

# Tsunami!

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## Holy City on the Block

The purchase of Surf City (Millican) has yet to be financialized by the Church and, until then, it's up for grabs. The grocery store, service station, air strip and 80 acres are available to LDS for a reasonable amount, but, Church officials caution, "things could change." Details inside.

## Surfers Share Spare Faith

Captain Cook, President of LDS, made a personal appeal for spare Faith in hopes of bolstering the spirits of Surfers who are losing it. She was not disappointed. Such an abundance of Eddiefying Faith was generated by the LDS Surfers that even after renewing the Faith of all who needed it, the Church still had double the Faith it started with.

The Captain, who was obviously stoked by it all, said, "that's what's so Seismic about Faith — the more you share the more you keep."

## LDS not a Cult

The Church of the Latter Day Surf is not a cult, nor can it be called a sect. Surfin is a distinctly separate religion, founded in antiquity and spanning countless millennia of Human experience. Don't be mislead by imitations.

*Tsunami shall splash against Surfer and non-Surfer alike; for all are children of the One True Wave, and none can hide from the Big One when It comes.*

*Revelation of Saint Eddie 6:3*

## FAITHBUILDERS HANDBOOK NO. 2

Ask yourself: *“Has my Faith in the One True Wave achieved its full potential? Or, am I holding back — refusing to allow the infinitely positive Faith within me to pour forth freely and totally?”* As your inner-reality attunes to the Seismos, It will touch your heart and bless you royally.

### **Outside Input**

“I was about ready to cash in my chips until a friend sent me your Tsunami flyer. I’ve had a new lease on life since hearing about Tsunami. Now I’m waiting for the Big One with you folks. Enclosed is a meager contribution.”

■ ■ ■ J.P. — Mill Valley, CA

“I’ve only got one question, huh?”

■ ■ ■ D.H. — Chico, CA

“Prase St. Eddy. Me no want be Surf nerf forever. Let Seismick curl elevate conshusness to HiHo Daddy in Sky. You send info now please for love of Big Un.

■ ■ ■ Swell Steve — San Diego, CA

“We’ve been watching the Western horizon, we will be the first to see the Big One coming — we hope to have time to call.”

■ ■ ■ R.H. — Newport, OR

“I dreamed I talked with Saint Corky (a toll call, collect). He said the word...hot dog! He didn’t talk of hate. He talked of Eight! dinner at Eight...Hot Dog(s).”

■ ■ ■ Deano — Hollywood, CA

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“Salt Lake City — we’ll be comin’ soon”

The Beach Boys



### **Millican quietly awaits its destiny.**

Although construction of the 3.1 million dollar Surf City resort and refugee center has been set back by waves in the economy, the wisdom of the Seismic Forces in directing LDS to Millican has been re-affirmed countless times.

Once a vast ice-age lake bed, the semi-arid valley is rich in volcanic nutrients. The abundant solar, wind and geothermal energy potential will easily provide for the multiple thousands of people who will be displaced by floods, quakes, volcanoes and other harbingers of the coming Big One.

Church officials summed it up this way: “We know we’ll get it (Millican) because the Revelations say so, but when is still a question. People could need it **real** soon.”

*New wax over old is never totally new. Surfers who cast off the old wax shall gain the promise of a fresh new beginning.*

*Revelation of Saint Eddie 6:6*

## Icon Inspires Surfers

The following letter accompanied the Seismicly-inspired sculpture of the Saint of the Courageous Surfer:

I have been commanded to tell you of the wonderful vision that befell me one night not long ago. In this vision St. Eddie appeared in all his surfin glory with the great Tsunami at his back, a look of profound joy on his face and said, "Beatrice by the Bay, I command you to carve in stone an icon of my image to inspire the LDS church members to greater Faith and Endurance." He said, I must send this icon to the founder of our holy Church as a tribute to his\* Faith. To inspire him to greater deeds as he awaits the Big One that will surely come.

Abide and Ride. Seismic Forces a tremble. You shall be redeemed.

Yours in Faith,  
Beatrice by the Bay



**Sacred stone icon**

\*Jo Cook, founder of LDS, is actually female; a fact she refers to as "trivia to the Big One." ed.

