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Restaurant Spotlight: Piccolo Italian cuisine in Santa Monica and Venice









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FOOD: Piccolo on Lincoln has a sister restaurant in Venice and both feature quality pasta dishes.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

As outdoor dining reopens and local restaurants begin the road to recovery the Daily Press is highlighting one excellent eatery a week.

This week the spotlight is on Piccolo: a new Italian neighborhood eatery focused on homemade pastas and high-quality meat and fish dishes that play with spice, texture, and sweet and savory flavors.

THE STORY BEHIND PICCOLO

While many restaurateurs struggled, cut back service, or closed doors during the pandemic, Chef Antonio Mure miraculously launched two Piccolo restaurants this year — one in Sunset Park and a second location on Abbot Kinney.

His secret? An undying passion for hosting diners, experience navigating turbulent times, and his "atomic infinite energy".

"The most important ingredient in a restaurant is a passionate love," said Mure. "The sound of people laughing, glasses tinkling, pots and pans clanging — that's something I love in my ears. It drives me nuts, it's just incredible."

So far in his career Mure has opened 11 restaurants, including Michelin starred La Botte, which operated for nine years in Downtown Santa Monica. This year Mure has returned to his roots, by redeveloping his original restaurant Piccolo, which he opened in Venice in 2004.

Both Piccolo locations are run by Mure and his partner Tony Black, who are the team behind Barrique on Main Street. The updated Piccolo menu blends a range of fresh farmers market produce and top quality Italian ingredients into flavor packed pasta parcels, slow cooked game meats, and fragrant fish dishes.

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Santa Monica sets sights on passage of the American Rescue Plan

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The City of Santa Monica has received limited support from the federal government despite previously having to cut more than 60% of its budget as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Senate's recent passage of a $1.9 trillion stimulus bill has local leaders hopeful the city will soon see millions of dollars in aid that will be used to assist Santa Monica's recovery efforts.

At the start of the pandemic, City Hall restructured services and finances to address hundreds of millions of dollars in deficits while officials hoped significant aid would arrive to shore up the city's struggling economy. However, it did not.

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which passed in March 2020, set aside $150 billion to stabilize states, territories, tribal, and local governments,

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Local author looks to explore emotions in new children's book



Courtesy photo

AUTHOR: Former SMDP reporter Jeff Goodman has published his first book.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

While children on the Westside have been out of the class and confined to their homes for nearly a year, Santa Monica resident Jeff Goodman has been working hard on a new book that looks to help local children explore the many emotions they may be grappling with today.

Goodman's debut children's book, "Feel Like Eggs?" was published earlier this year and is now available online at IndieBound.org. Featuring playful rhymes and artwork by award-

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Santa Barbara Film Festival unveils its 2021 lineup

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The Santa Barbara International Film Festival is always starry a celebration of up and coming filmmakers and Oscar hopefuls, but this year the programmers have also decided to make it more accessible. For the first time, it'll be free for the community, organizers announced Tuesday.

The 36th installment kicks off on March 31 with the world premiere of Aaron Mauer's "Invisible Valley" about the people of California's Coachella's Valley, from the undocumented farmworkers to the wealthy snowbirds and music festival partiers. The film also explores the "looming ecological crisis threatening it all."

After a year of mostly online film festivals, the festival is taking a hybrid approach and building two beachside drive-in theaters for the screenings. There will also be a ticketed online component. There are 47 world premieres in the lineup, hailing from 45 countries in addition to celebrity tributes, panels and community outreach programs.

Celebrity honorees at the 36th installment include Amanda Seyfried, Delroy Lindo, Sacha Baron Cohen, Bill Murray and Carey Mulligan, who is getting the Cinema Vanguard Award. Virtuoso Award recipients include Riz Ahmed, Maria Bakalova, Kinglsey Ben-Adir, Andra Day, Sidney Flanigan, Vanessa Kirby, Tahar Rahim and Zendaya. That event, moderated by Dave Karger, will take place on April 3.

Feature films in the lineup include "Trees of Peace," about four women hiding and fighting for survival during the Rwandan Genocide in 1994, "Coast," about a teenager in a small town who falls for a punk singer, and "Alaskan Nets," a documentary about a high school basketball team who has a shot at the state championship for the first time since 1984. Other films include "Last Call," a documentary about the hospitality industry in Queens at the outset of COVID-19, "Highway One," set around a New Year's Eve party in rural California and "The Revolution Generation" about the largest youth generation in history and the challenges they face. The documentary "$avvy" explores the topic of women and personal finances.

U.S. premieres include "Fellinopolis," about the world of Italian filmmaker Federico Fellini, "Teach Me If You Can," a French documentary about teachers in Burkina Faso, Bangladesh and Siberia, and "Six Angry Women," from New Zealand, which covers the 1984 kidnapping of an Auckland University lecturer.

"This year's festival will look different on many fronts, but we are unchanged when it comes to what's most important: our love of film, and our dedication to bringing forward a program of unmatched quality and sharing it with our community," said Roger Durling, the festival's executive director. "We are so excited to have the opportunity to be a source of joy and optimism."

Closing night on April 10 will highlight short documentaries by local filmmakers, covering subjects as diverse as an annual trip by the Chumash people to a historic site, a woman's quest to restore ecosystems with sheep and how the residents of Santa Barbara survived 2020.

The Santa Barbara International Film Festival regularly attracts more than 100,000 attendees annually.

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California recall threat puts pressure on Newsom speech

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom is set to give perhaps the most important speech of his political life Tuesday, and he's spent weeks laying the groundwork for an upbeat address aimed at nearly 40 million people exhausted by a year of coronavirus restrictions.

Newsom's popularity has fallen significantly after reaching record highs at the start of the pandemic and he's likely to face a recall election later this year driven by critics of his stewardship during the crisis. That makes Tuesday's State of the State a critical step for keeping voters on his side.

Dr. Mindy Romero, founder and director of the Center for Inclusive Democracy at the University of Southern California, said the speech is an opportunity and a test. Newsom needs to assert his focus on vaccination equity, reassure the general population that California is on the right track and back up his claims that his pandemic restrictions were the right choice.

And the often wonky-sounding governor must speak plainly, Romero said.

"He has to really make the case that he has positively changed the tide in California, that he really has protected Californians," she said.

The speech traditionally is delivered in the Capitol to a joint session of the Legislature. This time, Newsom will speak from Dodger Stadium, which has served as a mass testing and vaccination center.

