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City putting brakes on auto dealer zone

Moving auto dealerships is an open ended question

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Auto dealerships may be spread throughout the city in upcoming years, alleviating the pressures that neighborhoods off of Santa Monica Boulevard have dealt with for a long time.

The Santa Monica City Council recently voted to look at other areas of the city that could accommodate auto dealerships and their service departments so they are not all on Santa Monica Boulevard, as they are now.

The study, which the council will be updated on in February, will not look at a specific neighborhood, but rather many areas that could be zoned for auto dealerships.

While the study may be general, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown thinks the idea, which was brought forward by Santa Monica Mayor Michael Feinstein, is a valid one. However, he cautioned that it shouldn't be directed at a particular area.

"This has the potential to be a truly visionary idea," he said. "What I want to avoid us doing is having a section of the city think their future may somehow be compromised ... This city has a lot of small, locally owned, independently operated businesses that we should be trying to retain. How do we proceed with this without casting a pall over a part of the city ... but that we want to have vibrant and not have people think it's going through a major change?" he asked.

Feinstein agreed with McKeown and said his comments in the future will indicate that no specific areas are being targeted. However, one of the areas discussed by some people is Lincoln Boulevard.

The neighborhoods north and south of Santa Monica Boulevard have dealt with a lack of parking, constant traffic on quiet streets and auto repair noise for years. The city tried to combat some of their concerns by enacting a preferential parking zone that allows residents park in their neighborhood to from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. But that only addressed some of their issues.

Feinstein said he began discussing with the dealers about relocating some of their

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Ross Furukawa/Daily Press

Vince Lombardo, a 10-year Santa Monica resident, finishes off his opponent in a heated match of ping pong at the Easton Gym on the Third Street Promenade.

New businesses come to Santa Monica Place

BY CLAUDIA HIBBERT
Special to the Daily Press

Consumers to Santa Monica's downtown shopping district will soon have four new offerings at Santa Monica Place.

Four new businesses, including Great Steak and Potato, Great Khan Mongolian Grill and China Inn in the mall's food court, as well as Forever 21, an apparel shop that caters to young women, will set up shop at the mall "in the next week to two weeks," said Charles Christensen, general manager of Santa Monica Place.

"We have a number of food court and restaurant operators here on site," Christensen added. "We just continue to upgrade our list of food court merchants to bring a better selection to the marketplace."

The addition of shops at the Santa Monica Place does not worry Kathleen Rawson, executive director of Bayside District, which manages the Promenade, located north of the indoor mall. A food court on the 1400 block of the Promenade closed about two years ago, and Bebe, a clothes shop, opened in its place. The food court later moved to another location at the outdoor marketplace.

"It's definitely a partnership. There's no doubt about it," Rawson said. "We know the majority of people who come to the district for shopping will shop in the Santa Monica Place and the Promenade and the entire downtown area.

"Often times we combine marketing efforts and strategic planning to complement each other. There's no way we would or could do it separately."

2002 presents daunting choices in California

BY JIM WASSERMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — After a year when Silicon Valley went bust, when four planes bound for California crashed in terror and even the lights wouldn't stay on, 35 million Californians surely have one question about 2002.

What next?

In a state that's never been for the timid, the faint of heart or those who worry and look back, the top electrical utility, PG&E, says it's bankrupt. A state budget bigger than that of most nations is $12 billion short. And an economy said to be the world's fifth largest, bigger than France and rich in farming, silicon chips and movies filled with action and love, is misfiring.

Happy New Year at the edge of the continent.

For much of 2001, California appeared to the nation like some poor, faraway nation with unsolvable problems and an unpronounceable name. Along with its familiar earthquakes, forest fires, medflies, riots, hot weather and smog, California watchers added the ominous spectacle of "blackouts."

