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NEWSLETTER  
OF



DECEMBER 1997



## 12 Days of Christmas

(For those of us that still believe in P.C.!)

On the 12th day of the Eurocentricly imposed midwinter festival, my potential-acquaintance-rape-survivor gave to me,

**TWELVE** males reclaiming their inner warrior through ritual drumming.

**ELEVEN** pipers piping (plus the 18-member pit orchestra made up of members in good standing of the Musicians Equity Union as called for in their union contract even though they will not be asked to play a note...)



**TEN** melanin-deprived testosterone-poisoned scions of the patriarchal ruling class system leaping.

**NINE** persons engaged in rhythmic self-expression.

**EIGHT** economically disadvantaged female persons stealing milk-products from enslaved Bovine-Americans.

**SEVEN** endangered swans swimming on federally protected wetlands.

**SIX** enslaved fowl-Americans producing stolen nonhuman animal products.

**FIVE** golden symbols of culturally sanctioned enforced domestic incarceration.

(NOTE: after member of the Animal Liberation Front threatened to throw red paint at my computer, the calling birds, French hens and partridge have been reintroduced to their native habitat. To avoid further animal-American enslavement, the remaining gift package has been revised.)

**FOUR** hours of recorded whale songs.

**THREE** deconstructionist poets.

**TWO** Sierra Club calendars printed on recycled processed tree carcasses

and a Spotted Owl activist chained to an old-growth pear tree.



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# L.A. NEWS

## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

### RSVP now for holiday party!

Thom Brennan is graciously opening up his house for the chapter's annual holiday party. It's just days away — but the RSVP deadline is sooner! Call Sue and Connie at (714) 828-3438 by Dec. 1 to let them know you'll be attending!

The party starts at 6:30 p.m. with tree-trimming, caroling, games, food and plenty of fun (plus, a special video surprise!) (no, not *that* kind of video).

Tom's house is at 5268 Ellenwood Dr. in

Eagle Rock. To get there:

**From the 5 north:** Take the 2 north. Exit at Colorado. Turn right. At the second traffic light (Ellenwood Drive), turn left. The house is on the right.

**From the 5 south:** Take the 134 east. Exit at Harvey Drive. Turn right, and then take the next left (Broadway). At the third light (Ellenwood), turn left. The house is on right.

Confused? Call Thom for better directions at (213) 256-7868. And we'll see you there!

### Election for new secretary planned for Jan. 10 meeting

Chapter secretary Jim Hoffman has accepted a great new job in the Seattle area. Good for him! Bad for us; he's stepping down as chapter secretary.

A special election for secretary will be held during the chapter's Jan. 10 meeting at The Center in Los Angeles. To run, you must be a member in good standing and have been a member of the chapter for a minimum of one year. Nominees must either be present to accept nomination or have indicated in writing beforehand their willingness to accept the nomination.

### The latest in news from the membership chair....

Folks, you missed a good opportunity if you missed the last chapter meeting: We had a visitor who just moved here from Las Vegas, and was he ever good looking! He won't be single for long ... Had a nice talk with Roy Benavidez and he is doing great ... Oh yes, does anyone know the difference between a dishwasher and a clothes washer? It seems a certain "Brit" doesn't ... And what was Mrs. Olson doing at Hot Stuff (she wasn't with her acrobats, either) ... See you at the holiday party.

— Ruth Hilderbrandt, membership chair

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## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 6, **CHAPTER MEETING** at the Center, 10 a.m., 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach

Saturday, Dec. 6, **CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY** at Thom Brennan's, 5268 Ellenwood Dr., Eagle Rock 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7, **RODEO COMMITTEE** meeting at Andie Joseph's, 1957 N. Bronson, Hollywood 2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 21, **RODEO COMMITTEE** meeting at Mike DeYonker and James Rose's, 15633 Horace St., Granada Hills 2 p.m.

### JANUARY

Saturday, Jan. 10, **CHAPTER MEETING** at the Center, 10 a.m., 1625 N. Schrader Blvd., L.A.