It comes a year after Newsom enacted the nation's first statewide stay-at-home order. California fared relatively well for many months but by the end of the year was in the throes of the worst surge, and virus deaths skyrocketed to more than 54,000, the most in the country.

The anti-Newsom effort is driven by Republicans hoping to regain a political foothold in California by tapping into widespread frustration over business restrictions and school closures. Organizers say they have more than the 1.5 million signatures needed to force an election, likely late in the year.

Newsom previously delivered his State of the State on a February morning, attracting a limited public audience. Waiting until March gives him the benefit of much improved virus conditions and by delivering it in the evening from the largest media market in the state he will draw far more public attention.

The state updated its reopening map hours before his speech, announcing nine counties have moved to less restrictive tiers. The San Francisco Bay Area counties of Alameda, home to Oakland, and Solano were among six that moved from the most restrictive purple tier to the lower red tier, allowing for the resumption of some indoor business activities. Three sparsely populated counties moved into even less restrictive tiers.

Meanwhile, vaccinations are increasing. California has administered more than 10 million doses, and for nearly a month Newsom has been on a tour of sites around the state to highlight that it has established an enormous capacity that will allow far more inoculations as federal shipments increase.

On Monday, he was in the Central Valley for the fifth time in recent weeks, showing off progress and pledging attention to the area hard hit by the virus and one of the few that's still represented in Washington by Republicans, including GOP House leader Kevin McCarthy.

Newsom is coming off a strong week that saw him outline a speedier reopening plan tied to vaccinating 2 million of California's most vulnerable residents; sign a law aimed at getting the youngest kids back in classrooms by April 1; and announce that outdoor sports stadiums, theme parks and concert venues can reopen with limited attendance next month.

"Sports is a rallying cry that is bipartisan," said Jaime Regalado, an emeritus professor of political science at California State University, Los Angeles.

"For an incumbent under the gun from seemingly so many different directions and so many forces, this is an opportune time to talk about what you're doing right and how things are going in California," he said.

Newsom's approval rating fell from 65% last spring to 54% last month, according to the Public Policy Institute of California. He took a major hit when it was revealed he went to the high-end French Laundry restaurant for a lobbyist's birthday party as he was urging Californians to stay home. Photos from the event showed Newsom not wearing a mask and sitting close to other guests.

"He comes into this State of the State address really, I think, needing to show Californians that he's in charge and he has a plan," said Mark Baldassare, the institute's president and chief executive officer.

Two Republicans running for governor — former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer and businessman John Cox, have painted Newsom as an out-of-touch elitist and pointed to the French Laundry dinner and Newsom's failure to get public schoolchildren back into classrooms while his own children received in-person instruction at a private school.

While Newsom has faced criticism throughout the pandemic from some Democratic lawmakers and local officials who felt he wasn't including them in decision-making, in recent weeks Democrats have lined up behind Newsom and offered regular praise for his leadership.

Even Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who won California's 2020 Democratic presidential primary, stepped in Monday.

"Right-wing Republicans in CA are trying to recall Gavin Newsom for the crime of telling people to wear masks and for listening to scientists during COVID," he tweeted. "We must all unite to oppose the recall in California."

Romero said while it's unlikely Newsom will actually be recalled, even facing an election could harm his political future and be a distraction for Democrats nationally.

"Nothing in California happens in a bubble. It damages a politician to face a recall election, period," Romero said.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 265 CALLS ON MARCH 8

Battery 4th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:05 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 400blk Olympic Blvd E 1:13 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 00blk Pacific Ter 1:35 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 1:44 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 2:01 a.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 1400blk Ocean Ave 2:22 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 2:31 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2000blk Pico Blvd 3:13 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Sb 405 No Skirball 4:31 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 5:48 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Palisades Park 6:06 a.m.
Encampment 700blk Interstate 10 6:14 a.m.
Burglary 1200blk Grant St 6:46 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1500blk 11th St 6:50 a.m.
Burglary 1200blk Grant St 6:54 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 7:08 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 14th St / Colorado Ave 7:14 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 800blk Wilshire Blvd 7:18 a.m.
Petty Theft 900blk 2nd St 7:34 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 11th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:24 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 11th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:27 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 600blk 20th St 8:32 a.m.
Petty Theft 900blk 18th St 8:40 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Olympic Blvd 8:41 a.m.
Burglary 1100blk Pacific St 8:42 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100blk Wadsworth Ave 8:54 a.m.
Burglary 1400blk 15th St 8:55 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Main St / Pico Blvd 9:09 a.m.
Drinking In Public 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:09 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk 5th St 9:15 a.m.
Malicious Mischief 1300blk 2nd St 9:19 a.m.
Found Property 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 9:34 a.m.
Arson 2000blk Ocean Ave 9:35 a.m.
Grand Theft 400blk Hill St 9:44 a.m.
Petty Theft 1100blk 18th St 9:50 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk Centinela Ave 10:04 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Harvard St / Washington Ave 10:29 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1400blk 9th St 10:30 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Euclid St / Montana Ave 10:50 a.m.
Attempt Auto Theft 1100blk 26th St 11:04 a.m.
Encampment 2700blk Barnard Way 11:04 a.m.
Grand Theft 200blk 12th St 11:08 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk Palisades Park 11:08 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2900blk 3rd St 11:13 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk 18th St 11:14 a.m.
Burglary 1000blk 19th St 11:21 a.m.
Missing Person 1800blk Euclid St 11:35 a.m.
Auto Burglary 900blk 12th St 11:36 a.m.
Petty Theft 300blk 21st St 11:41 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500blk Euclid St 11:44 a.m.
Scar Investigation 1000blk 12th St 11:59 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 12:00 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 900blk 4th St 12:07 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2000blk Ocean Ave 12:08 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1800blk Michigan Ave 12:18 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:24 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:25 p.m.
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Burglary 2300blk Oak St 1:04 p.m.
Bike Theft 1400blk 17th St 1:11 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk Euclid St 1:35 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 100blk Wadsworth Ave 1:41 p.m.
Child Endangerment 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 2:02 p.m.
Attempt Strongarm Robbery 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:20 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1200blk 20th St 2:43 p.m.
Petty Theft 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:51 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk 12th St 2:52 p.m.
Grand Theft 1000blk 24th St 2:59 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1200blk Washington Ave 3:04 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk Sunset Ave 3:05 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 17th St / Montana Ave 3:17 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1900blk Pico Blvd 3:21 p.m.
Fraud 400blk San Vicente Blvd 3:31 p.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2800blk Delaware Ave 3:40 p.m.
Lost Property 300blk Olympic Dr 3:41 p.m.
Identity Theft 300blk Olympic Dr 3:46 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk 17th St 3:49 p.m.
Found Property 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 4:09 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 300blk Olympic Dr 5:17 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 900blk Ocean Ave 5:18 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1000blk 12th St 5:20 p.m.
Drinking In Public 700blk Broadway 5:25 p.m.
Battery 400blk Wilshire Blvd 5:40 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1000blk 12th St 5:44 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk 2nd St 5:51 p.m.
Extortion Investigation 1100blk Berkeley St 6:05 p.m.
Public Intoxication 300blk Pico Blvd 6:07 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 300blk California Ave 6:14 p.m.
Grand Theft 700blk Broadway 6:31 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1600blk 4th St 6:43 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 2600blk Pico Blvd 6:45 p.m.
Petty Theft 1100blk 18th St 6:46 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:50 p.m.
Armed Robbery 2nd St / Colorado Ave 7:02 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 100blk Hart Ave 8:22 p.m.
Person With A Gun 2200blk Colorado Ave 9:03 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:06 p.m.
Loud Music 1900blk Ocean Ave 9:10 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:15 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 800blk Montana Ave 9:21 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 9:31 p.m.
Battery 1500blk Ocean Ave 9:32 p.m.
Petty Theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 9:43 p.m.
Construction Noise 900blk California Ave 9:56 p.m.
Battery Now 4th St / Arizona Ave 10:07 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2800blk Main St 10:15 p.m.
Person With A Gun 500blk Wilshire Blvd 11:00 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1200blk 2nd St 11:17 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:24 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2500blk Michigan Ave 11:48 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 19 CALLS ON MARCH 8

EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 2:22 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Euclid St 3:19 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 5:30 a.m.
Public Assist 1500blk Harvard St 9:08 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 2nd St 10:07 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 12th St 10:23 a.m.
EMS 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:23 a.m.
EMS 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:16 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 1:03 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 1:36 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 1:50 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Virginia Ave 4:23 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 4:46 p.m.
EMS Stewart St / Pico Blvd 5:24 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 6:50 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 8:25 p.m.
EMS 400blk 22nd St 9:54 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 10:00 p.m.
EMS 2900blk Pico Blvd 10:32 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

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Tourism Talks

By Misti Kerns

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'National Plan For Vacation Day' Lasts All Year Round For Santa Monica Locals

National Plan for Vacation Day was on January 26, and while it is recognized on that one day, it is celebrated throughout the year. Why? Simply making travel plans, even far in advance, can brighten your mood. In an August 2020 survey from the Institute for Applied Positive Research, 97 percent of respondents said they felt happier when they had a trip planned. So, let's plan a vacation Santa Monica and why not with flexible rates and cancellations that are there for the taking.

Sponsored by the U.S. Travel Association (USTA), the goal of the campaign is to get Americans to use their vacation time and enjoy some much-need relaxation, especially following the last 12 months.

According to USTA, COVID-19 has affected all aspects of everyday life, compelling Americans to change their behavior, including around travel, to accommodate health and safety protocols and other restrictions in an effort to slow the spread. However, one noticeable trend remains the same: "Americans still are not using their vacation days. American workers left an average of 33 percent of their paid time off on the table last year."

All too often, it's not just time but also money that may prevent Americans from vacationing. That doesn't have to be the case for Santa Monica residents with our desired location allowing for family outings, walks, picnics, tour your own city by foot or wheels, and explore our parks, local art galleries, learn more about our history, and check out that restaurant you have been meaning to try. Even more ideas with our 100 free things to do in the City listed at https://www.santamonica.com/100-free-things-to-do-santa-monica/

Several options also exist to safely use personal vacation time during the week when costs are usually lower for the day, night or more right here at home.

To fully immerse in the spirit of Santa Monica, locals can stay close by and take advantage of the annual "Santa Monica Extra Bedroom" program now through March 31, 2021, where residents can explore the city that they love from a different viewpoint. Imagine waking up during your own relaxing hotel staycation in your own neighborhood or just steps from the ocean, the Santa Monica Pier, Main St., Pico Blvd., Montana Ave., and the Third Street Promenade. Relax and take it all in, enjoy the moment and this place.

While discovering Santa Monica from the perspective of a visitor in your own city, locals should feel safe celebrating a vacation with the pleasant and sunny weather. Outdoors is where most restaurants and shops are still offering services and they need our support more now than ever. Extra precautions have been put in place to keep everyone safe so please, make purchases or purchase gift cards at your local favorites if you want them to survive through this very difficult time.

In an abundance of caution and care, Santa Monica launched the Santa Monica Shines COVID-19 Assurance seal program. To date, 12 of the hotels participating in the Extra Bedroom program have already earned the Santa Monica Shines COVID-19 Assurance seal and all LA County COVID-19 guidelines are strictly enforced including Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, Hotel Casa del Mar, JW Marriott Santa Monica Le Merigot, Le Méridien Delfina Santa Monica, Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, Santa Monica Motel, Sea Blue Hotel, Shore Hotel, Shutters on the Beach, The Georgian Hotel and Viceroy Santa Monica. To see all businesses that have earned their seal visit https://www.santamonica.com/santa-monica-shines-assurance-program/.

The Extra Bedroom program offer also extends to family and friends when space and social distancing can be a challenge. Also, perfect for gift-giving, Santa Monica residents can show valid proof of ID to receive the special Santa Monica hotel deals at more than 26 participating hotels listed at https://www.santamonica.com/extra-bedroom/. To receive the discounted rates – some up to $300 off – mention the program while making the reservation over the phone. Rates are subject to availability and blackout dates may apply. Stop by and mention the program at any of the three Santa Monica Visitor Information Centers to receive 30 percent off most merchandise at the Main Visitor Information Center, 2427 Main Street; Visitor Information Kiosk, 1400 Ocean Avenue; and Pier Shop and Visitor Center, 200 Santa Monica Pier.