Describing the economy heading into

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Deal with pressures, understanding that someone has tried very hard to keep you clear of his or her problems. Nevertheless, you have very little choice but to dig in and handle a hot issue. Use your imaginative qualities and help everyone relax. The right action pays off. Tonight: Party as if there were no tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Speak your mind, and others react. Sometimes you cannot predict what someone will do or say, but on the other hand, you need to remain clear and direct. Handle work and errands on your own. Later on, retreat to your office or home. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Financial wheeling and dealing could backfire. Stay anchored and direct with those around you. Give up playing games, and you'll get strong, positive reactions. If need be, ask for help. Someone listens with intensity and caring to your feedback. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Others respond far more strongly than you had intended. Be concerned with someone who sometimes holds back but now explosively reacts! Stay calm, cool and collected, and you'll get positive responses. Express your caring in an easy, effective manner. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Listen, but try not to react when others give you feedback. Your perspective changes as a result. Focus on what is going on with a friend who might be quite uptight. Don't get distracted by his or her story, but listen to this person's emotions. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might have a difficult time settling in. Children, loved ones and friends still prove to be major distractions. Carefully review a decision that involves your work. How much longer can you keep putting off the inevitable? Tonight: Get extra sleep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take the lead with an older relative or work-related matter. Someone might react strongly, as you could be quite distracted. This person easily becomes used to your attention. Don't back away from commitments and responsibilities. Tonight: Find your pals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Surprises have become commonplace in your life, yet an event or conversation bolts you from the blue right now. Be imaginative and creative when handling an important matter. Think in terms of spontaneity. Slow down at work. A family member needs attention. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Carefully review a matter that impacts your finances. You could be set back by someone's reaction. You need to pull in your finances and spend less. Someone might have ideas as to how to spend your money. Know when to say "no." Do some research on the Net. Tonight: Off to the movies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ As usual, you jolt others. You might cause yourself a problem as a result of your unpredictability. Review a problem with some perspective. You might need to ask a partner to chip in and help. Listen to this person's opinions. Work as a team. Tonight: Follow someone's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself. You have a lot of ground to cover. Think in terms of growth and a change of pace. Organize yourself with the help of some new technology or a new computer. Demonstrate your efficiency and help others who work with you. You accomplish a lot. Tonight: Where the crowds are!

WEATHER

Today ... Partly cloudy with a high 60°F. Winds from the north northwest at 7mph.

Tonight ... Partly cloudy with a low of 45°F. Winds from north at 3mph.

Tomorrow ... Showers High—62°F Low—44°F

QUOTE of the DAY

"My toughest fight was with my first wife."
— Muhammad Ali

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No specific area targeted yet for auto dealership mall

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services to other areas of the city to balance private interests with commercial ones.

"Mr. Sheridan and his father have ignored all the complaints from the residents for the past three years. They just couldn't care less."

— CHUCK ALLORD
Neighbors for Safer Santa Monica

One of those dealers is Dan Sheridan, who owns Sheridan Toyota and is chairman of the automobile dealers task force.

He told the Daily Press last month that when auto dealers first complained to the city about parking and regulation problems, the council asked for a report outlining their grievances and detailing the changes they proposed. The end result took two years, cost over $100,000 and is about 200 pages long.

But just before the dealerships were about to submit their findings, the city council enacted the preferential parking. The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce then sued the city claiming that preferential parking infringed on the rights of businesses, but the chamber lost the first round in court and has appealed the decision.

Now, in an effort to work more cohesively, the task force and city staff will look at the possibility of creating an "auto mall" somewhere other than Santa Monica Boulevard.

But Chuck Allord, who represents Neighbors for Safer Santa Monica and lives near the auto dealerships, said the city shouldn't create new commercial zones to accommodate what he describes as "horrible neighbors."

"Mr. Sheridan has been the most problematic problem in this area," he told the council. "Mr. Sheridan and his father have ignored all the complaints from the residents for the past three years. They just couldn't care less."

He said the council won't be addressing the problem by creating an auto mall. He also alleged that the council is receiving "pay offs" by auto dealers. However, he didn't provide any evidence of that at the meeting and Mayor Feinstein vehemently denied that any city official was being paid off.

Auto dealerships are big business for the city, bringing in the single highest source of tax revenue. Annually, dealerships generate about $10 million for the city, which consists of about 3 percent of the entire city budget.



Del Pastrana/Daily Press
An afternoon at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier finds a young man trying his luck at the Pier Plank Plunge.

Power a topic of election

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a new year, Harry Gill, a first-generation Californian from India said, "Farming is bad, trucking is bad, small business is bad."

Gill, a businessman in the small Central Valley town of Carruthers, already owns, after two decades in California, a crop insurance firm, several restaurants and stores.

In early California, where the lights went on all at once and never dimmed, as writer Carey McWilliams once said, poets coined a pioneering, if one-sided phrase, for such newcomers, who have been coming ever since. It said: "Bring me men to match my mountains."

Now, going into California's 154th year as a state, the phrase promises to be a central point of 2002.

It's an election year.