## The Joy of Harmony

*Surfers who live in balance with Seismos and Cosmos shall achieve the joy of harmony with life itself.*

*Revelation of Saint Eddie 6:1*

## Norman Howard Spreads Dogma

Like so many Surfers who have found new life in the One True Wave, Norman Howard feels compelled to share his enlightenment with non-Surfers.

There is something that sets Norman apart from the typical end-of-the-world street-corner fanatic or door-to-door dogma peddler. Perhaps it's his charismatic way of spreading the swell news, or his no-bull Surfer outlook on life. Whatever he's got, people are going for it. Norman has had to set up a fan club just to handle all the letters and requests for autographed photos he receives.

A man of many boards, Norman hosts "Swell News", the unique LDS TV program; serves as Church secretary; and is co-ordinator of Quake Relief projects.



**Norman Howard, director of the LDS media ministry, tells TV news reporter Kari Swift (not LDS) about the glorious event awaiting the gross thousand Faithful Surfers.**

## **Profile of a Surfer: Interview by Norman Howard**

***Who IS Captain Cook? Who is this bold and ruthlessly straightforward, oft times controversial, founder and president of LDS? Is she a Machaivellian elitist as some claim? Is she the absolute but benevolent ruler others say? Or, is she just another Surfer telling the World where to get off? Even her staunchest supporters cannot agree.***

***Perhaps my in-depth interview with our first president will paint a clearer portrait of this peppy, young dynamo of a Surfer.***

Norman Howard: What is it like to be the president of a church whose membership keeps doubling and support for which continues to grow at phenomenal rates?

**Captain Cook: It's titular, Norm. Really titular.**

Norm: But, doesn't being in a position of authority, the establishment, if you will, somehow detract from your care-free Surfer image?

**Capt'n: The way things are is the way things is — no matter what they look like.**

Norm: So you wouldn't see yourself as one of history's many power hungry leaders who usurps the copious support welling up from the masses by feeding your own ego to the point . . .

**Capt'n: Don't be a nerd, Norm. Sure, I'm jazzed by how the Church is so popular and all that, but I'm the Surfer, not the wave. Surfers know it's more important to be in balance than to be in power.**

Norm: Captain Cook, some have accused you of making fun of other people's religions. Could you comment on . . .

**Capt'n: I don't care about makin fun of religion but you can bet your board I wouldn't make work of religion.**

**"...I'm the Surfer, not the wave...it's better to be in balance than to be in power." CC**

Norm: What about your career as a religious leader and administrator of a large and complex . . .

**Capt'n: Oh, that's not work — work is when you gotta do it.**

Norm: So, there's still room in your future for the traditional home and family lifestyle?

**Capt'n: You kiddin? There isn't time for that stuff any more. And don't forget — the stork killed Surfin in Southern Cal — Mickey Dora was right about that.**

Norm: I see. So you've chosen to dedicate your life to the Church; remaining true to the One Wave until the Big One comes to fulfill your dreams of...

**Capt'n: I dedicate my life to life — and Surfin is life.**

**“I dedicate my life to life — and Surfin is life.” CC**

Norm: How True. Several of your critics have characterized you as anti-intellectual and anti-education. Would you say that...

**Capt'n: Oh, I'm all for learnin — about all you're gonna be able to take to Surf City is what's in your head. I just don't like school. You can't chop up reality, force it down in doses and expect anyone to learn from it. Most schools even outlaw skateboardin and rollerskatin. Looks like it's time for a clean slate — a new wave — a big flush.**

Norm: There's one wave we are all waiting for, Captain. When will the Big One come?

**Capt'n: Well, you know, a lot of people are tryin to use astrology and stuff to figure it out. Late December 1982 and May fifth of 2000 are biggies cuz the planets sorta line up. But alignment doesn't mean resonance. I go strictly by The Board — “It may not come when we want it, but it'll be right on time.”**

Norm: Just don't get caught with your board down, huh?

**Capt'n: Might be the last thing you ever did. Say, is that your nine-five lunker there, Norm?**

Norm: Yes, it has a few dings on it but other than that...

**Capt'n: Great skeg.**

Norm: Huh?