Each of us by buying local keeps dollars in Santa Monica's economy! For every $10 spent at a Santa Monica business, up to $7 stays in the community and is reinvested to support local schools, parks and community services. To help you buy local and explore your beachside city, resources are available on how to travel responsibly; hotel, dining and retail safety measures; a personalized vacation planning tool; discounts at Santa Monica businesses; KCRW playlist; and more at www.santamonica.com/shines.

USTA states that 63 percent or more than six in 10 people feel that they desperately need a vacation. If you live in Santa Monica, you're already halfway there to enjoying a great and hassle free getaway, world-class dining, shopping, and fun and sun at the beach. Take a look at how you could spend your time at santamonica.com.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

SMPD Hosts Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Event

Santa Monica and other surrounding communities continue to see an increase in catalytic converter thefts. As an effort to deter theft and educate the community, the Santa Monica Police Department will partner with Firestone Complete Auto Care and host a free catalytic converter etching event where vehicle license plate numbers will be etched onto the heat shield of the participants' catalytic converters.

What: SMPD Etch & Catch

Who: Forty Santa Monica residents have secured a reservation

When: Wednesday, March 10, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Where: Firestone Complete Auto Care, 1817 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, CA.

What is a catalytic converter and why would someone want to steal one? Catalytic converters are a crucial component of a car's exhaust system. They're located under the car and attached to the exhaust pipe, typically with bolts. The catalytic converter is designed to reduce the toxicity of emissions from a vehicle's engine. Catalytic converters are valuable to scrap metal dealers, in part, because they contain precious metals, including rhodium, platinum and palladium. Etching a converter may deter theft. Catalytic converters do not have unique serial numbers or identifiable markings, making it difficult for law enforcement officers to return the property to the owner when suspects are arrested with these stolen vehicle parts in their possession. The presence of license plate numbers on catalytic converters can provide police with the information needed to identify stolen property, contact victims, and apprehend/prosecute criminals. This program is open to those who live or work in Santa Monica and while specific vehicles are targeted by thieves, all makes and models are eligible for the program.

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Citywide

Albertsons, Vons, & Pavilions Campaign Supports Special Olympics Athletes

Through March 23, Albertsons, Vons and Pavilions (AVP) shoppers will have the opportunity to donate at checkout to support Special Olympics Southern California athletes. Find your local store at SOSC.Org/AVP.

"We are extremely grateful for our partnership with AVP," said SOSC President and CEO Calvin Lyons. "Over the last 36 years, the AVP campaign has raised over $8.4 million to support our athletes. We appreciate everyone who contributes. Every dollar helps! They are also one of the largest employers of people with intellectual disabilities, including over 25 SOSC athletes."

Throughout 339 Southern California stores, AVP customers will be given three donation amount options: $1, $3, or $5. They can also select a custom amount by telling the cashier. All donations collected will support SOSC athletes by providing free sports training and programming, such as virtual sports leagues, live virtual workouts, learning materials, equipment, and more. This programming leads to improved health, self-confidence, and independence among athletes with intellectual disabilities and acceptance and inclusion in the community.

"I've worked at Vons for 13 years," said SOSC Athlete Colbert Williams. "I bag groceries. I do carts. I do carryout. I've never been late. Whoever helps raise money for Special Olympics, I thank them. I can't wait to get back to sports."

For more information on the campaign, please visit www.sosc.org/avp.

AVP is recognized as a Year-Round platinum partner and holds Mission partner status having supported SOSC for 10+ years with over $500k in cumulative support. For more information and to track campaign progress visit www.sosc.org/avp.

SUBMITTED BY ISIS ROBERTS

Judge rules in favor of Vanessa Bryant in crash photos suit

A federal judge in California has ruled that Kobe Bryant's widow, Vanessa Bryant, can obtain the names of four Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies who allegedly shared graphic photos from the site of the helicopter crash that killed her husband, their daughter Gianna and seven others.

An effort by Los Angeles County lawyers to keep the deputies' names under seal was rejected Monday by U.S. District Judge John F. Walter, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The ruling means the names and details from an internal affairs investigation of the deputies could be added to Vanessa Bryant's lawsuit against the county and the Sheriff's Department. The county, however, can appeal the decision.

Kobe Bryant and the others were killed Jan. 26, 2020, when the helicopter they were aboard crashed west of Los Angeles in the hills of Calabasas.

The Times later reported that an investigation found deputies shared photos of victims' remains. Vanessa Bryant sued, seeking damages for negligence and invasion of privacy.

County lawyers argued that the deputies' names should remain under seal because releasing them would make it easy for hackers to locate their personal information and addresses.

The judge wrote that Sheriff Alex Villanueva's "promise to publicly release the (internal affairs bureau) report after the conclusion of the investigation undermines Defendants' purported concern in the disclosure of the limited excerpts at issue here."

The judge also wrote that the public has a vested interest in assessing the truthfulness of allegations of police misconduct.

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LA county forecasts looser COVID-19 rules

JANIE HAR AND CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Three of the five largest counties in California could reopen as early as this weekend for indoor dining, movie theaters and gyms at limited capacity under a new metric aimed at getting more shots to those most vulnerable.

For Los Angeles County, this would be its first time out of the state's most restrictive closure orders since Gov. Gavin Newsom adopted a color-coded system in August. The other counties likely to see more reopenings are Orange and San Bernardino, also in Southern California.

A new equity initiative announced by Newsom last week allows counties to move out of the most restrictive shutdowns once 2 million shots are administered to people living in ZIP codes that the state deems to be most vulnerable based on household income, access to health care and education levels.

Once that threshold is met, state officials will reassess and restrictions could be loosened within two days, said Ali Bay, deputy director of communications for the California public health department.

Newsom, a Democrat likely to face a recall election later this year, has implemented several new vaccine initiatives tied to reopening schools and the broader economy in recent weeks. All that change has not been easy.

In Santa Clara, County Executive Dr. Jeff Smith said late Monday that his county won't participate in a state vaccine delivery program administered by insurer Blue Shield because it would not improve speed or efficiency. The governor tapped the insurance company to create uniform rules and increase the rate of vaccinations, especially in hard-hit communities, through a centralized online portal.

Smith, the county executive, told the Board of Supervisors Tuesday that the contract would not bring in more doses, while adding "another layer of administration" that could delay getting residents being inoculated.

"It eliminates local control," Smith told the supervisors. "It would put statewide priorities over local needs."

The state's switch to the new vaccine appointment and delivery system was expected to be completed by March 31. So far, only Kern County has signed a contract with Blue Shield. Orange County's Board of Supervisors won't even consider signing the contract for another two weeks. San Bernardino said it's still examining contract details.