Against a backdrop of terrorism, recession and budget deficits, California's 15 million voters will soon pick among a handful of men to become — possibly — larger than life for a troubled time. As ancient people looked to magicians or priests to lift their bad spells and rough luck, Californians will choose a governor to accomplish much the same.

The March 5 vote offers Democratic Gov. Gray Davis and three Republican challengers: California Secretary of State Bill Jones, former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan and Los Angeles businessman Bill Simon.

On Nov. 7 voters will pick between Davis and the Republican survivor.

The newest Field Poll says Californians believe times will improve in 2002. Yet many say it also seems more important now who runs California — in the way it mattered that Rudy Giuliani was mayor of New York when two planes hit the World Trade Center. Indeed, it may matter in the way an uninspired and then disputed presidential campaign produced President Bush, who rallied the nation for a task no one foresaw.

"I think people are paying attention more," said Susan Sifuentes-Trigueros, president of the Los Angeles-based Hispanas Organized for Political Equality. "I think you'll have a more knowledgeable voter. People are paying more attention to the news."

During the first two years of the Davis administration, governing California looked like a cakewalk, like almost anyone could have done it. Davis and a Legislature that has largely never known tough times ruled amid America's longest peacetime boom since World War II.

Their job appeared easy: to spend billions of dollars in budget surpluses, fund new programs and build more highways. The Legislature met its budget deadlines. Davis sailed through his first two years, 1999 and 2000, reigning over a technology boom that placed California squarely in the center of the world's newest business. Unemployment fell to record lows while stocks in California firms went ever higher.

It seems such a short time ago.

Now, sitting in the brown-paneled office at the end of a long Capitol hallway means full-time budget cutting. And it follows months of nonstop crisis management simply to keep California's power running.

At California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, political scientist Craig Arceneaux said no governor can expect the public to rally around his handling of economic issues.

Arceneaux said the power crisis will define and hurt Davis.

At Little Saigon Radio in Orange County, beaming to thousands of Vietnamese-Americans who fled their homeland during the 1960s and 1970s, program director Cong Nguyen said it already is harming him.

"The Republicans are very, very aggressive and very active," he said.

Yet Davis recently told the Washington, D.C., press corps he expects to be re-elected in 2002 by double-digit margins.

Some call that classic California attitude in the face of challenge.

Sales tax increase to kick in; GOP blasts Gray Davis

BY ALEXA HAUSSLER
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — California shoppers will start paying more at the register when a quarter-cent sales tax increase kicks in Tuesday.

Officials estimate the increase will cost a family of four an average $120 a year. And it has prompted intense debate for months, including a new wave of Republican-sponsored radio ads blasting Gov. Gray Davis' handling of the state budget.

The California Republican Party's ads hit the airwaves Thursday in some of the state's major markets, signaling the official start of a political ad season that likely will focus heavily on Davis, taxes and the state's fiscal condition.

The quarter-cent sales tax increase will kick automatically in Tuesday — the first day of 2002 — because of falling state revenues and a shrinking emergency reserve.

Republicans blame Davis, saying he failed to build a large enough reserve into the budget and planned poorly for a slumping economy. Key GOP lawmakers held back their votes for the budget this summer over the sales-tax trigger, forcing an impasse in the Legislature and causing Davis to sign the state's spending plan nearly a month late.

But Davis and other Democrats say the sales-tax trigger, signed into law by Republican former Gov. Pete Wilson and supported by Republican lawmakers, is meant to funnel dollars back to taxpayers when the economy soars and help fill the state treasury when times are tough.

Davis supporters also say he signed into law $3 billion in tax relief in his first two years in office and that he isn't responsible for the economic downturn and dwindling revenues.

"Governor Davis has been a fiscally prudent governor," said Roger Salazar, spokesman for Davis' re-election campaign.

The state is one of many facing revenue shortfalls from an already-weak economy and the fiscal fallout of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Analysts estimate California faces a $12 billion budget deficit in the coming fiscal year.

But Republican party consultant Rob Stutzman said the party thinks it's fair to blame Davis for lacking "the foresight to plan well when times were good."

The new ads feature two elves discussing the tax increase, with jingling holiday bells in the background, and blaming Davis. The ads, which will cost the state GOP about $75,000, are scheduled to air through New Year's Eve and possibly New Year's Day in Los Angeles, Sacramento and the Central Valley.

The ad is the first of many in the final two months before the statewide primaries when three Republicans will battle for the nomination to challenge Davis in November. Advisers for all three Republicans and Davis have said their ads will start airing in January.