**Capt'n: The skeg's worth more than the whole board. Not that I'd wanna Surf with it 'or any thing.**



Captain Cook, president

Norm: Captain Cook undoubtedly there have been times when you have had your sanity questioned since founding the Church. How do you...

**Capt'n: Bein crazy is bein outa touch with reality. Now, we know reality comes in waves. A Surfer who tries to catch the dip instead of the curl is out of it — not me.**

Norm: Nor I. But is that what you tell people who ask if you're really all there?

**Capt'n:** If everyone Surfed, no one'd wonder who's crazy or what it means.



Harmless prank (not LDS)

Norm: Does the Church claim any responsibility for the apparently LDS-inspired pranks which are becoming more and more common throughout...

**Capt'n:** No way! That's the sort of thing RLDS Surfers do. No, Surfers still rule but we don't burn it in the grass on the football field now.

Norm: How did the Orthodox Church grow to become the respected institution it is today?

**Capt'n:** The Church runs on Faith and Revelation. I guess we got a lot of both. It comes in waves, you know, just like everything else.

**"If you jump in the Surf, you're gonna get wet." CC**

Norm: If someone asked you, "what is the most important lesson you have learned from Surfin?" how would you respond?

**Capt'n:** Well, maybe, "if you jump in the Surf you're gonna get wet."

Norm: Is there an application for this in daily life?

**Capt'n:** Surfin is daily life, Norm. It's not the ups and downs it's the jerks.

Norm: I see. What about the future of LDS? In what directions do you foresee the Church heading from here?

**Capt'n:** Forward, Norm. Sometimes off — sometimes on, but always forward. Surfers don't back down. We're gonna face the trials of the future with Faith, Courage and Endurance — knowin that our new age is dawnin — bright n' clear.

# Earthquake Rick's

## Quake n' Curl

Like someone always says when the carnival ride starts up, "her-r-re we go!" The bitchen Revelations are coming true so fast that about all we've got time for is grabbing a rail and hanging on. But don't let the dawning of the Age of Aquarius find you all wet. There have never been better times for studying the Seismic Forces than the times we're living in today.

Japan's Catfish Club has been studying and predicting quakes for years and it's high time North America had its own network of backyard Seismologists. Ol' Earthquake is answering the call. I'm counting on a regular ground-swell of para-professional tectonic buffs, who will record precursory anomalous behavior and determine Modified Mercalli intensity of felt quakes all over the State of Ocean. If we all get together we can get some early quake alerts and save scads of lives. A free MM scale to all inquirers. Just write to me at the Church. (and check out my magmatic volcano column in this ish.) Rick

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- Yes! The Seismic Forces have moved me to join the Church. Enclosed is my free-will donation for lifetime membership.
  - Send me some bitchen dogma at a buck a sack, cash.
  - The LDS mailing list sounds swell — put me on.
  - I would like Surfer to call.