Los Angeles County, home to a quarter of the state's nearly 40 million residents, said Tuesday it has not signed the contract but will work with Blue Shield and the state "to design a partnership that strengthens the existing vast and diverse network of vaccination providers."

The California Department of Public Health did not respond to questions about what would happen if Santa Clara or other counties do not join the system. In a statement, the department said dozens of providers at more than 1,000 vaccination sites have signed on.

Among them are about 40 federally qualified health centers, 28 hospitals, four large medical groups, three pharmacies and three tribal clinics, according to Blue Shield.

"Our goal is to save lives by helping to provide all Californians equitable access to the vaccines, especially in those communities hardest hit by the pandemic," Blue Shield spokesperson Matthew Yi said in a statement.

Separately, some elected officials are pushing Newsom to reconsider his plan to send more doses to vulnerable neighborhoods, saying that the ZIP codes he wants to use do not capture all the pockets of poverty in the state. San Francisco Bay Area officials are particularly irked.

Angst over how to deliver vaccine comes as more counties reopen for business as coronavirus infection rates fall, nearly a year after California went into lockdown.

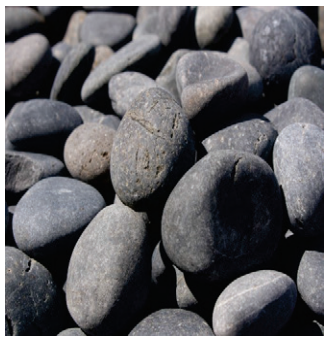
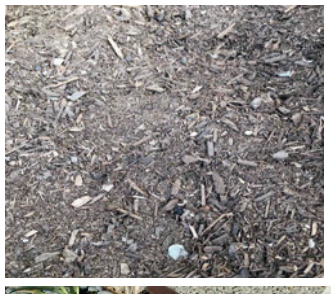
Six counties advanced to the red tier Tuesday, including the San Francisco Bay Area counties of Alameda, Solano and Santa Cruz. Disneyland Resort is likely to reopen in late April, Walt Disney Co. CEO Bob Chapek announced Tuesday, days after Newsom lifted restrictions on outdoor sports and entertainment venues.

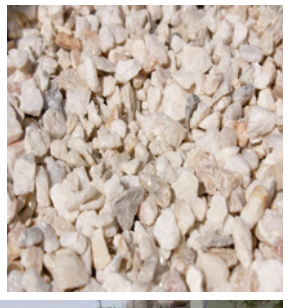
County health officials continue to plead with residents to practice social distancing and wear face masks, even as more people are being vaccinated.

LA County's public health director, Dr. Barbara Ferrer, called the progress uplifting.

"This means that, as we continue to vaccinate more residents, we are slowing transmission, saving lives, and closer to ending this pandemic," she said.

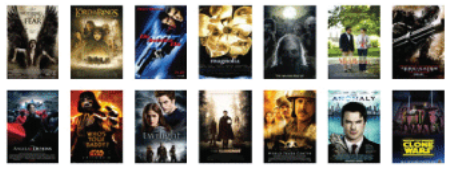
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RESTAURANT

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ON LAUNCHING AND SURVIVING DURING THE PANDEMIC

Family, neighborhood, and community are at the center of Black and Mure's restaurant philosophy.

During the first 60 days of the pandemic, they ran Barrique as a four person family team with the help of Black's brother and Mure's daughter. It was a tough transition and a necessary move to keep the lights on and ensure furloughed staff would have a restaurant to return to.

"Every single day the Chef and I, his daughter and my brother were washing dishes, mopping the floor, prepping the food, cooking the food, and even doing our own shopping," said Black.

This tenacity allowed them to stay afloat and continue serving local residents, who in turn provided devoted patronage.

"The people who came to support us were community members who had grown incredibly close to us," said Black. "That's essentially what we're trying to duplicate with Piccolo: that idea of having a little neighborhood spot that can really accommodate the community."

Piccolo Santa Monica has been in the works since December 2019, but its permit and renovation process was significantly set back by the pandemic. Conversely, the Venice location was a pandemic induced opportunity, as the team snapped up a prime location in a recently vacated Abbot Kinney restaurant space.

WHAT TO ORDER RIGHT NOW

Owner and Executive Chef Antonio Mure has carefully cultivated the menu to incorporate dishes and styles from all over Italy, drawing inspiration from his Sicilian roots, his family in Parma, and his time working in the Dolomites. He is aided by Chef de Cuisine Victorino Balbino, who has been by his side since the original Piccolo opened in 2004.

Mure assures diners that every dish is divine, but recommends starting out with the jamon serrano, which is served with poached pear, sweetened with canella vanilla, and complemented by a creamy burrata.

For pasta lovers Mure advises ordering the red beet and poppy seed ravioli or the potato and fig tortelloni.

"We serve the tortelloni in a bed of Parmesan fondue, so it's a cream that is reduced and caramelized, which gives a little bit of sweetness while the Parmesan cheese gives amazing flavor," said Mure. "When you bite it you have the crunchiness of the fig seeds with a little brown butter fried sage on top."

For a touch of sweetness Mure points diners toward the three layered tronchetto chocolate mousse or the creme custard.

"My creme custard is special because they reduce the cream to create a thickness like a soft cheese, so you have this beautiful French vanilla bean flavor and soft cheese consistency topped with crispy pistachio nuts," said Mure.

Piccolo Santa Monica is open for dinner seven days a week at 2127 Lincoln Blvd and Piccolo Venice is open Tuesday through Saturday at 1616 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Both locations have plans to expand into lunch and brunch options soon.

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RESCUE PLAN

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but the Act failed to include any direct stabilization aid to local governments with populations under 500,000, regardless of public health or economic impacts, Interim City Manager Lane Dilg has explained on a few occasions over the months.

So while Santa Monica only saw a little more than a million dollars, cities with populations that are only three to five times the size of Santa Monica received nearly 20 times as much funding. For context, Bakersfield, a Central Valley city with a population around 375,000, received $33.5 million and Long Beach, which has a population of 360,000, was granted $40.3 million of CARES Act funds, Dilg said.

But there's hope in President Joe Biden's "American Rescue Plan," which city staff described as an ambitious legislative package that would fund COVID-19 vaccinations, provide direct federal relief to families and support struggling communities across the US.