NATIONAL

Some of the men and women we lost in 2001

BY POLLY ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

In this year like no other, the last male survivor of the Titanic passed away.

An ordinary boy caught in a tragedy of the distant past — the destruction of the "unsinkable" marvel of shipbuilding. An ordinary man caught in the tragedy of our time — the destruction of New York's tallest skyscrapers, themselves an engineering marvel when they were built three decades ago.

These are just some of the people who left us in 2001. Here, a listing:

JANUARY

Ray Walston, 86. He played the lovable extraterrestrial Uncle Martin on the 1960s TV sitcom "My Favorite Martian" and the devil in "Damn Yankees." Jan. 1.

William P. Rogers, 87. Attorney general in one Republican administration, secretary of state in another, and a champion of civil rights and freedom of the press. Jan. 2.

Les Brown, 88. His Band of Renown scored a No. 1 hit with "Sentimental Journey" during America's big band era. Jan. 4.

William Hewlett, 87. The shirt-sleeved engineer who co-founded Hewlett-Packard Co. in a garage in 1938 and pioneered Silicon Valley and the computer age itself. Jan. 12.

Leonard Woodcock, 89. He shepherded the United Auto Workers union and then served as ambassador to China in the Carter administration. Jan. 16.

Laurent Kabila, 59. Congo leader who was welcomed as a liberator but came to resemble the dictator he toppled. Jan. 16. Shot to death.

Byron De La Beckwith, 80. White supremacist convicted three decades after the fact for assassinating civil rights leader Medgar Evers. Jan. 21.

Johnnie Johnson, 85. He shot down 38 enemy aircraft, making him the British Royal Air Force's top gun in World War II. Jan. 30.

Michel Navratil, 92. The last male survivor of doomed Titanic, whose identity was a highly publicized mystery for days. Jan. 31.

FEBRUARY

Howard Clark, 84. Visionary corporate executive who led American Express while it developed into a corporate giant. Feb. 2.

Gilbert Trigano, 80. His Club Med resorts revolutionized modern tourism and delivered sunny vacations to the masses. Feb. 3.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh, 94. The wife of aviator Charles A. Lindbergh, who became his co-pilot and wrote about their pioneering adventures in flight. Feb. 7.

Warner LeRoy, 65. Restaurateur whose Hollywood roots and business savvy brought glamour and pizzaz to renowned New York eateries such as Tavern on the Green.

-Passed February 22.

Dale Evans, 88. Singer-actress who teamed with husband Roy Rogers in popular Westerns and wrote their theme song, "Happy Trails to You." Feb. 7.

Abraham D. Beame, 94. He served as mayor of New York through the darkest days of the city's 1975 fiscal crisis. Feb. 10.

Balthus, 92. Swiss painter, one of the 20th century's greatest realist artists best known for his erotic — some say pornographic — portrayal of adolescent beauties. Feb. 18.

Stanley Kramer, 87. Producer and-or director of some of Hollywood's most celebrated "message" films including "High Noon" and "Judgment at Nuremberg." Feb. 19.

Warner LeRoy, 65. Restaurateur whose Hollywood roots and business savvy brought glamour and pizzaz to renowned New York eateries such as Tavern on the Green. Feb. 22.

Stan Margulies, 80. Television producer behind two of the most watched miniseries in television history, "Roots" and "The Thorn Birds." Feb. 27.

MARCH

Henry Wade, 86. District attorney in Dallas whose career included the murder trial of Jack Ruby and the landmark abortion case Roe vs. Wade. March 1.

John Painter, 112. Thought to be the nation's oldest veteran, his military service during World War I took him from the Tennessee hills to the front lines of France. March 1.

Morton Downey Jr., 68. Abrasive, chain-smoking talk show host whose reign over 1980s "trash TV" opened the way for the likes of Jerry Springer. March 11.

Robert Ludlum, 73. Author whose spy adventure novels had unbelievable plot twists that kept millions of readers turning pages. March 12.

Cord Meyer, 80. One of the defining figures in the history of the Central Intelligence Agency. March 13.

