San Diego has become an overbuilt theme park, a hollowed-out pleasure dome noisy with professional sports teams and the byproducts of drug- and boom-fed street festivals generated for tourists, conventioners, and high-tech moguls. Unemployment is absurdly low, and the city's economy, fueled by tourism, biotech, cell phones, and the stream of cocaine that crosses the Mexican border, simmers at near-boil.

In the middle of Balboa Park, once the city's finest public asset, a hellish parking garage is planned for the San Diego Zoo, which has become a bastion of commercial exploitation, hawking its wares on the Internet and hosting loud private parties for convention-going revelers. "Many visitors from out of town have difficulty finding the Zoo entrance," the zoo complained on its website, belittling its argument to gobble up more park land with PR doublespeak. "An improved entrance that brings the Zoo out to Park Boulevard would enhance the Zoo's presence and relationship with Balboa Park." Instead of a

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You sound as if you’re holding something back,” Walter James said, his voice ever-thoughtful.

“Nothing,” she answered, meeting his gaze. “I just don’t know what to say.”

“Why not?”

“Because you’re not the one who’s going to have to live with it,” she replied, her voice softening. “You don’t have to worry about the consequences.”

“I understand,” he said, his eyesunreadable. “But I want to help you.”

“You can’t help me,” she insisted, her tone firm. “I have to deal with this on my own.”

“Don’t be so hard on yourself,” he countered. “You’re not alone.”

“I know,” she sighed, turning away. “But it’s hard.”

“I’m here for you,” he promised, his voice soothing. “Whenever you need me.”

“I appreciate it,” she acknowledged, her voice low. “But I have to do this on my own.”

“Okay,” he said, his eyes gentle. “Just know that I’m here for you.”

“Thank you,” she whispered, her voice small.

“Anytime.”

“Thank you,” she repeated, her voice stronger. “I really appreciate it.”

“You’re welcome,” he replied, his eyesunreadable.

“I have to go now,” she said, her voice urgent. “I have an important meeting.”

“Of course,” he said, his eyesunreadable. “I’ll see you later.”

“I’ll see you later,” she replied, her voice firm.

“Take care.”

“I will.”

“Goodbye,” she said, her voice small.

“Goodbye,” he replied, his voice unreadable.
The Mr. San Diego Follies

(caption continued from page 12)

renowned central library, the city will soon have the finest
baseball stadium money can buy, with some of the art-deco
houses for the wealthy to entertain their friends and busi-
ness partners, courtesy of local taxpayers. While Mission
Bay grew crowded and polluted, the civic council contin-
ued to buy up millions of dollars of unused football tick-
ets from John Spano, the contractor developer who owns
the San Diego Chargers. The near deal was pushed by City
Manager Jack McGover, who quit after taxpayers got wind
of the fiasco. But instead of doing something for his base-
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Drays devoted much of his time to urging his fellow San
Diego to spend prudently in their relations to the past, serv-
ing the great beneficence of continuous sunshine.

On December 15, 1981, the award was given to the Grant Club, described
in a 1907 story by the San Diego Union as "a sort of
men meeting every Monday in the Grant Hotel lobby." In
its early years, the club was said to be "the principal inter-
ested in partisan politics." Fingers on at club gather-
ings include local politicians in order to fix some future
vote on their projects through local legislative bills. They
are referred to as not accorded real membership. Published
writers are encouraged to attend, but, like children, they

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should be seen and not heard. “Every day for more than 20 years,” the paper reported, “Grant children have been served by the same waitresses, Florence Fans. Most of the club members place no food on

dishes, but that is what she brings them, as well as ordered

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er tables.”

By 1985 the club was

unwittingly more interested in boosting the local econ

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logue, hence Grant’s need. “This is the most Christ

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me,” Dwyer reportedly told

the backhanded crowd at the

Grant. “If you try to do

poorly good for the com

munity, you do good for

yourself. The best means

you can have are a lot of

friends. San Diego does not

ever see a thing. I owe ev

erything to San Diego. I am

a lucky man.”

