 Increased, as production
6 Be of use
7 Variety of cherry
8 Said, as a farewell
9 Deepest, as feelings
10 Commercials and billboards
11 Foolish one
12 Public perception
13 Lavish parties
21 Plumbing problem
22 First blank on many forms
26 Holler
27 Knocks firmly
28 Majestic story
29 Astute attorney
30 Forbidden things
31 Tech support caller
34 Enjoy fine food
36 Swim meet location
37 Online crafts site
39 Snowy day toy
41 Person you don't know
44 Banquet platform
46 __ in there (persist)
49 Stain on a reputation
51 Crawling insect that stings
52 "Zip your lip!"
53 Pay hike
54 From then on
57 Work hard
58 Salon coloring
59 Nevada neighbor
60 Handle adversity
61 Joint above the ankle
63 Farm fowl



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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 311 CALLS ON OCT. 6

Battery 2900blk Main St 1:51 a.m.
Vandalism 300blk Civic Center Dr 2:43 a.m.
Vandalism 1000blk 21st St 6:49 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1200blk 16th St 7:16 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 800blk Grant St 8:09 a.m.
Silent robbery alarm 1700blk Berkeley St 8:39 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Bay St 8:44 a.m.
Missing person unk location on Santa Monica Beach 9:39 a.m.
Burglary investigation/walk through 2800blk Main St 9:43 a.m.
Auto burglary 200blk Santa Monica Pier 9:53 a.m.
Grand theft 1500blk Broadway 9:57 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1400blk 26th St 10:03 a.m.
Petty theft 1900blk Ocean Way 10:06 a.m.
Speeding 14th St / Idaho Ave 10:17 a.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1100blk 21st St 10:30 a.m.
Vandalism Stewart St / Kansas Ave 10:41 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 600blk 19th St 10:47 a.m.
Lewd activity 1400blk Ocean Ave 11:15 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2900blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:23 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 100blk Strand St 11:49 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 3200blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:29 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 12:42 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1400blk 2nd St 1:11 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 1:35 p.m.
Grand theft 2100blk 4th St 1:40 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1300blk Ocean Ave 1:45 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400blk 25th St 1:52 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 2:08 p.m.
Lewd activity 2600blk Main St 2:21 p.m.
Construction noise 1100blk 17th St 2:23 p.m.
Domestic violence Main St / Ashland Ave 2:24 p.m.
Smoking violation 500blk Colorado Ave 2:29 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 2:33 p.m.
Lewd activity 2000blk the beach 2:33 p.m.
Construction noise 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:44 p.m.
Drinking in public 9th St / Michigan Ave 3:29 p.m.
Battery 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 3:31 p.m.
Encampment 900blk Palisades Park 3:43 p.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 4th St / Arizona Ave 4:03 p.m.
Critical missing person 3000blk Ocean Front Walk 4:05 p.m.
Rape 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:11 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 2200blk Michigan Ave 4:13 p.m.
Critical missing person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:23 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2900blk Main St 4:24 p.m.
Vandalism 2200blk Virginia Ave 4:25 p.m.
Person with a gun 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:40 p.m.
Lewd activity 2400blk 31st St 4:54 p.m.
Burglary investigation/walk through 2500blk 7th St 4:58 p.m.
Child molestation 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:32 p.m.
Prowler just left 1000blk Pier Ave 6:01 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 6:02 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 6:07 p.m.
Burglary 900blk Marine St 6:09 p.m.
Petty theft 900blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:40 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 900blk 11th St 6:41 p.m.
Grand theft 2100blk 4th St 6:47 p.m.
Encampment 600blk Wilshire Blvd 7:06 p.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 2600blk Highland Ave 7:16 p.m.
Burglary 1400blk 2nd St 7:18 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1300blk San Vicente Blvd 7:37 p.m.
Vandalism 23rd St / Pico Blvd 8:27 p.m.
Vandalism 6th St / Colorado Ave 8:28 p.m.
Out of order traffic signals Yale St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:06 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 22nd St / Wilshire Blvd 9:08 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2500blk Michigan Ave 9:37 p.m.
Vandalism 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:41 p.m.
Petty theft 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:39 p.m.







INITIATIVE

FROM PAGE 1

decrease chronic absenteeism and dropout rates, (as well as) reduce suspensions and increase family engagement," Mora said. The district will look to accomplish these goals with support from LACOE, which will provide the district with a new full-time program coordinator as well as a facilitator who will be tasked with increasing parent engagement.

Students will have access to school-based mental health services that include workshops, counseling and referral services, according to Thursday's presentation. Local partnerships with various organizations in the city will also be strengthened so additional resources can be provided to youth in the future.

The initiative is part of a broader push to "support the whole child," county officials said earlier this week, mentioning the program should allow additional opportunities for the community to educate themselves or collaborate in their child's education as local libraries, health clinics and workforce professionals will be available to assist in the execution of the program.

Mora said the district originally considered designating Olympic High School as the site that would house the program's crisis prevention, family therapy and arts education services, but staff settled on Santa Monica High School because of the grant's requirements.

Mora mentioned that she believes Olympic students will still be able to benefit from the initiative, before sharing the MOU is ready to be signed if the district decides it is willing to participate in the program.

"Mental health is huge with students and with their learning because if their mental health isn't solid, they don't learn," Mora said. "And so I think this is so important that we focus on this and I know this has been a priority of our board… and I'm excited about it."

Superintendent Ben Drati agreed, sharing during the meeting that he thinks the district can be a success story of the program and pave the way for a similar initiative to be rolled out across the state.

"The Community Schools Initiative is our way of fighting poverty and addressing longstanding inequities," said Dr. Debra Duardo, Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools. "The goal is to ensure that all students receive the services and resources they need to succeed and that those services are accessible right at school where they feel safe."

"We are looking forward to this valuable partnership with LACOE to expand our current services we offer students," district spokeswoman Gail Pinsker said. "This will benefit our students tremendously and we feel fortunate to be one of the school districts selected for this program."

Once signed, the memorandum of understanding with LACOE would extend through June 30, 2022.

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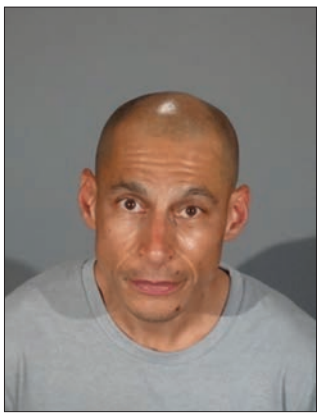
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