The plan includes billions in emergency funding that will be used by state and local governments to keep essential frontline workers employed, facilitate continued testing and vaccine distribution, reopen schools, and aid in the collective economic recovery, according to city officials, who said federal representatives in Congress and the White House have been hard at work ensuring the unique needs of smaller cities like Santa Monica are not left out of the formula that will eventually determine how much aid is delivered to states and local municipalities like ours.

Like many city leaders throughout the region, Dilg said this week she believes the passage of the American Rescue Plan is a huge step forward for working families in Santa Monica and across the country since it will provide much needed funding that will allow city leaders a chance to accelerate vaccine rollouts, support the reopening of schools and small businesses in the community.

"The City is very pleased to be receiving $29 million from the bill to help offset the very substantial COVID-related revenue losses that the City budget has experienced over the first year of the pandemic," Dilg said, adding, "It is important to remember that this one-time federal aid to the City represents a small fraction of the revenue lost in COVID and only approximately 4% of the City's current operating budget."

The relief package -- which was approved by the Senate on a 50 to 49 vote after an overnight session -- is now heading to the House of Representatives to incorporate Senate amendments.

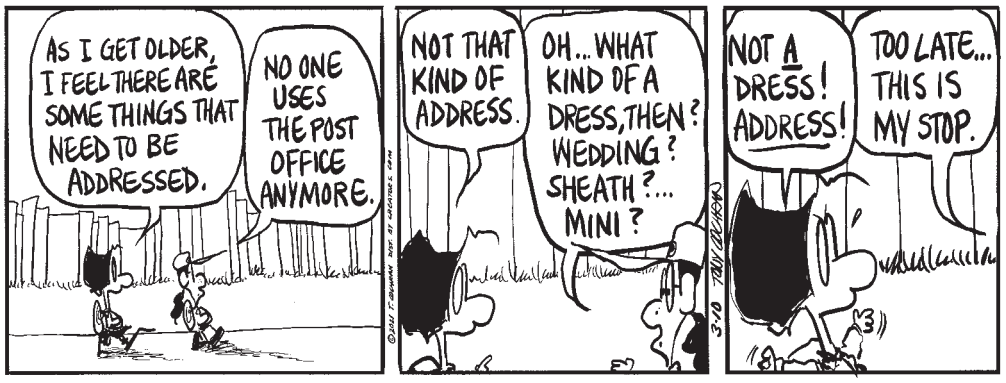
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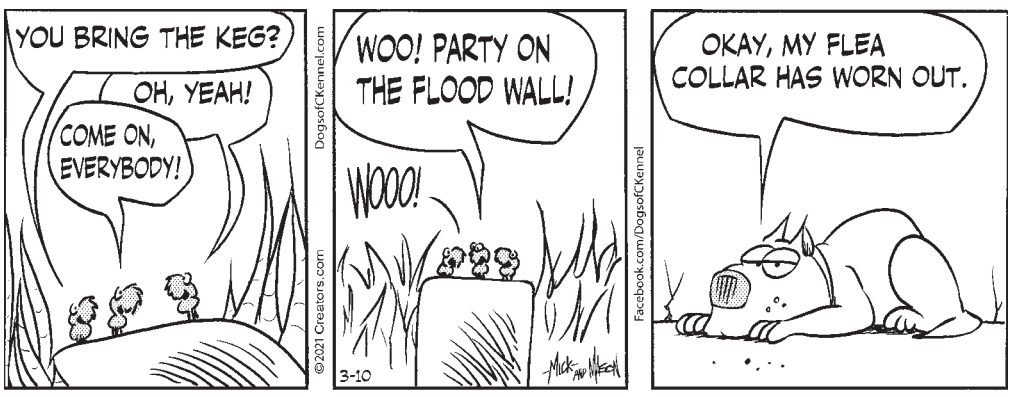
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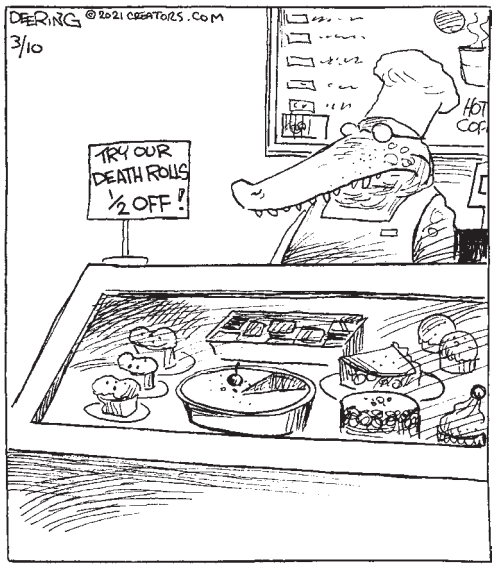
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"I WONDER IF MY GRANDMA HAS A TATTOO."

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 57.6°

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
AM wind starting to look more favorable. Deep high tide really slows down most of the points in the AM - look for a late AM window there. Bumpy conditions PM. Primary WNW swell holds, small S.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high
Light winds/clean conditions likely for most of the AM. Deep AM high tide really slows many spots down, esp the points. Best window mid to late AM for most. Smaller WNW swell leftovers, touch of SSW.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Rain before 10am, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 10am. High near 55.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46.
Thursday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 4pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 56.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/03/10	Wed	8:29 PM	4.26	H
2021/03/11	Thu	01:48 AM	1.35	L
2021/03/11	Thu	07:50 AM	5.68	H
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2021/03/11	Thu	8:53 PM	4.44	H
2021/03/12	Fri	02:24 AM	1.04	L
2021/03/12	Fri	08:26 AM	5.56	H
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MARCH 10)