If Mr. San Diego was

full of small-town schmaltz, he reflected his con

sciousness. Now, in Mr.

San Diego way, Harley E.

Kress, a “prominent dair
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der, Dwyer presented the

award to Kress and an

nounced, “In all these

years, including the night

he served as mayor, I have

never yet heard anyone say

an unkind word about

Harley Kress.” Kress had

actually been the target of

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Cagney, the story went, had been abandoned by a Chicago newspaperman called Jim Cagney, the weekly newspaper of Illinois newspapers he had assembled to help him campaign against the Governor. He had been urged, he said, to accept the offer and voted for the weakest boy, Harry, instead. Cagney had already been editor-in-chief of the newspaper he had inherited from his predecessors, including the Chicago Tribune and the San Francisco Chronicle.

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Rectangular Majesty

San Diego says: "Public buses are not a good mode of transportation," but then qualifies the remark by continuing: "If you're in a hurry or traveling farther than 10 miles." Oh, they might have added, if you have an extra $15 grand lying around for a car.

And the corner of Broadway and Fifth didn't look like a photo shoot for Land's End or Banana Republic either, on that cold December afternoon as I waited and waited for the number 7 bus, which, according to my MTS La Mesa/Downtown San Diego schedule, came by every 12 minutes. Now, 12 gets into 60 something like five times, and it was just about an hour that I had all to myself, not a worry in the world, to check out the comings and goings along that stretch of Broadway.

One of the inadvertent pleasures in life is getting stuck. We Americans have an appetite, perhaps even a native genius, for getting from point A to point B quickly and directly. We demolish mountainsides, tunnel under rivers, lay hundreds of miles of asphalt across the most productive soil on earth to meet that end. It's the American way. One has only to stand on Coronado's beach at sunset while the Navy SEALs prepare for nighttime maneuvers — attack jets, helicopters, transports, and surveillance aircraft racing overhead — to understand how intent we are in that way.

But one does get stuck, in spite of all SEALs and freeways and turbochargers notwithstanding. Broadway is as recommendable a place as any for carefully inspecting several square yards of sidewalk and all that clusters on top of and beside it. For instance, when I turn away from the street, a 180 degree-st, I find myself face-to-face — separated by plate glass, that is — with two wonderfully attractive young women, side by side, one very black, one very white, closely friends, sitting on stools, eating fried chicken, and staring back with a certain curiosity at the balding middle-aged man with his nomad and pen staring at them. I look up Louisiana Fried Chicken. I look down at the ladies. They look at me.

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Review

Don't Flinch

Robert Schenkkan,aren't you the guy who wrote "The American Buffalo"? Didn't you win a Pulitzer Prize for it? I remember reading it in school and thinking it was pretty good. But I didn't think you were going to write anything like this.

Don't Flinch is a dark, satirical play about the Nixon administration and the Watergate scandal. It's a biting commentary on the corruption and hypocrisy of power, and the ways in which politicians can manipulate the media and public opinion to their own advantage.

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Becky Tucker and her brother, Ken, are a fun-loving, down-home family from North Carolina. They've been playing together since they were kids, and their music is a reflection of their southern upbringing. They've been featured in several festivals and events around the country, and their sound has drawn comparisons to the likes of Aretha Franklin and B.B. King. Becky's powerful vocals and emotive playing make her a force to be reckoned with, and her brother's versatile guitar skills add to their dynamic sound. They're a must-see for anyone who loves soul and R&B music.

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It seems nothing is untouched by the yuppy virus — look what they did to coffee, for Pete’s sake (and if anyone were to consciously rebel and order a plain cup of joe in protest against all the nonsense, that would be even sillier — self-consciousness is what started this whole thing). Four-wheel-drive have suffered a similar fate, being fetishized and luxuriously self-parody and remained slick. But the real advances have been gnostic, as if every thing the boomers are while growing up needed to be re-issued in an improved form — olive oil, pizzas, breads, bounce, ice cream.