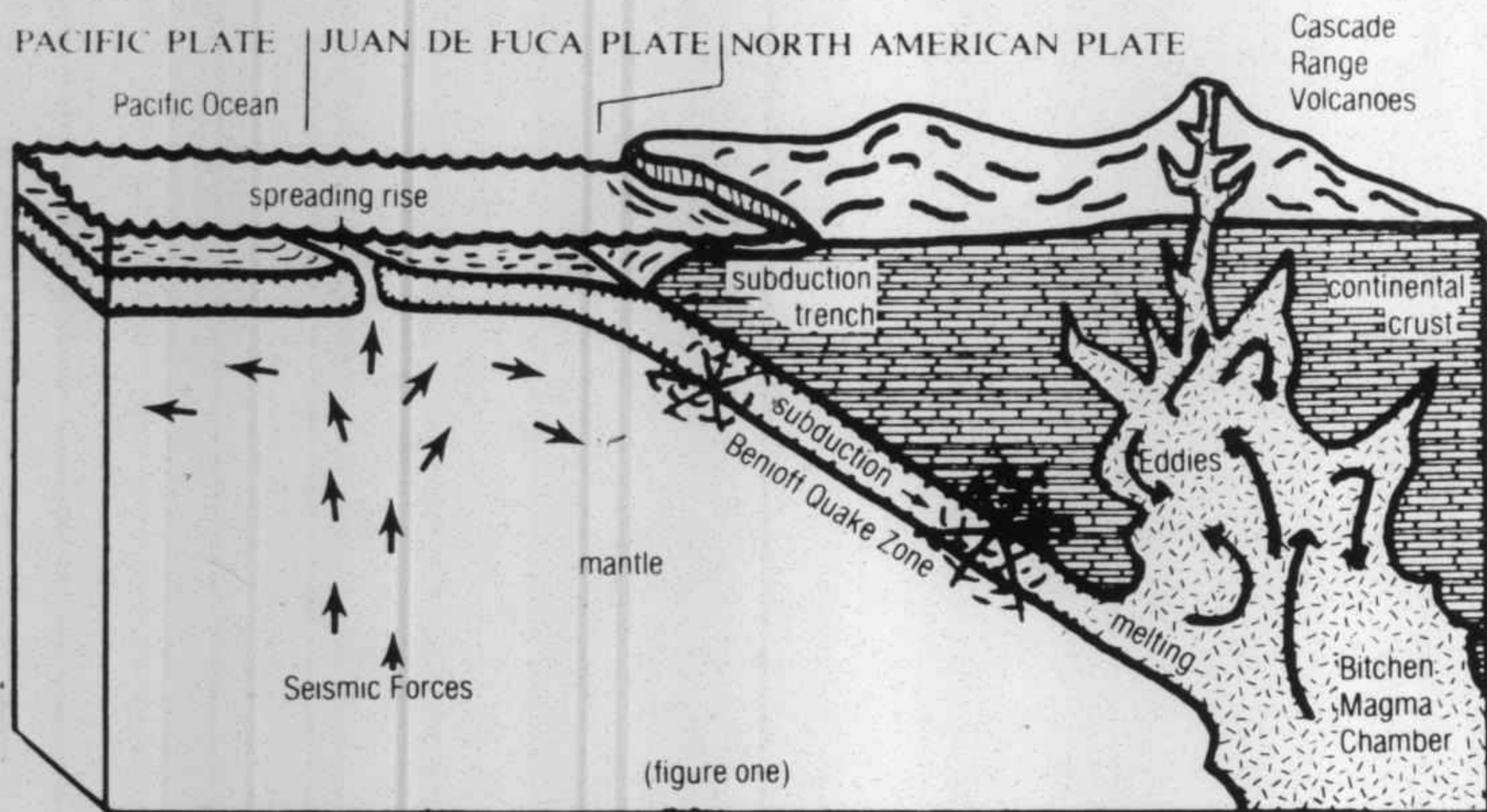
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# Eruption Commencement special

by 'Earthquake' Rick

Alright, Cone-heads, this is the low-down on the volcano scene, so check it out and Eddiefy your crater.

The Mt. St. Helens story starts radically off-shore, where Seismic Forces pull the Juan de Fuca Plate down and melt it into the bitchen magma ominously oozing around beneath the Cascade Range. (fig 1).