Sunday, Jan. 11, **RODEO COMMITTEE** meeting, site TBA 2 p.m.

Jan. 16-18 Road Runner Regional Rodeo, Phoenix

Monday, Jan. 19 David Medzerian's Undies Monday's Party and GSGRA/AGRA Fund-raiser at Charlie's, Phoenix

Sunday, Jan. 25, **RODEO COMMITTEE** meeting, site TBA 2 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

Sunday, Feb. 1, **RODEO COMMITTEE** meeting, site TBA 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7 GSGRA State Board meeting, San Diego

Saturday, Feb. 14, **CHAPTER MEETING** at the Center, 10 a.m., 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach

Sunday, Feb. 15, **RODEO COMMITTEE** meeting, site TBA 2 p.m.

### MARCH

Sunday, March 1, **RODEO COMMITTEE** meeting, site TBA 2 p.m.



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# Royalty News

The annual Mr./Ms./Miss GSGRA contest on Nov. 1 was a huge success. Many thanks to everyone who attended, and especially to our hostesses extraordinaire, Erika Alexander and Victoria London. They not only endured the drive out from Phoenix, but braved a night at the Travelodge in San Bernardino on their way home (don't ask).

But on to the big news: Your new GSGRA royalty for 1998 ...

**Mr. GSGRA Doug Graff** (Bay Area Chapter)    **Ms. GSGRA Neena Bradeen** (Capital Crossroads Chapter)    **Miss GSGRA Alex Michaels** (Bay Area Chapter)

Also, a big thank you to our outgoing 1997 royalty team ...

**Mr. GSGRA '97 Guy Johnson** (Greater Los Angeles Chapter)    **Ms. GSGRA '97 Nancy Novak** (Greater San Diego Chapter)  
**Runner-up to Mr. GSGRA Sammy Van Galder** (Capital Crossroads Chapter)    **Miss GSGRA '97 Tina Rhinestone** (Greater Los Angeles Chapter)

And lastly, a big round of applause to Guy Johnson for his new title as Second Runner-up to Mr. IGRA 1998, which he won at the IGRA Finals in Phoenix.

**TO ALL OF THE WINNERS: CONGRATULATIONS! NOW GET TO WORK ...**



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**c/o David Medzerian**  
**250 Pacific Ave., No. 315**  
**Long Beach, Calif. 90802**

\* Price includes shipping and applicable taxes, if any

## Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Clause

As a result of an overwhelming lack of requests, and with research help from that renown scientific journal SPY magazine (January, 1990) - I am pleased to present the annual scientific inquiry into *Santa Claus*.

1) No known species of reindeer can fly. BUT there are 300,000 species of living organisms yet to be classified, and while most of these are insects and germs, this does not COMPLETELY rule out flying reindeer which only Santa has ever seen.

2) There are 2 billion children (persons under 18) in the world. BUT since Santa doesn't (appear) to handle the Muslim, Hindu, Jewish and Buddhist children, that reduces the workload to 15% of the total - 378 million according to Population Reference Bureau. At an average (census) rate of 3.5 children per household, that's 91.8 million homes. One presumes there's at least one good child in each.

3) Santa has 31 hours of Christmas to work with, thanks to the different time zones and the rotation of the earth, assuming he travels east to west (which seems logical). This works out to 822.6 visits per second. This is to say that for each Christian household with good children, Santa has 1/1000th of a second to park, hop out of the sleigh, jump down the chimney, fill the stockings, distribute the remaining presents under the tree, eat whatever snacks have been left, get back up the chimney, get back into the sleigh and move on to the next house. Assuming that each of these 91.8 million stops are evenly distributed around the earth (which, of course, we know to be false but for the purposes of our calculations we will accept), we are now talking about .78 miles per household, a total trip of 75-1/2 million miles, not counting stops to do what most of us must do at least once every 31 hours, plus feeding and etc. This means that Santa's sleigh is moving at 650 miles per second, 3,000 times the speed of sound. For purposes of comparison, the fastest man-made vehicle on earth, the Ulysses space probe, moves at a poky 27.4 miles per second - a conventional reindeer can run, tops, 15 miles per hour.