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live performers. The biggest vacuum in the San Diego theatre scene is not seen for work by local playwrights. Thanks to Scriptwriters and the Young Playwrights Project and Actors Alliance — San Diego institutions all — and some theaters, play can receive staged readings. But rare is the work that gets a full mounting, where the author can see and hear the script "brought forth," as Shakespeare said. For the last six years, only the Fritz Theater has filled this gap. The Fritz Blitz of New Plays, held each summer, stages full productions of new work. Over a six-week period, the Fritz offers between 13 and 16 plays and runs over 100 theater artists (directors, actors, designers) in the process. On an average year, the theater reads 150 submitted scripts. This year, owing to the popularity of the project, the Fritz management read over 150 original works.

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The label reads, "Produced and bottled by Las Pedras Vineyards, Temecula, CA," but the grapes for Steve Hagata's Sanguveo, Zinfandel, and Syrah are grown just outside San Diego. All three varieties are friendly to the region's warmer climate, and Hagata's wines are characteristic and clean. The '94 Syrah was recently included in a tasting by the California Grapevine, where it placed third out of 11 wines, beating out entries from such well-regarded producers as Cline Vineyards, Feeney, Truchard, and Swanson. The panel's review described the wine as being "above average to superior quality. Very appealing for near-term drinking. Good value, highly recommended." Not bad for a wine that is essentially the work of one man — Hagata is wine-maker, vineyard manager, and, with a little help from his friends, harvester. Happily, Las Pedras wines can be found, where they're available, at local shops: the Wineelsea & Brasserie off Mission Road and the Wine Bank downtown.

BEST PUBLIC LIBRARY

CARLSBAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

CARLSBAD VILLAGE DRIVE

The building on Carlsbad Village Drive feels cramped and the carpeting and linoleum are aging, but you can master the computer system in about ten seconds and then be assured by the abundance of the materials that are cataloged. The video and recorded-book collection stand out, the genealogy section is extensive, and the children's book section overflow with interesting offerings that look as if they haven't (yet) passed through 10,000 grumpy little hands. Though the Carlsbad library is currently in transition (it closed August 31 and will undergo remodeling with a planned reopening next winter), a brand-new $2 million facility on El Camino Real — almost three times the size of the old library — is scheduled to open on September 25; it will include a 221-seat auditorium and a 2000-square-foot art gallery. The best news for bibliophiles, old and new, anyone with a picture ID and evidence of a current address can get a card.

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**BEST ZINE**

WHERE?

Back in the 80s, times were self-published distributer against mainstream society, corporate rock, or the editor’s parents. San Diego had an active “zine” scene back then. Now, multimedia graphical computer packages have replaced Xerography. Techno music has replaced punk rock, and WHERE is San Diego’s most available “zine”. The pocket-sized monthly looks like a CD laser notes insert and is free at CD shops, trendy clothing stores, and both coffeehouses. The cover typically features a girl with pink-purple, or green hair. Despite the “art” sign, WHERE’s no affiliated website. Glossy danceclub flyers make up the advertising, while the “text” consists of photos of local Beautiful People in their natural nightlife habitats, like Montana, E Street, and the Blue Fox. Photographic content is supplied by club photographer Robert Arnaud, whose specially is smiling girls in tight shirts.

**FOOD**

PLAYGROUND

WHERE?

Opposed worlds of childhood energy and parental relaxation coexist at fast-food play structures all over town. The best of them is at the Mission Gorge Burger King just past the metal bars, the surveillance cameras, and the mesh netting, an analogue of colors — red, yellow, blue, and green spheres, yellow, blue, and purple tubing — twists, turns, and inches upward, like a carrousel in its ascent of a vine. Children crawl through a maze of punching bags, which lead to the dual entrances into the fair-sized ball pit. The perfect for the littler children. For the older, more daring child, a wide, sloping rope ladder leads to a series of tubes culminating in a long, twisty tube slide. For more and dad, a comfortable bench and an emburried cup of coffee.

