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The Computer Factory**  
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**"San Diego's Best Computer  
Store 2015-2020" Union  
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**What you want, is what we got!**

Nome and I spent Monday morning last week in Costa Mesa at Chris Carter's Computer Surplus Solutions warehouse cherry-picking a load of computers for THE COMPUTER FACTORY. We got fourteen and fifteen inch notebooks, All-in-Ones, Micro's, servers and workstations to round out our San Marcos in-store inventory. Chris and his technicians do a great job of pre-testing and prepping the computers so that things run smoothly when we do our part. April and her ten month old daughter Bella, keep the office running smoothly. We always have a lot of fun when we do a pick-up in LA and Chris and the entire crew take

really good care of us.

Back in San Marcos we take the bare-bones computers and add memory (RAM) and storage drives (HDDs or SSDs) then load Windows10. The final test ensures that all the drivers are loaded and things like cameras and DVDs work properly.

We have a broader inventory of PCs than anyone in San Diego County combined with the ability to reconfigure them to meet any need. In addition to being able to custom configure our refurb, we also design and build PCs to meet any conceivable application. To quote our old friend Cactus Jack, owner of The Rainbow Computer Emporium, "If we ain't got it, you don't need it."

There are some PC products we don't do. We don't do Macs because they represent less than 10% of the home user market and an even smaller percentage of the business market. Tablets and Chromebooks are throwaway commodities. If something breaks you simply get a new one. Our expertise lies in configuring refurb and designing new PC systems to exactly meet user needs.

Every home should have at least one PC workstation. Those who believe they can do it all on their smart phone probably have a fairly limited lifestyle and are under twenty years of age. The home workstation needs to have Windows10 and

can be a Micro, All-in-One, notebook or desktop/tower. If you are upgrading an existing PC it should be no more than ten years old. Older PCs than that often have device drivers unsupported (video, audio etc) in Windows10. Pretty much any Intel or AMD CPU made in the past ten years will easily handle the fastest Internet speeds and 4GB of RAM is adequate for normal usage. The old hard drive will probably suffice but a new 250GB SSD (solid state drive) costs only \$60 and really makes a difference in speed and reliability. Our "refurb" Windows10 workstations start at under \$200 and include pretty much everything needed including Office, keyboard and mouse. 22 and 24 inch monitors are \$60 and \$75 respectively. If the workstation is to be used for "Zooming" you need to add a webcam (\$35) or, instead choose a notebook or All-in-one. These

computers already have screens, Web Cams and WiFi. Notebooks start in the \$200 range and 23 inch All-in-ones at just under \$400. We also have "minis," powerful general purpose computers that come in an incredibly small form factor. The model I'm holding is typical, 7 X 7 inches, an inch deep and weighs 4 pounds. It has 8GB RAM, an eighth generation i5 quad core CPU, 250GB SSD, (6) USB 3.0 ports, 1 USB mini, (2) display ports, (1) VGA port speaker/mike/headphone jacks, Ethernet port. These make excellent TV network controllers and powerful desktop workstations. They also are handy as portable desktops, easy to move between home and work.

The Computer Factory is a fun and unique place to visit, so pop in anytime and let us show you around.

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### Living Large in North County

Earlier this month I called Lyle Davis (Man About Town) to get his recommendation on a fancy restaurant for me to take Nome for our 55th anniversary. Lyle said "I'll call you back in a few minutes"

He did and informed that we had reservations at Hunsaker at Vincent's on Grand Ave in Escondido for 6:15 and to be sure and ask for Jeannette (the co-owner)

We arrived on time were greeted by name and taken to our table. I felt like a Rock Star. The restaurant was bright and well lighted. The tile flooring and the embossed ceiling tiles echoed the pleasant hum of conversation among the diners. We both knew we were in for a special evening.

We started with a bottle of the house reserve Cote Du Rhone, a wonderful Grenache based French blend. From the menu we decided to share four items. First the French Onion soup followed by Crab cakes and then the entrée, a Seafood Risotto and for desert, crème brule.