The interactions that come as part of your cosmic birthday package contribute to the lighter side of life. Frivolity, laughter, novelty, glamor and excitement shouldn't be looked at as "extras," since you need some degree of the effervescent to keep your heart buoyant and your mind working optimally. A windfall comes in July. Aries and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 44, 23, 9 and 4.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). However complex the project may be, with all its moving parts to tend to and diverse personalities to contend with, the essence of your work still boils down to a simple directive: Do the next right thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your agenda may feel off. Ask, "Why am I doing this?" Reasons like guilt and obligation may surface. Maybe you still have to follow through, but at least you'll approach in full consciousness of your motives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You take great pleasure in connecting people, and you consider it your job to do it well. There's more to it than just making an introduction. You create the structure and social safety that helps everyone relax and shine.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your thoughts about a thing can go in many directions, which is why you're better off if you stop thinking and start doing. Your action will be far more deliberate, making things go in one direction -- the one that works in reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's better to express stress than to swallow it. Avoid eating or drinking the tension. Instead, drain it from your body onto the pavement you walk, or onto the page on which you write your mind and feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are not defined by your past, but your way of thinking of it can be very defining indeed. The new person you are now sees what happened a little differently than historic you saw it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One way to prove to yourself that you are not defined by the past and the things that have happened to you is to create a new identity fashioned purely to your preferences.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being with that energizing person is like being born, reborn and a hundred times made new. Now the phenomenon has developed to the point where you don't even have to be in close vicinity. The thought alone brings a quickening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The one receiving all the attention won't be the most powerful one in the room. You'll tune your eye to the dynamics of power and see it vividly at work. This deep level of understanding will give you more options.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even more than usual, others will follow your lead. This will be especially true regarding your approach to all things you. The things you say about yourself, the way you treat your time and value your efforts... they'll follow suit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Brick by brick, you are building the empire of you. Right now it feels like more of a single-room studio of you. That's only because you're so focused on the main priority. The expansion is coming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a change you want and a chance to contribute the elements to help bring it about. Of course, it's not all up to you. It's going to take a team, if not an entire army, to make this happen. Your contribution matters, though.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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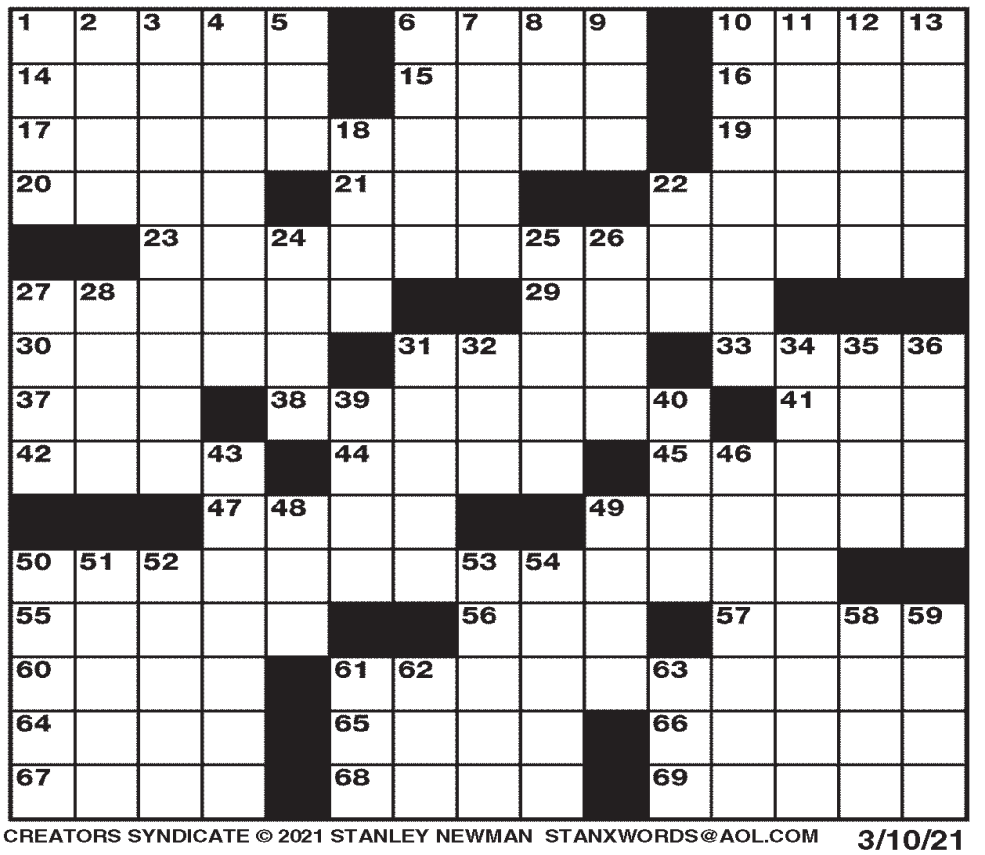
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10 Parts of a commuter train
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16 Frequently
17 One patrolling Yellowstone
19 __ one's time (be patient)
20 Stash away
21 Weed-chopping farm tool
22 Soldier's sword
23 Advice from another doctor
27 Up for grabs
29 Tableland
30 Versatile worker
31 Twosome
33 Apply the brakes
37 And the others, for short
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42 Burger bun tidbit
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56 Get more mellow
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69 Said further