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Central Animal Pound

San Diego County's Department of Animal Control serves the unincorporated areas of the county plus Imperial Beach, Del Mar, Solana Beach, Encinitas, Carlsbad, Escondido, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, and San Diego. The department maintains four centers; the best is the one tucked between Morena Boulevard and Fries Road. In an astounding departure from bureaucratic reality, this shelter is open seven days a week. Call ahead for specific times. Walk around the facility and you'll be struck by the care employees have taken with this elderly animal pen. Notice the old, smelly, but immaculately maintained buildings, the lovely mural hand-painted on kennel signs, the engraved signs in the cattery. Employees love their pets, they seem to enjoy their work, and they carry themselves with dignity. Gaines Street usually has a large selection of pets, and you can be assured these animals are healthy and have been spayed or neutered. Employees will spend time with you, answer questions, and, if asked, give you a tour.

Best Place to See the Jacarandas in Bloom

The City of San Diego has an official flower: the camellia, but no official tree. Why not the jacaranda? Every June the county's jacarandas, with lavender blooms and honey fragrance, serve as herald of summer's onset. The best place to see them is downtown on Ash Street, between Seventh and India. A mid-June drive on west-flowing, one-way street, an 11-block trip, is too short. Instead start at Seventh Avenue and walk it. It's an easy downhill jaunt toward the bay. The jacarandas on both sides are lined with the 25- to 30-foot trees and covered with a purple carpet of fallen blooms. The trees' dark brown bark contrasts with the icy green foliage and tiny被害者 blooms.
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CHOREOGRAPHER

O JOHN MALDONADO

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BEST MANAGING DIRECTOR OF A MUSICAL ORGANIZATION

O NANCY LATUERO

Mainly Mozart, founded by conductor David Atherton with the aid of executive director Nancy Latuero, started small and continued, with a few chamber orchestras, to enjoy at the Old Church's outdoor theater. Musically, it was high caliber from the beginning, providing San Antonio with first-rate classical music during the warmest season. But could it survive? It has not only survived, it has flourished, and much of the credit is due to Latuero, whose low-key style disguises a high level of persistence and resourcefulness. Her fund-raising abilities and her skills in attracting new audiences have helped to make Mainly Mozart a permanent part of the local musical scene, and she has succeeded in expanding its activities in directions no one could have suspected. There are chamber music and recitals as well as orchestral concerts. The venues include not only various San Antonio locations but also several in Baja California, bringing Mainly Mozart to the many music-lovers on the other side of the border. Aside from the festival series in June, Latuero's organization now offers concerts throughout the year, with the same stable of fine musicians.

BEST LOCAL PIANO TRIO

O THE UNARMED TRIO

They are also the most enduring local piano trio, having concerted together for 17 years, to the delight of San Diego chamber-music lovers. How did a group of his brilliant professional quality happen to form? It's a matter of family attachments and of the musicians' other activities. Ron Goldman, for example, is a well-known clarinetist, and he conducts a yearly workshop for chamber-music players that has become a large-scale enterprise. But the bonds holding the group together are essentially ones of musical temperament, for violinist Goldman, cellist Mary Lande, and pianist Ileana Mihal are a team for intense, passionate playing. Similarly, they share the impulse to investigate lesser-known repertoire — an impulse that has resulted in the group's 1999 CD of "Rarities for Piano Trio." Their ennobling performances on this disc would make any music lover want to hear more of Joaquin Stringhner's, George Seidman's, and Julia Smith's (this last a stimulating American composer otherwise unrepresented in the record catalog). They even include some rarely performed Beethoven: a couple of trios without opus number.

BEST LOCAL CONCERT HALL

O EAST COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Yes, the East County Performing Arts Center in "distant" El Cajon is larger than thevalued Auditorium of the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art or the splendid auditorium of the Neuroscience Institute, smaller than the cavernous Civic Theatre or glamorous Copley Symphony Hall, this endowed venue would provide an ideal setting for recitals, chamber music, or orchestral concerts. Its acoustics are the best in the country, its architecture is simple and handsome, its comfortable balcony gives unimpeded views of the stage; musicians on that stage can enjoy the hall's clear and rich resonances while playing; and the lobby area is inviting, with easy and efficient traffic patterns. Evidently, the majority of San Diego music lovers are unwilling to make the trip to East County, considering it too long a ride, or fearing the shabby neighborhood surrounding the Arts Center. What a shame — for music in that hall sounds better than in any of the more urbane.
laid audiences around here, better than in the hondurean concert hall of Jason's Santa Fe Center for the Arts (which is even further away).