Of those four items we agreed that the soup, crab cakes and crème brule were the best we ever had. The seafood risotto probably would have made it a clean sweep except that neither of us had experienced it before. It was perhaps a bit like Paella but not quite.

After the meal we were sure that we could not do justice to the crème brule. Nome asked the waitress if it would travel. She made a trip to the kitchen and returned with the desert wrapped tightly and the chef's assurance that it would travel just fine.

The name Hunsaker at Vincent's seems a bit odd until you understand that Brandon Hunsaker is the executive Chef now carrying on the tradition of chef Vincent Grumel, the founder of Vincent's in the late 1990s. It was a great dining experience and a fitting way to celebrate our anniversary.

We took the dessert home that night and put it in the refrigerator. We took it to work the next morning and unwrapped at it at lunch. We found that Chef Hunsaker had carefully wrapped the dessert in a plastic bowl and then placed that bowl in a larger bowl full of ice and then enclosed the entire thing in a watertight wrap. It was ice cold and perfect. It is obvious that Chef Hunsaker really cares about the presentation and quality of his craft and it shows at Vincent's.

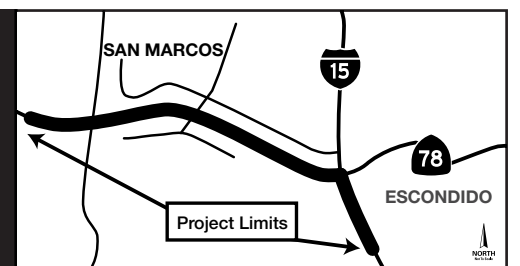
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### NOTICE OF PREPARATION

Caltrans is proceeding to initiate an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) and a virtual Public Scoping Meeting has been scheduled for the I-15/SR 78 Managed Lanes Direct Connectors Project

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**  
Date: Thursday, October 29  
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Access the Online Meeting at [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SR78](http://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SR78)  
Questions or Comments?  
(888) 547-1161  
[SR78@KeepSanDiegoMoving.com](mailto:SR78@KeepSanDiegoMoving.com)



**What's Being Planned:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in partnership with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and City of San Marcos, proposes to build Managed Lanes Direct Connectors between I-15 and SR 78, extend three miles of Managed Lanes in each direction on SR 78 between the I-15/SR 78 interchange and San Marcos Boulevard, and construct additional freeway and multimodal improvements at Nordahl Road, Woodland Parkway, Barham Drive, and Rancheros Drive.

**Why This Ad:** Caltrans, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), will prepare an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) to analyze potential effects the proposed project may have on the environment. This notice is to inform you of the scheduled public scoping comment period and public scoping meeting for this project and to solicit public input into the development of the scope of the project and the EIR/EA.

**Where Do You Come In:** Comments will be accepted during the minimum 30-day public scoping period from **October 19, 2020 to November 20, 2020**. Comments may be submitted via the website ([KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SR78](http://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SR78)), phone (888) 547-1161, email ([SR78@KeepSanDiegoMoving.com](mailto:SR78@KeepSanDiegoMoving.com)), or mail (Caltrans District 11, c/o Ellen Renker, 4050 Taylor Street (MS 242), San Diego, CA 92110). Caltrans will address substantive comments in the Draft EIR/EA.

**Virtual Public Scoping Meeting:** Caltrans and SANDAG will host a virtual public scoping meeting on **Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM PST**. You may join the meeting anytime between these hours. Meeting information is available at: [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SR78](http://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/SR78).

**For more information** about this project, please contact Ellen Renker, Associate Environmental Planner, at [ellen.renker@dot.ca.gov](mailto:ellen.renker@dot.ca.gov) or (888) 547-1161.

**Special Accommodations:** Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, documentation in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Caltrans District 11 Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670 at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service TTY line at 1-800-735-2929. Para información en español, por favor llame al (619) 688-6670.