4) The payload on the sleigh adds another interesting element. Assuming that each child gets nothing more than a medium-sized lego set (2 pounds), the sleigh is carrying 321,300 tons, not counting Santa, who is invariably described as overweight. On land, conventional reindeer can pull no more than 300 pounds. Even granting that "flying reindeer" (see point #1) could pull TEN TIMES the normal amount, we cannot do the job with eight, or even nine. We need 214,200 reindeer. This increases the payload - not even counting the weight of the sleigh - to 353,430 tons. Again, for comparison - this is four times the weight of the Queen Elizabeth.

5) 353,000 tons traveling at 650 miles per second creates enormous air resistance - this will heat the reindeer up in the same fashion as spacecraft re-entering the earth's atmosphere. The lead pair of reindeer will absorb 14.3 QUINTILLION joules of energy. Per second. Each. In short, they will burst into flame almost instantaneously, exposing the reindeer behind them, and create deafening sonic booms in their wake.

The entire reindeer team will be vaporized within 4.26 thousandths of a second. Santa, meanwhile, will be subjected to centrifugal forces 17,500.06 times greater than gravity. A 250-pound Santa (which seems ludicrously slim) would be pinned to the back of his sleigh by 4,315,015 pounds of force.

In conclusion - If Santa ever DID deliver presents on Christmas Eve, he's dead now.

*Stanley I. Sandler*



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# BAY AREA CHAPTER



## Congratulations New Royalty!

### Alex Michaels a.k.a. Reba

Alex has taken the competition for the title of Miss GSGRA 1998. In an interview with Reba, she told us a little about herself. "Coming to the Bay Area from Las Vegas, Nevada, I have now made San Francisco my home." "While in Las Vegas, I was a member of the first Royalty team of the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association in 1992, I was also heavily involved in the first NGRA Big Horn Rodeo in 1994." "I hope to be a liaison for the geographically dispersed GSGRA chapters and bring a greater sense of cohesiveness and community to the state."

### Doug Graff

Doug was awarded the title for Mr. GSGRA 1998. In an interview with Doug, he told us a little about his humble beginnings and his aspirations. "I grew up on a farm in Wisconsin with a big family, no traffic and my own horse." "Life was good!" "During college I learned there was a huge world beyond our family farm and wanted to experience it all." "In my search for those experiences and coming out as a Gay Man, I slipped away from my country roots." "Four years ago, I found Gay Rodeo and quickly discovered the values and activities that I had grown up with, loved and missed were alive and well within IGRA." "Finally, people I could relate to... I was hooked!" "As a charter member of MIGRA and as a member of GSGRA, I have formed friendships that will last a lifetime and learned responsibility beyond my wildest dreams." "I'm once again proud to share my country heritage and Gay Rodeo affiliation with friends, coworkers and even strangers." "One of my visions is to see Gay Rodeo become a family event, for adults and children, where everyone feels good about competing, volunteering or just attending." "Our future as a strong, proud organization hinges on our ability to leverage the talents of our members and others in our communities." "To support that effort, Mr. GSGRA must be an educator and a networker." "It will be an honor for me to serve our association as that ambassador."



7<sup>th</sup> Bay Area Regional Rodeo, June 5-7, 1998!

## Up & Coming Events

### *Snowflakes & Spurs Holiday Ball - December*

This annual event will be at Hamburger Mary's. Join us December 14<sup>th</sup>, 5pm 'till the cows come home and celebrate the holidays in a real old fashioned, down home event. There'll be an auction, live entertainment, dance lessons, 50/50 raffle, great music and a herd of friendly folk! \$5.00 cover. Call the BAC hotline for further details.

### *BINGO!*

The BAC's BINGO committee is organizing a weekly BINGO fund-raiser. We'll be holding the games every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. The kickoff is currently scheduled for the month of January. Come join us for a great way to pick up your midweek and be sure to spread the word!