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- **EAST SIDE, NEAR CLAIRSDALE AND SEA WORLD DRIVE**

On Wednesdays during daylight-saving time, around 5:30 in the evening, more British men than you know lived in San Diego gather on the east side of Mission Bay Park to play a bit of football. The Brits will let you play even if they don't exactly give you a warm welcome. But if you exhibit an ample amount of skill and, more importantly, grit, you'll earn their respect. Be prepared for fast-paced and very physical soccer — er, football. A word to the wise: the word soccer is strictly prohibited; the field should be called the pitch, the teams referred to as sides, the game called a match or a tie, and a tie is a draw. And you never take a shot, you have a shot. Get off 1-5 at Clairmont Drive and head toward the bay. Go left on Mission Bay and the first large grass area you come to is the pitch.

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few miles, on Pinyon Mountain Road, begins insidiously enough. But soon enough "The Square," a passage hemmed in by rock juts over six feet apart, and the one-way "Pinyon Mountain Dropoff" into upper Pinyon Wash separate the bold and foolish from the timid and prudent operators of four-wheel-drive machines. By the ten-mile mark, the route enters the drainage of Fish Creek, and the remaining miles of mostly sandy truck take you through the fascinating Carrizo Badlands and an imposing cliff called Split Mountain.

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A COUNTY HIGHWAY 52 FROM HIGHWAY 9 TO OSWALD
Lock much of the work to gravity and a prevailing tailwind as you glide down the 17-mile asphalt ribbon of County Highway 52, now known as Highway 9, from Warner Springs to Osweald alongside Interstate 15. The typical midday-to-afternoon breeze blows steadily in your favor; northwest to southeasterly, around a third of the year. Then start to finish you gain 1850 feet of elevation and lose 3000 feet of elevation, for a net loss of 4500 feet. The trip begins in a ponderosa forest, dotted with oaks and cottonwoods, descends into high-desert scrub and concludes amid the pines, oaks, and cactus of low-elevation Anza-Borrego. Tread carefully: Just pull into the county park at Aguas Calientes Hot Springs for a dip and soak. Make this a one-way trip by having someone in a car meet you at selected intervals along the route — or at least pick you up at Osweald.

BEST FAT-TIRE BIKE TOUR
A MOUNTAIN TRAIL
The "single-track" Noble Canyon Trail in the Laguna Mountains, built for biking and horse travel, has become one of the most popular and exciting mountain-biking routes in Southern California. To take advantage of the ten-mile trail's 1760-foot net elevation loss, start at the Penasquitos trailhead, north of the village of Mount Laguna, and finish up at the lower trailhead, off Pine Creek Road near Pine Valley. Or ride the trail in the uphill direction, returning on a 15-mile stretch of pavement consisting of Sunrise Highway and Old Highway 90.

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The Best Beach Walking Route
- MISSION BAY
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Start on the boardwalk by the Centennial. Travel down the length of sidewalks, passing hotels, condominiums, and three-story rentals. Scoop around South Mission Bay's jetty, and turn back along the boardwalk. Traverse this stretch of sandy beach and blue sky on the left, letting the eye wander to the right, where diverse dwellings — elaborate and modern, fusty and quaint, windy '70s, Mission '60s, French Riviera, Cape Cod — reveal what wasn't noticed the time before. By the halfway mark — between Harms's on the south and the Mission Cafe on the north — feel the full stretch of stride, circumvent near collisions with bladders and boarders. If the light's green at circle's completion, crossing over Mission Boulevard at Starbucks before winding back through Pacific Beach Drive to the bay, revel in the virtue: for 70 minutes, you didn't stop.