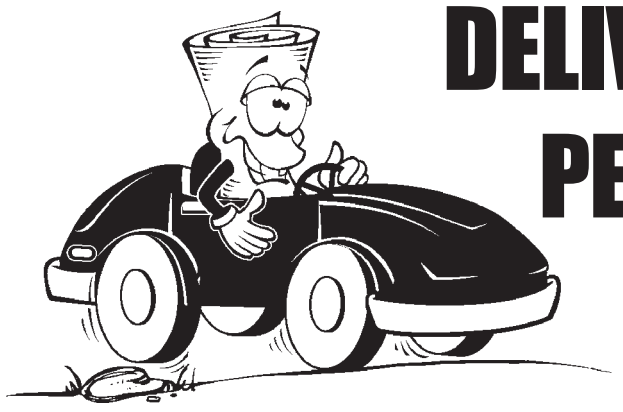
Ann Sothern, 92. Beauty who starred as the movies' wisecracking "Maisie" and as the busybody Susie McNamara in the 1950s TV series "Private Secretary." March 15.

John Phillips, 65. Co-founder of the '60s pop group the Mamas and the Papas and writer of its biggest hits, including "California Dreamin"' and "Monday Monday." March 18.

Chung Ju-yung, 86. He symbolized South Korea's economic miracle in the aftermath of war as founder of Hyundai. March 21.

William Hanna, 90. Animation pioneer who with partner Joseph Barbera created

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Volunteer Patrick Gibson of Albany, Ga. lights memorial candles in front of St. Paul's Chapel in New York, near the site of the World Trade Center attacks. Tourists are flocking to the World Trade Center wreckage site as recovery and cleanup work continues.

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such beloved cartoon characters as Fred Flintstone, Yogi Bear and Tom and Jerry. March 22.

Rep. Norman Sisisky, 73. A conservative Virginia Democrat who was a strong advocate for defense spending during nine terms in Congress. March 29.

Clifford G. Shull, 85. He shared the 1994 Nobel Prize in physics for his work in neutron scattering — a technique that reveals where atoms are within a material. March 31.

APRIL

Ed "Big Daddy" Roth, 69. His fantastic car creations and anti-hero Rat Fink character helped define the California hotrod culture of the 1950s and '60s. April 4.

Beatrice Straight, 86. Actress who earned an Academy Award for her role as William Holden's estranged wife in the television spoof "Network." April 7.

Sir Harry Secombe, 79. Comedian whose gift for the ridiculous on radio's "Goon Show" made him one of Britain's best-loved entertainers. April 11.

Joey Ramone, 49. Punk rock icon whose signature yelp melded with the Ramones' three-chord thrash to launch an explosion of bands like the Sex Pistols. April 15. Lymphoma.

Meyer Friedman, 90. Doctor who developed the theory that angry, uptight people — "Type A" personalities — are more prone to heart attacks. April 27.

Richard M. Scammon, 85. Political scientist who co-wrote "The Real Majority," which declared the importance of the middle-class, middle-of-the-road voter. April 27.

MAY

Harold "Happy" Hairston, 58. A Los Angeles Lakers forward in the early 1970s when the team was what many consider the greatest basketball team ever. May 1. Prostate cancer.

Cliff Hillegass, 83. Founder of Cliffs Notes, whose study guides helped generations of students get through literature classes. May 5.

Perry Como, 88. With his mellow baritone, he entertained audiences on hits such as "Catch a Falling Star" and his popular TV show, "The Perry Como Show." May 12.

Jason Miller, 62. Playwright who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1973 for "That Championship Season" and sometime actor who was nominated for an Oscar for his portrayal of a priest in "The Exorcist." May 13.

Dr. Walker Reynolds Jr., 85. Surgeon noted for 57 medical inventions, including the use of staples for surgery instead of sutures. May 17.

Malcom P. McLean, 87. His use of large cargo containers revolutionized the global shipping industry and changed the way goods are moved around the world. May 25.

Faisal Husseini, 60. Moderate PLO leader treated by much of the world as the Palestinians' foreign minister. May 31.

Arlene Francis, 93. Witty actress who was a panelist on the popular "What's My Line?" TV show for its 25-year run. May 31.

JUNE

Hank Ketcham, 81. Comic strip artist whose lovable scamp, "Dennis the Menace," amused readers for five decades. June 1.

Imogene Coca, 92. Elfin actress and comedian who co-starred with Sid Caesar on television's classic "Your Show of Shows." June 2.

Anthony Quinn, 86. The Oscar winner remembered for his roles as the earthy hero of "Zorba the Greek" and the fierce Bedouin leader in "Lawrence of Arabia." June 3.

Marie Bremont, 115. Frenchwoman who was believed to be the world's oldest person. June 6.

Timothy McVeigh, 33. Oklahoma City bomber. June 11. Executed.