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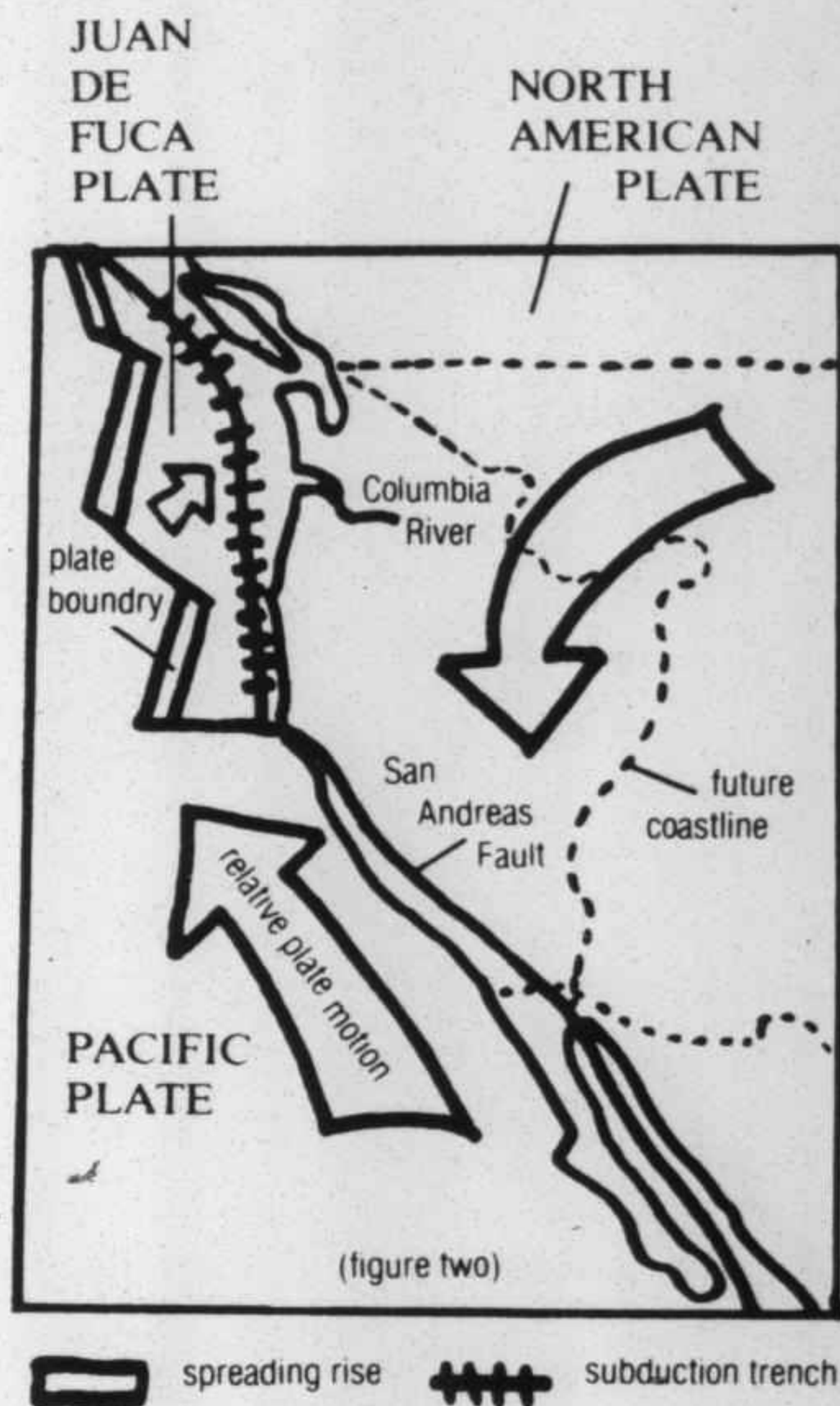


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But, eruption of the Cascades is only the beginning. Next, low magnitude, Benioff Zone quakes will warn of increased subduction. A massive sea-floor collapse will soon follow, with some classic tsunami humping in for Big One practice.

A remnant of the paleotectonic Farallon Plate, the Juan de Fuca Plate continues to be squeezed under the North American Plate and northward, dragging the coastline with it. (fig 2). The 50-mile offset of the Columbia River's mouth is geographic evidence of this colossal distortion.

'Til that seismic moment, I'll be sending out those ol' love waves



and hoping harmonic tremors renew your Faith, tune your life and stoke your vibes. *Rick*

## BOSS BOOKS

"Pole Shift" by John White compiles scientific, psychic and prophetic info about the coming Big One and examines the evidence thoroughly. According to his sources, the World is due for a change in attitude and we're all invited. Doubleday 1980 \$14.00

"Surviving Nuclear War: Instructions for beginners" by Robert H. Baran concisely reduces the crucial data into a readable but hopefully not necessary handbook. Forefront Design, 4508 Chetlenham Drive, Bethesda, MD 20014 1980 \$1.00

# Have You Felt it?

Deep down you know the Big One's coming soon. Deep down you know you'll Surf It when It comes. This inner-knowledge comes from the Seismic Forces, moving powerfully beneath our feet and influencing our lives profoundly. Follow Their urgings and join the Church of the Latter Day Surf *right away*.

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