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their regional preferences, barbecue lovers agree that the sauce ought not to be too sweet. This can mask flavors of smoke and meat and spice. The sauce at Bar-B-Que is Memphis-style: sweet but balanced by smoke and an orange tang. The barbecue is regional, authentic, fantastic. Try the chopped pork sandwich or the sliced beef and ham combo sandwich. Booms the point near the door of the barbecue chef at work. Part Dari, part Bosch. Claw-footed tanks of "Good Stuff" and "Really Good Stuff" are connected to smoker and sauce receptacles by spidery, spirally pipes. Gears and belts manage mysterious motions as a hickory-and-propylene-fueled stone pumps heat into the system.

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"Gourmet" does not mean a burger made from meat that would otherwise be steak tartar, nor a burger drenched with fancy — morel mushrooms and Roquefort cheese, for example. "Gourmet" means a burger made from meat of sufficient quality that when the waiter asks, "And how would you like that done?" he or she does not follow your request for rare or medium-rare with the disclaimer, "The best we can do is medium."

Texture is at least part of the pleasure of eating, and there are those who feel that meat, even ground beef, that is not browned throughout has a pleasant texture and a better chance of being sufficiently juicy to boot. Montana meats between stately, comfortable restaurant and trendy, too-modern bistros, but it makes a fine cheeseburger for $6.95. Rare is not red here, but it's very pink and dripping with gravy goodness. The slice of tomato is ripe, the red onion is fresh, and the steak fries have an extra crisp, almost battered exterior.

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Back when Janise's Cafe in Hillcrest was the juice Club (which is, by the way, stout and full of life), the place featured a poster comparing breakfasts. On the right, a fried egg, all seasoned-butter brown and bacon-grease shiny, promising artistic and juvenile prospects. On the right, a bright pink juice Club smoothie, radiant health and happiness. "Which would you rather have for breakfast?" read the caption.

One can't help feeling sorry for these healthy people, as they engage in the most obvious sort of propaganda in their effort to conceal the fact (possibly from themselves) that fat tastes good. And while a person who even still for nine hours a day shouldn't load up on a country breakfast every morning, the occasional celebratory feast at Mary Sita's Cafe is an important part of being a well-adjusted positive person. The bacon and egg, prepared from nearby Crown's Meats, are the best and best-cooked you'll ever have. The portions are enormous. The egg is perfect, the potato sliced thin and nicely crisped on the outside. Stick with grapefruit juice over orange or lemon cash.

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According to the framed, yellowing "This Fork" on the wall at Alon's Brown Bag, Reader writer Ed Bufflehead did not have enough money to try the Philly cheese steak ($5.49) when he visited. His loss; there are plenty of other items on the menu, many of them bearing the prefix "Mama's Home-made" and many of them tempting, but the sandwich painted on the wall above the door is a Philly cheese, and the smell that pulls on every food-related cell in your body as you pass by it is that of frying steak, drenched in melting cheese, mixing with onions and peppers. Slices such as this made from Italian cold cut and the like should only be made after the pilgrimage is complete and the Philly cheese has become a part of you.

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movies
in town this week

The Adventures of Mark Twain - Based on the life of the great American writer and humorist, this film tells the story of Mark Twain's life from his childhood in Missouri to his rise to fame as a writer and humorist. The film is set against the backdrop of American history, from the Civil War to the Great Depression.

American Beauty - A masterpiece of modern American cinema, American Beauty tells the story of a middle-aged man who tries to rekindle his passion for life and love after he meets a young woman. The film explores themes of love, desire, and the search for meaning in a world that often seems cold and detached.

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Don't Bring a Dumb Date - A comical romantic comedy about a man who brings his new girlfriend to meet his family, only to find out that she is not what he expected. The film is full of laughs and surprises, and explores the challenges of relationships and expectations.

Empire - This is a political drama set in ancient Rome, telling the story of a young man who rises to power and becomes a powerful Roman emperor. The film explores themes of ambition, power, and the struggle for control.