Carroll O'Connor, 76. Actor whose gruff charm as the cranky bigot Archie Bunker on "All in the Family" began a new era of frankness in TV comedy. June 21.

John Lee Hooker, 80. Bluesman whose rich, sonorous voice, coupled with a brooding rhythmic guitar, inspired countless musicians with songs like "Boom Boom" and "Boogie Chillen." June 21.

Yvonne Dionne, 67. One of three remaining Dionne quintuplets whose birth in a small Canadian town caused a sensation in the 1930s. June 23.

Jack Lemmon, 76. Actor who brought a jittery intensity to his roles as finicky Felix Unger in "The Odd Couple," the boastful Ensign Pulver in "Mr. Roberts" and a cross-dressing musician in "Some Like It Hot." June 27.

JULY

Ely Callaway, 82. His oversized Big Bertha drivers helped weekend golfers play more like the pros and turned Callaway Golf Co. into the world's biggest club maker. July 5.

Katharine Graham, 84. She deftly steered The Washington Post through the tumult of the Pentagon Papers and Watergate and built it into a leading force in American journalism. July 17.

Gunther Gebel-Williams, 66. The circus animal trainer whose showmanship and uncanny rapport with animals delighted children of all ages with the Greatest Show on Earth. July 19.

Frances R. Horwich, 94. Her 1950s show "Ding Dong School" helped change children's television and led the way for shows like "Sesame Street" and "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." July 22.

AUGUST

Korey Stringer, 27. Minnesota Vikings right tackle who played in the 2001 Pro Bowl. Aug. 1. Heat stroke.

Maureen Reagan, 60. The outspoken presidential daughter who crusaded for Alzheimer's disease awareness after her father fell ill and for cancer victims when she contracted melanoma. Aug. 8.

Kathleen Freeman, 82. Veteran character actress whose face was known to audiences from television sitcoms, the film "Singin' in the Rain" and Broadway's "The Full Monty." Aug. 23.

SEPTEMBER

Dr. Christiaan Barnard, 78. South African doctor who became an international hero in 1967 by performing the first successful human heart transplant. Sept. 2.

Troy Donahue, 65. Heartthrob actor of the 1950s and '60s who starred in teen romances like "A Summer Place" and "Parrish." Sept. 2.

Barbara Olson, 45. Lawyer, conservative television commentator and author; a frequent critic of the Clinton administration. Sept. 11. Pentagon attack.

OCTOBER

Frederic W. Ziv, 96. TV syndication pioneer who had a hand in such action favorites as "Highway Patrol," "Sea Hunt," "Bat Masterson" and "The Cisco Kid." Oct. 13.

Jay Livingston, 86. Oscar-winning composer and lyricist who collaborated on such hits as "Silver Bells" and "Que Sera, Sera." Oct. 17.

Neil Tillotson, 102. For four decades, he cast the first vote on U.S. presidential election days in the tiny mountain village of Dixville Notch, N.H. Oct. 17.

NOVEMBER

Ken Kesey, 66. He won fame as a novelist with "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," then took an LSD-fueled bus ride that became a symbol of the psychedelic 1960s. Nov. 10.

Nathan Pusey, 94. A scholar of ancient history who led Harvard University during the turbulent campus protests of the 1960s. Nov. 14.

Mary Kay Ash, 83. Her cosmetics company, known for giving pink Cadillacs to top saleswomen, made her one of the most famous women in American business. Nov. 22.

Jean-Louis Palladin, 55. Celebrated chef whose cuisine at Jean-Louis at the Watergate Hotel was credited with helping put Washington on the restaurant map. Nov. 25. Lung cancer.

John Knowles, 75. Author whose "A Separate Peace" has been read by millions of students and is considered an enduring study of an adolescent's inner conflict. Nov. 29.

George Harrison, 58. The "quiet Beatle" who added rock 'n' roll flash and a touch of the mystic to the band's timeless magic. Nov. 29. Cancer.

DECEMBER

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Leopold Sedar Senghor, 95. African statesman and poet who led Senegal to independence in 1960 and became the West African nation's first president. Dec. 20.

Dick Schaap, 67. Emmy-winning sports broadcaster for ESPN and ABC who wrote more than 30 books. Dec. 21.

Shizue Kato, 104. Feminist leader and leading birth control advocate in Japan who was one of the first women elected to Japan's Parliament. Dec. 22.

Jacques Mayol, 74. French diving legend who inspired the 1988 film "The Big Blue." Dec. 23.

