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This treasure hunt is pretty fun, but I've got to tell you about the last one I played in. There were only eight clues, but we drove all around town looking for them. I can't quite remember the order we found them in, but I still remember the crazy routes we took ...

- Probably the hardest clue to track down was over in the Nob Hill area. We were heading south at Gough and Pacific. When we got to Lafayette Park we turned left, then went north again at Van Ness. When we got to Jackson we turned left, and took three right turns (my mom always used to say: two wrongs don't make a right, but three lefts do!), winding up back on Van Ness. When we got to Washington we had to turn left, and turned left again at Larkin. We turned left on Jackson again and did the same thing as before. The clue turned out to be on Larkin just north of Jackson.
- We thought the clue was at the reservoir above Russian Hill Park. We headed north on Polk at Lombard, then turned right on Chestnut but it ended in less than a block, so we went back to Polk, then went north again to Francisco. We headed east on Francisco and when we reached the curve, stopped the car. There was the next clue, at the top of the stairs leading down to the reservoir!
- We were on Hyde going north and started looking when we hit North Point. We turned right on Beach, but missed the turn on Columbus, so we looped around the Cannery and caught Columbus the second time around. The clue wound up being on the corner of Columbus and North Point.
- We went to a café near North Point and Jones to figure out one of the clues. We took a false start heading west on North Point, but then we realized that we were trying to get to Francisco and Jones. We took a left at Leavenworth and thought maybe we could shave some time by taking the next left and going down Columbus. Big Mistake! Columbus was totally backed up, so we didn't take it. Instead, we pulled a U-turn and had to take Leavenworth down to Francisco. We hung a left there to Jones.

- I love Chinatown and all, but driving around there on the weekend really sucked. We were at Stockton and Washington when we figured out we were supposed to get to the Cable Car Museum at *Mason* and Washington. Easy, right? No way. There were delivery trucks double parked on Washington, so we had to head north on Stockton. Jackson was one way in the wrong direction, so we had to take a left at the next road. We turned south onto Powell and got to Jackson, only to find that the one way direction actually *reversed* at Powell. So we wound up backtracking to Pacific, going over to Mason, and finally getting there that way. This town is crazy.
- This other clue was supposed to be at City Hall. We wound up driving around the block something like three times before we noticed it up on the steps. D'oh!
- Word of warning: that area under 101 near the Mission gets pretty confusing. We got pretty turned around, starting south at Howard and 12th. When it turned into South Van Ness we made a hard right and were headed north. But we knew we wanted to go south so when we missed Plum Street, we took a hard left at the next intersection. I'm sure what we did was illegal, but at least we got to the clue just under the highway without getting caught.
- In the downtown area we actually got to one of the clues pretty quickly. We started out at Front and Broadway heading west. We realized that we couldn't make a legal left on Sansome, but since there wasn't much traffic we made a U-turn and headed south on Battery instead. Turned out to be a good thing because the clue was right at Washington and Battery.

That was a great game, almost like poetry. Anyway, that was all last year, but the echoes wander through my mind even now.