Eurotrip - A fun and energetic comedy about a group of friends who take a trip to Europe. The film is full of laughs and adventure, and explores themes of friendship, love, and the joys of travel.

The Girl on the Train - A psychological thriller about a woman who becomes obsessed with a beautiful couple who live across the street from her. The film explores themes of obsession, mystery, and the power of the human mind.

Inherent Vice - A dark and quirky comedy about a private investigator in Los Angeles who becomes involved in a dangerous and mysterious case. The film is full of laughs and surprises, and explores themes of guilt, redemption, and the human condition.

Legend of the Bone Soup - This is a film about a young woman who sets out to find the legendary bone soup that has the power to cure all diseases. The film is a mix of adventure, fantasy, and romance, and explores themes of courage, determination, and the power of love.

Mind's Eye - A science fiction thriller about a woman who discovers that she has the ability to control other people's minds. The film explores themes of power, manipulation, and the consequences of using one's abilities for personal gain.

Music of the Heart - Based on a true story of a music teacher who takes a group of underprivileged children and teaches them how to play the piano. The film explores themes of hope, inspiration, and the power of music to change lives.

New York Minute - A romantic comedy about a young woman who has just moved to New York City and is struggling to make ends meet. The film explores themes of love, friendship, and the challenges of the big city.

The Perfect Man - A romantic comedy about a woman who meets a man on a dating website and becomes his girlfriend. The film explores themes of love, trust, and the challenges of relationships.

Romeo Must Die - A contemporary retelling of the classic Romeo and Juliet story, set in modern-day Los Angeles. The film explores themes of love, passion, and the challenges of relationships in a modern world.

Terminator Salvation - A thrilling action flick about a man who becomes the Terminator, a cyborg sent from the future to kill the human who will one day become humanity's savior. The film is full of action and adventure, and explores themes of destiny, fate, and the power of the human will.

You Don't Mess with the Zohan - A comedy about a man who becomes a hairdresser in a small town in New York. The film explores themes of love, friendship, and the challenges of life in a small town.

MOVIE LISTINGS

All shows are in Cinema 1. Times are subject to change. Please check with your local theater for showtimes.

The Adventures of Mark Twain - Thursday, 7:30 PM, Saturday, 2:00 PM
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  - San Diego Stadium 13 (7 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

- **Uptown**
  - Garden Center (7 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

- **La Mesa**
  - Cinema Center 4 (7 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

## South Bay

- **Cinemark**
  - Cinema 5 (7 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

## Coastal Carlsbad

- **North Inland**
  - Cinema City 8 (7 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

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- **Cinema Star Marine**
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The Whine of a Buzz Saw Would Have Spoiled the Ambiance

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Kid Stuff

Last night, to entertain myself, I read the October issue of Martha Stewart Living. A year and a half ago, my daughter-in-law, Gretz, got a subscription to Martha Stewart Living as a gift from one of her neighbors. She shared the issue with me, and I was immediately hooked. I love the magazine's blend of practical advice and beautiful photography. I often find myself referring to it for inspiration or as a source of new ideas. Last night, I was particularly drawn to the article about preparing a Halloween costume for Martha Stewart Living. I thought it was a great way to celebrate the holiday while also being creative and expressive.

I decided to try one of the costumes featured in the article. I chose the pumpkin carving costume because it's classic and easy to make. All you need is a pumpkin, some carving tools, and a little imagination. I started by choosing a unique design for the pumpkin. I chose a design with a dollar sign and a dollar bill coming out of it. I also added some leaves and stems to make it look more realistic. Once I had my design, I started carving the pumpkin until I was satisfied with the result. It was a fun and rewarding activity that helped me develop my carving skills.

I also enjoyed the article's tips on creating a pumpkin-themed party. I plan to use some of these ideas for our Halloween party this year. I think they will add a fun and festive touch to our celebration.

In conclusion, I highly recommend Martha Stewart Living for anyone who enjoys home decor, crafts, and DIY projects. It's a great resource for inspiration and guidance. I look forward to exploring more of its content in future issues.