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Can't Get Enough *L.A. Parent*? Find It On the Web!

A Few of Mo's Favorite Smells



Longtime friends Margaret Hyde and Amanda Giacomini collaborated to introduce a new children's book, *Mo Smells Red* (www.mosnose.com; \$17.95, all ages), which stars an adorable dog with a heightened

sense of smell who experiences color through his nose! Giacomini is an artist and graphic designer living in Point Reyes, and Hyde is a publisher, writer and photographer based in Southern California. Read about several other local authors in the *Education Directory* (inside this issue) and find an extended version on the Web.



Cracking Like an Egg...

Readers will relate to humorist, family man and father of three boys, Gregory Keer, as he reflects on his parenting skills,

or lack thereof, during a local trek to Trader Joe's in this month's column online.



A Date Fit For Royalty

If you're looking for something fun to do with the family, look no further than this royal bash on Jan. 11: Simply drive your carriage to Stardancers Horizon Castle (320 W. Wilson St., Glendale) and arrive when castle gates open at 12:45 p.m. Find music, balloon animals and royal dance lessons with the princess in addition to ongoing activities for parents, such as massages. More about this event – and several other family outings – is just a click away when you visit our searchable online calendar.



Get the 411 on L.A.

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- Critter Club - Daily Special
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For a complete list of programs and activities, visit www.nhm.org/weekends

Adults - \$9
Seniors 62+, Students 18 and over with ID - \$6.50
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Children 5 through 12 - \$2
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Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
900 Exposition Blvd. LA, CA 90007

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