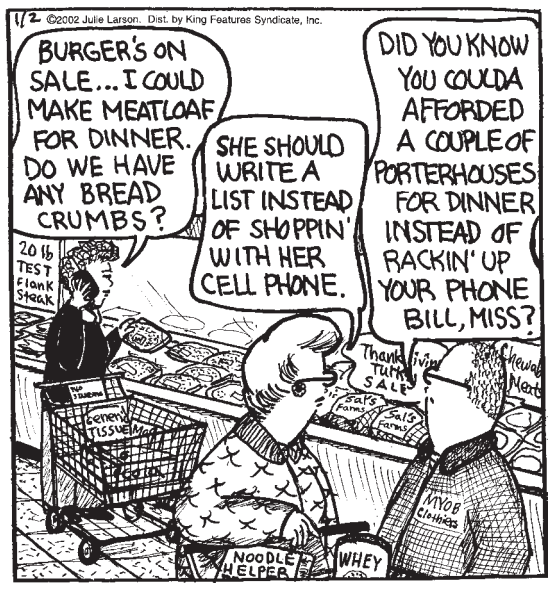
Monsignor Mattia Pei Shangde, 83. Roman Catholic priest who was imprisoned for years in China after its government severed ties with the Vatican in 1951. Dec. 24.

Sir Nigel Hawthorne, 72. Versatile actor known as the scheming civil servant Sir Humphrey in the British television series "Yes, Minister." Dec. 26.

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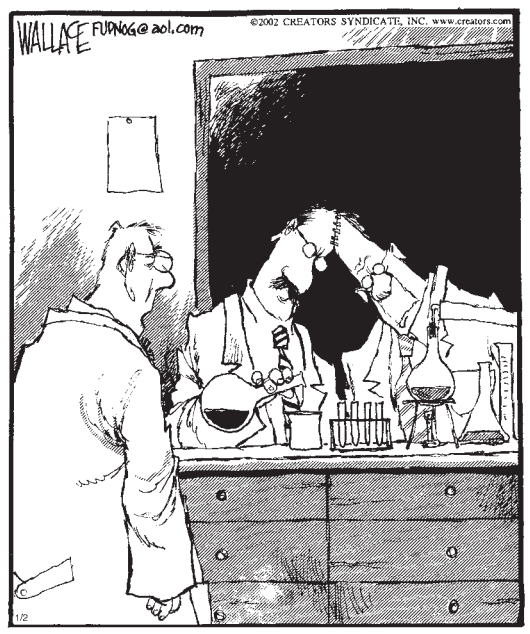
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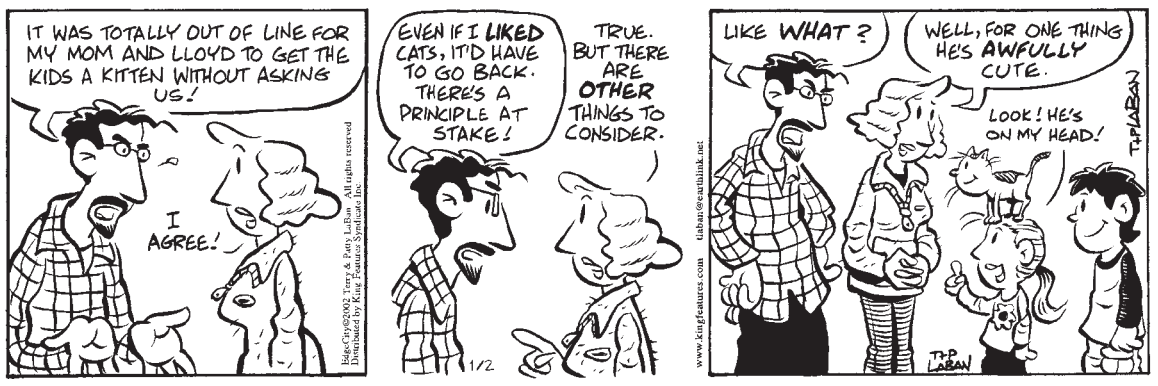
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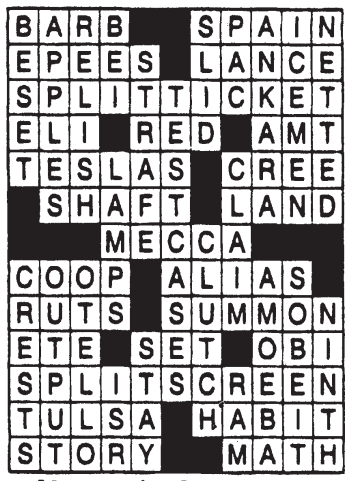
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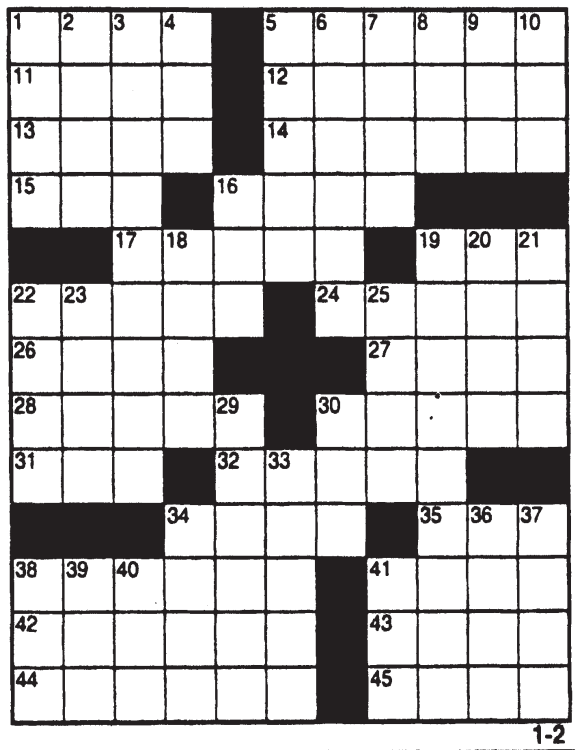
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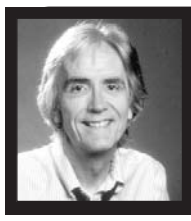