### *Horseback Riding*

We have a lot of members who like to go out riding and we periodically arrange group outings around the Bay Area. If y'all are interested, call the hotline and let us know! We'll get back to you with the latest scheduled rides.

### *7<sup>th</sup> Regional Rodeo June 5-7*

We have successfully negotiated an unbelievable hotel rate for you rodeo fans. The Hyatt is once again our host hotel and the nightly room rate is an incredibly low **\$70.00 / night!**

## Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!

We've already started our regular rodeo roundtable meetings to plan an even better event this year. If you are interested in helping out in any capacity, call the rodeo hotline and let us know. There's plenty of fun stuff left to do and we can use all the help we can get!

## Chapter Meetings

Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The December meeting will be December 18th.

We're also havin' a Rodeo Roundtable at 7:30 PM, December 10th at the Hyatt, San Jose!

Call the BAC hotline for locations.

## Back Shed



Special thanks to BillieG, for all his help and loving support to the riders..... He is our friend, our brother and our mother when she is not around..... Thanks Bill, TL & TJ

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# CAPITAL CROSSROADS CHAPTER - SACRAMENTO

## VOLUME XII

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### J. C. CHAT NEWSLETTER

First, our apologies for not getting out a newsletter last month. To much anticipation for Halloween treats and planning Halloween tricks. Speaking of which .... never mind. For those who missed it, **Brian Koeber** put together a great Gymkhana. Those who made it had a great time. **Lin Daugherty** made our day with her provision of goats (dressed like sheep) for practicing our Goat Dressing prowess. We even got lessons on herding, needless to say Lin and her dogs did much better. A BIG-BIG thanks to **Tim Dean** and **Herb Smith** for lending their horses!

October was also the quarterly meeting for the state board of GSGRA. Much of the time was spent on what we can do for you the members for your participation and support. Watch The Minute for details. We also crowned new royalty for the coming year. The new **Ms. GSGRA** is none other than our very own **Nena Bradeen**. Congratulations Nena - Annie are you ready for the next year. Look at the bright side, you get to go to more rodeos to compete! Capital Crossroads would also like to congratulate **Alex Michaels**, the new **Miss GSGRA**, and **Doug Graff**, the new **Mr. GSGRA**!

November saw our Monte Carlo casino night make a second appearance at the Townhouse. **Sammy Van Gelder** did an outstanding job putting things together, including the black jack tables he made, and the prizes he put together. **Billy Hughes** also contributed to the great array of prizes with his donations from Miller Lite. It was also our great honor to have **Craig Rouse**, **GSGRA State President**, and **Brad** join us and help out as dealers. We were also delighted to see the team work the new royalty exhibited by all being present to support the event. Thanks again to **Nena Bradeen**, **Alex Michaels**, and **Doug Graff**!

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER *Mark Marshall*

Despite the lack of a newsletter, your board and several members have been busy behind the scenes. The officers are in the process of completing their job descriptions and submitting additions to the "Standing Rules" of Capital Crossroads. Our goal is to have all of these completed and submitted to **Chuck Valdes**, **Bylaws/Standing Rules Chair**, by the December Chapter meeting, now scheduled for the second Wednesday, December 10th at Joseph's upstairs. These will be reviewed then discussed in January at which time they will be voted on. We all know this is not the most interesting of topics, but it is your chapter and we need your input. Any suggestions should be given to an officer or submitted to Chuck directly.

Another big change is we are going to be trying a new format for meetings. The Rodeo committee meeting will be held each month and chaired by **Rodeo Operations VP, Chris**

**Bent**. The administrative chapter meeting will go to a quarterly time frame, pending an approval of a new by-law change submitted last meeting. The Rodeo meeting is to direct our energies to making a rodeo happen here in Sacramento. We will be including guest speakers and updates on rodeo activity at the monthly meeting, leaving the administration to the executive board and quarterly meetings. You will note we have also changed meeting date to the second Wednesday and will continue to be held at Joseph's upstairs.

