

**ALAN CLICK**  
Janitor, Eddie Money's roadie

To those who knew him, Alan Click was a light-hearted malcontent who could usually be counted on to deliver one thing: a surprise.

An offhand request for an article of clothing being worn by an acquaintance, a midnight invitation for a stroll to Ocean Beach to score popsicles, or a serious offer to smash his prized possession — a silver guitar costing \$2,000 — to pieces, all in the name of the rock 'n' roll he dearly loved.

Life for Mr. Click, his friends said, was about balancing impulsive whimsy with the more serious matters of the day.

He pulled off that balancing act one week before his death, managing to reunite with his longestranged daughter, before succumbing to cirrhosis of the liver Sept. 21. He was 56.

"He wanted to get in touch with his daughter. Maybe that was his higher calling," said Billie Jean, a resident of the Arnett Watson apartments on Ellis Street, where Mr. Click had lived since March.

Mr. Click's daughter wasn't at his memorial service, held Sept. 30 in the building's community room, but about 15 workers and residents were there to share their remembrances of him.

"He could have charmed the birds out of the trees," said Lucia Fiorani, a 63-year-old resident. "I was like a substitute daughter to him. It would be nothing for him to knock on my door four or five

times a day with the most off-the-wall invitations. One time at 12 o'clock at night he said, 'Let's go to Ocean Beach just to buy a popsicle.'"

A placard between two small floral arrangements in the building's sunny community room stated that Mr. Click lived much of his life in Colorado, where he was a public school janitor, and that he often spoke of his affection for children and the happiness and joy they expressed.

But, according to Fiorani, Mr. Click also spent years working as a roadie for 1980s rock star Eddie Money, best known for his hit song "Two Tickets to Paradise." Money could not be reached for comment.

"Alan knew Eddie Money, but he didn't care about money," Fiorani said. "He didn't want his Social Security money — he felt guilty over it and his apartment."

Urged on by those who knew him, Mr. Click eventually accepted his fate and spent his money on something he really wanted: a \$2,000 guitar.

"We were all like, 'Whoa,' " said Jeff Fortuno, the Arnett Watson's building manager. "The moment he bought that guitar, he ran to my office and asked if I wanted to try it on. 'I don't care Jeff, smash it, whatever!'"

"I was sitting in the

lobby when he bought that guitar," Fiorani recalled. "He played very well. I just didn't realize it was going to be a five-hour set."

Mr. Click also was known as a borrower: five bucks for cereal, a Giants hat a resident had picked up at the ballpark, or a shirt being worn that very moment by a friend.

"My husband Tony was wearing a football jersey Alan really liked," Billie Jean said. "Tony took the jersey off his back and gave it to Alan."

"Alan was supposed to give it back, but that's what he died wearing," she remembered with a smile. "We figured we weren't going to get it back."

Jean said Mr. Click accomplished what he wanted most: to reconnect with his daughter in Colorado.

"He said he wasn't going to die until he saw his daughter," Jean said. "When he died, he was at peace with himself." ■

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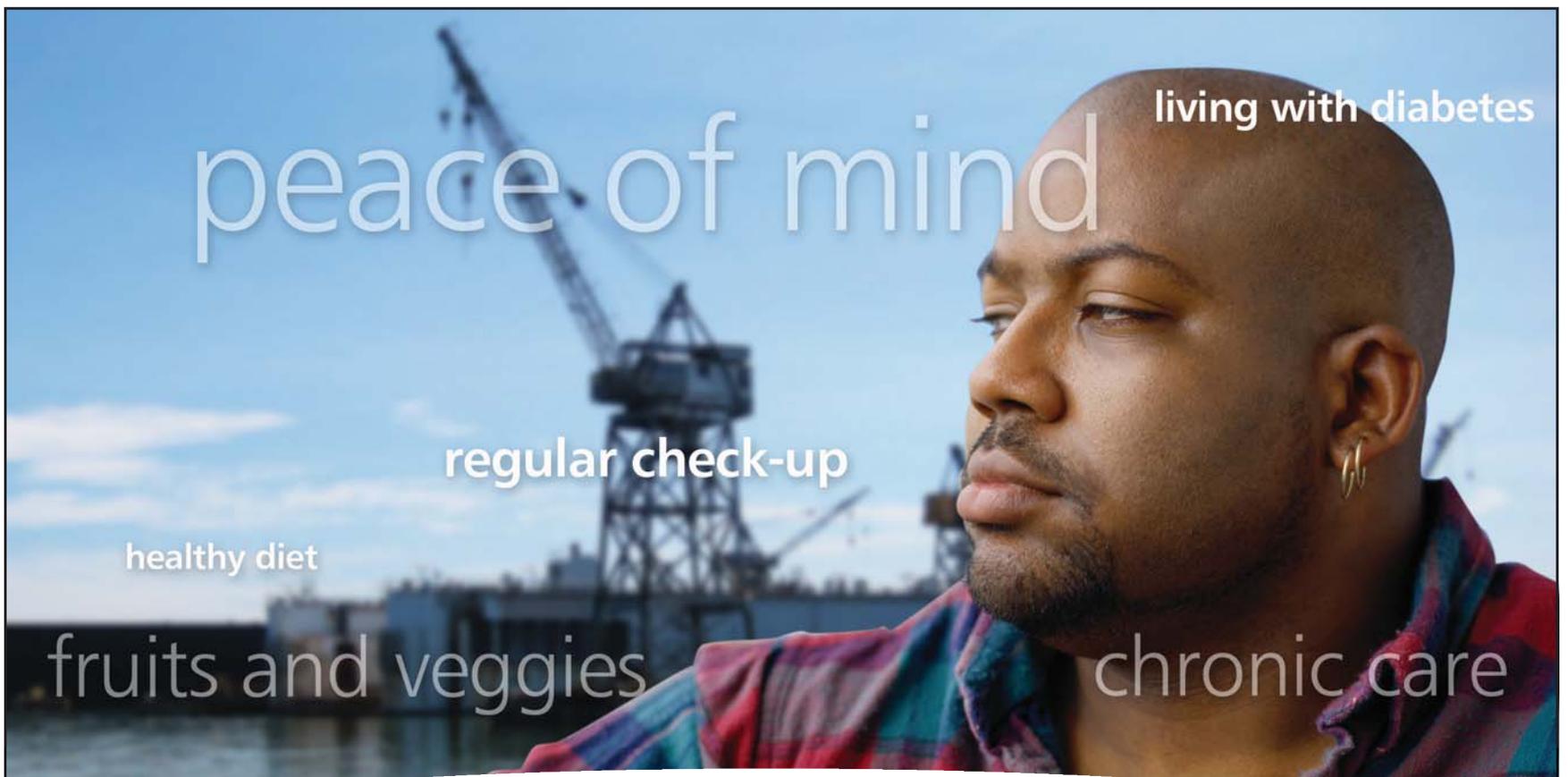
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