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2 Exam for a would-be atty.
3 Rocketry industry
4 Partner of quill pens
5 Hide __ hair
6 Religious rule
7 Strongly advised
8 Service charge
9 A ways away
10 Beachside sheds
11 Accused's excuse
12 Roping competition
13 Back of a ship
18 Greeting on a ship
22 Female sibling, for short
24 Kid of a cow
25 Leaves out
26 Andes nation
27 "Beware the __ of March"
28 Quickly written letter
31 Liable (to)
32 Snake near the Nile
34 Descriptor for a hare
35 Plow-pulling beasts
36 Causes awe in
39 Heron relative
40 Spot for docking
43 Chest of drawers
46 Put down, but forgot where
48 Curator's concern
49 Felt bad about
50 Overhauled
51 Display visibly, as confidence
52 Cello's smaller cousin
53 Capital on the Nile
54 Very mean bosses
58 S&L loan
59 Peered at
61 Bag-screening grp.
62 Sing a wordless tune
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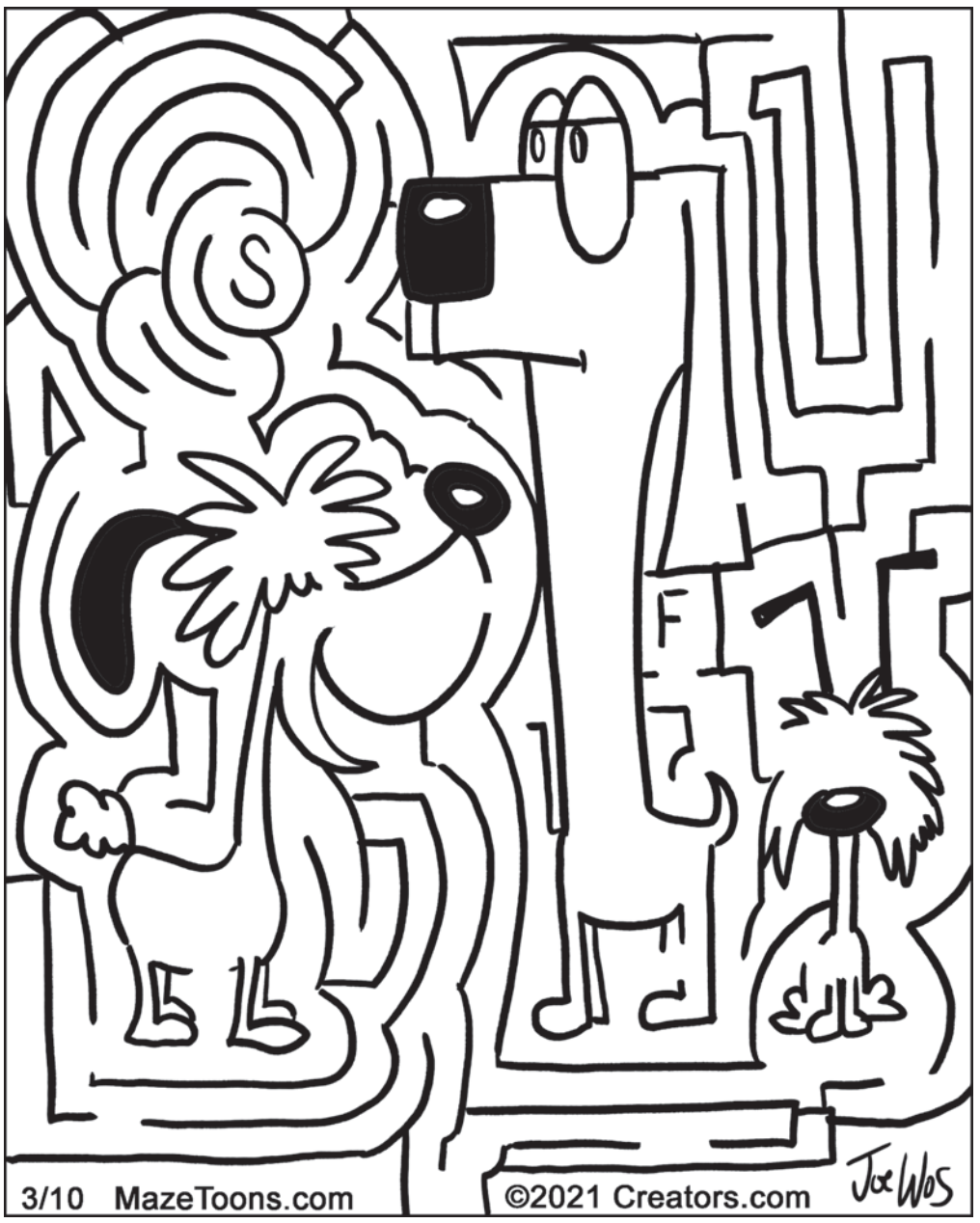
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Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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winning illustrator Gabriella Urbina, "Feel Like Eggs?" serves as a lighthearted introduction to the feelings that kids experience on a daily basis by linking familiar egg dishes to particular feelings, Goodman said in a recent interview.

"My dad, who passed away from Pancreatic Cancer in 2018, was a big fan of rhyming, poetry and linguistics. He loved a good pun — and by good pun, I mean a bad one," Goodman said as he detailed the origins of his own passion for writing and editing. "I remember back in third grade, my teacher would put sentences on the chalkboard that had some errors in them and I always loved getting into class and correcting all of the errors; that really is stuck with me. So, I've always been into writing but I didn't seriously consider actually writing a children's book until my daughter was born and started exploring the genre again for the first time since I was a child."

His daughter Rowan, Goodman said, "when she was little, well, she still is little but when she was really little, she loved playing with an empty egg carton. So, as I'm seeing the world through her eyes, I begin playing around with this idea of: 'What if every egg had their own emotion?'"

And with his father's passion for linguistics and this book starting from his daughter's imaginative play, Goodman added, "everything just felt very cyclical with the book because I feel like I'm sharing this love of language that my dad shared with me and I'm now passing it on to my daughter."

But Goodman also hopes the story will be an asset to other children and families as well.

"During my time as a Daily Press reporter, I was covering schools and education for a good bulk of my time so I was able to see some of the programming that was resonating with students and families in the schools... In particular, I remember at Santa Monica Alternative School House, they were introducing a mindfulness program there and they were bringing in outside experts to meet with students and go over simple things like expressing your feelings in the moment. And, as this was happening, you can really see that the children were receptive to it; and from talking to the teachers and administrators, there was a lot of feedback on just how beneficial it was for a student to be able to walk away when they're having an argument on the playground to take a few deep breaths and really understand why they were feeling a certain way. That was really powerful and that really stuck with me," Goodman said. "Then when I started working at Crossroads School in Santa Monica, there was similar programming that was available there but they call one aspect of it 'Council.' You sit in a circle with your peers and it's kind of like a circle of trust... There's usually some sort of topic of conversation; in the younger grades it could be something about school or homework but in older grades they get into deeper topics about sexuality and identity. The idea is to be able to speak from your heart and to listen and to really build empathy for others because, as you're going around the circle talking, 90% of the time you're listening to other people — only a fraction of the time are you speaking so you're really hearing and sort of identifying with what other people think."

Fast forward to the end of 2019, Goodman said, "I started thinking a lot more about how my kid is going to grow up in this crazy world and then, boom, three months later, we're in a pandemic and that really hammered home the need for tools that meet students' socio-emotional needs. Couple that with my longtime interest in writing and editing, and I thought it'd be cool to see a children's book that explains emotions in a new way that kids can relate to and that adults will get a kick out of while they read and share it."

At the end of the book, there's a chart with the different eggs showing different expressions so there's a little picture of a silly egg, scared egg and a bunch of others, and that chart is supposed to act as the conversation starter, according to Goodman.

"After someone has read the book to a child, you can really have a light hearted conversation about how they're feeling," he added. "I didn't have the kind of social emotional programming that I described earlier... And I think there's just a huge need for it so I really thought that it was time to share that with the world and maybe give kids a new way of fresh way of thinking about their feelings all while promoting a love of reading."

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