**BAD NEWS:** The chapter has elected not to host a rodeo for the 1998 season, which was tentatively scheduled for next August.

**GOOD NEWS:** We are scheduled to have a rodeo in August 1999. It is disappointing to not be ready for next year but it is important for the long term health of the chapter that we don't bite off more than we can chew. We are not financially ready to meet the state requirement of \$7000 in liquid and available deposits.

**MORE GOOD NEWS:** The new approach to raising funds will be to involve everyone of you. If we can take it in increments of \$4-500 each month we will be there when the time comes. If you do it with one major event or several small ones, it can be done. We as a chapter have no limitations as long as our members contribute, even if it seems small.

Please call **Nena Bradeen** to discuss any events you think would be good for the chapter as a fundraiser or just as a chapter get together. She can help coordinate the calendar and provide source ideas for your event.

### CALENDAR

#### DECEMBER

**December 4 - Rodeo Committee Meeting, Joseph's upstairs.**

**December 8 - Executive Board Meeting. Location to be announced. All are welcome, call 451-9439 for more information.**

**December 10 - Chapter meeting at 7:30---chapter meeting at the NEW Joseph's at 1454 Del Paso Blvd. Sacramento Ca (916)-922-8899 for directions.**

**December 20 - Country Christmas presented by Capital Crossroads Chapter at Joseph's upstairs. 8:00 PM to Midnight, featuring some of your favorite local entertainers, hors d'oeuvres. There will be a cover to raise funds for the Rodeo fund.**

**December 31 - Annie Kinney and Nena Bradeen get hitched.**

#### JANUARY

**January 8 - Chapter meeting at 7:30 - Joseph's upstairs**

**January 16-18 - Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix. Call the chapter hotline for ticket and hotel information.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS OR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE CALL THE HOTLINE : 916-451-9439.**





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## HELP WANTED

There are still many Chapter Committee Chairs and Rodeo Roundtable Coordinator positions available! Come to chapter meetings and/or Rodeo Roundtable meetings if you're willing to help out! (Pleeeeeease!) If you would like to talk with someone over the phone about serving, contact:

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Get involved! It's our 10th Anniversary Year!

## MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to:

**Jay Wilpolt**

for receiving the Ralph Martinez Memorial Member of the Year Award. Thanks for your dedication, hard work, and leadership that made Rodeo 1997 possible!

## OFFICE MOVING PARTY

On Saturday, December 6 at 10 am, there will be a gathering of gay rodeo folk to help us move into the new office space! Show your support by showing up at the old office at 10am! Donughts will be provided (Bill said so...) This will give you a first-glimpse of our new home. Just where is the new place? Read on!

## NEW OFFICE!

As of December 17th, (Rodeo Roundtable Meeting) all chapter functions will be held at our new office location:

3768 30th Street

San Diego, CA 92104

It's just one block south of Shooters bar in North Park. Phone, Fax, Email and Web Page will remain the same. The phone lines will be moved to the new office as of Dec 15th. For mailing purposes, please start using the new address immediately.

## CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Annual elections were held at the last meeting. A big THANK YOU goes out to the 1997 retiring board members Michael Taylor and Jay Wilpolt. A hearty congratulations to the following new board members:

President:

Nancy Novak

Exec. VP - Admin:

Robert Kojima

VP - Rodeo Ops:

Bill Chapman

Secretary:

Paul Fox

Treasurer:

Jeff Jones

George Mousally has resigned as State Rep. Thanks for all of your hard work during the year George! As a result, Elections were held for alternate State Representatives.

Congratulations to:

1st Alternate:

Nancy Novak

2nd Alternate:

Ken Valdez

Once again, Congrats. Now get to work.... y'all have got a lot to do this year!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Exec Board Mtg - 6pm General Membership Mtg - 7pm	4	5	6 Moving Party @ Old Office - 10am
7	8 Dental Group	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Rodeo Roundtable Mtg - 7pm AT NEW OFFICE	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve Party at Kickers			

Dates for January 1998

Wed, Jan 7 - General Membership Mtg, 7pm Wed, Jan 21 - Rodeo Roundtable, 7pm

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Michael Talyor	x6829			

Rodeo Coordinators

will be announced in the next newsletter!



### Dateline Doullens, France.

*Is the world getting smaller or are we getting bigger?*

We have received a letter from two wanna-be cowboys from northern France who are planing a trip to the U.S. in the next year or so and would like some help.

Richard and Michael want to make arrangements to visit a Gay Rodeo and even a Gay Dude Ranch and experience our country rather than our cities.

They are not looking for freebies, far from it, they are willing to pay there way but would also be interested in arranging an exchange for someone who might be interested in visiting Europe. There home is large and centrally located within easy driving reach of Amsterdam, Paris, Brussels and London.

Interested, drop them a line in care of *The Chute* and we will make sure your letter gets forwarded.

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### San Diego, California.

Goodbye from Ms. G.S.G.R.A. 1997, It has been an exciting year for me! It was a great honor to be Ms. G.S.G.R.A. and represent our great Association. Best of luck to the 1998 Royalty, I am sure they will do us all proud. I would like to thank everyone for their support though out 1997. Robert Kotima and The Kicker's Cloggers, Steve and Roy from The Rawhide, G.S.G.R.A., and last but certainly not least, all the great guys from G.S.G.R.A San Diego. I would like to give a big hug to Guy, Tina and Sammy, it was great working with you guys.

Thanks  
Nancy Novak

### Los Angeles, California

Long time G.S.G.R.A. Los Angeles member and contestant, Lanette Ziesch passed away unexpectedly last month. The Women's Steer Riding Buckles at the 1998 L.A. and Bay Area Rodeos are going to be sponsored in Lanette's memory. If you would like to be a part of this memorial and contribute to these sponsorships you can do so by sending a donation in care of Sunny Rose, 16668 Mt. Lilac Trail, Frazier Park, Ca 93225. If you have any questions feel free to give Sunny a call at (805)245-9653 or Amy Griffin at (213)622-7890 or (213)661-2569. Your support is appreciated and all contributions will be acknowledged.  
Thank you.

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### Avis Sponsors Gay Rodeo

Please welcome aboard new corporate sponsors for all I.G.R.A. sanctioned rodeos, *AVIS*.

All members of G.S.G.R.A. can now get special club members discounts when renting cars from AVIS. All you have to do is reserve in advance and quote your Chapter's discount number. Discount coupons for additional dollar savings are available from your Chapter. In addition, your chapter will benefit with annual commissions so think *AVIS* when you next rent a car.

The Chapter discount numbers are as follows:

Bay Area: T238308  
Capital Crossroads: T238309  
Los Angeles: T238312  
San Diego: T238313

Thank You, *AVIS*

## The David Watkins Memrial Fund

Finals Contestants interested in applying for a grant from this fund should submit requests as soon as possible to the G.S.G.R.A. Treasurer, Clay Wright. G.S.G.R.A. members that competed at the I.G.R.A. 1997 Finals Rodeo may apply for a grant based on actual expenses so please attach receipts. Grants are based on funds available. For more information contact Clay at (619)293-0666.

### Addicted To The Web"

*sung to the tune of "Winter Wonderland"*

Doorbell rings, I'm not list'nin  
From my mouth, drool is glist'nin,  
I'm happy although  
my boss let me go  
Happily addicted to the web.

All night long, I sit clicking,  
Unaware time is ticking,  
There's a beard on my cheek  
same cloths for a week,  
Happily addicted to the web.

*Chorus:*

Friends come by-they shake me  
saying "Yo, man!  
Don't you know that life keeps moving on?"  
with a listless shrug, I mutter, "No, man:  
I just discovered Letterman-dot-com!"

I don't phone, don't send faxes,  
Don't go out, don't pay taxes.  
Who cares if someday  
They drag me away  
I'm happily addicted to the Web

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A VERY  
HAPPY NEW YEAR





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