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Sorting fact from fiction in movie hazing case

BY RICHARD BENKE
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The truth is the colonel never spouted, "You can't handle the truth!"

Col. J. Samuel Adams was already gone, reassigned from his command at Guantanamo, Cuba, less than two months after a "Code Red" hazing incident that hospitalized one Marine and jailed 10 others in 1986. The film, "A Few Good Men," starring Tom Cruise and Jack Nicholson, was based in part on the 15-year-old case that featured New Mexico's new U.S. attorney, David Iglesias, as a Navy JAG defense lawyer.

"The Code Red is an old tradition in the armed forces," said Iglesias, who at the time defended Pfc. John Palermo. "You've heard it called other things — the GI shower, the blanket party. They're just different terms for hazing. This trial was about hazing."

It was also about "implied" orders, command interference and military definitions of loyalty, he said. And it was one of the first trials Iglesias handled after his graduation from the University of New Mexico law school in 1984.

"It was the only case I had where the defense was obedience to orders," Iglesias said in an interview on the 15th anniversary of the December 1986 court-martial at Guantanamo.

Iglesias said this was the first time all three JAG lawyers involved in the trials had been interviewed for a story about the case. There were key differences between the real trial and the fictional film, he said.

The film "A Few Good Men" was written by NBC-TV's "West Wing" creator Aaron Sorkin.

Sorkin's sister, Debbie Sorkin, was a member of the JAG team handling early parts of the case.

Details of the three trials, which came later, are still indelibly remembered by Iglesias and fellow Judge Advocate General lawyers Chris Johnson, now a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles; and Don Marcari, who practices law in Virginia Beach, Va.

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DAVID IGLESIAS
New Mexico's new U.S. attorney

In 1986, Pfc. William Alvarado informed his commanders he wanted out of Guantanamo, a U.S. base that has existed at Cuba since the Spanish-American War. Barbed wire, sandbags and minefields surrounded the base, and tensions ran high as armed U.S. and Cuban forces closely watched each other through their gunsights.

Alvarado, in his effort to win transfer, went outside the chain of command and reported in letters to the Naval Investigative Service and U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., that members of his platoon illegally fired across the fenceline.

His platoon soon learned of his allegations, including false statements that Cubans were killed, Johnson says.

Marine Capt. David Robb gathered his company, confirmed Alvarado sent the letters and ordered: "He is not to be touched."

As Iglesias, referring to court documents, tells it: Lt. W.L. Adams, no relation to the colonel, let it be known that he didn't want Alvarado killed, "but if he falls down a flight of stairs late at night, oh, well."

While Robb urged Col. Adams to segregate Alvarado "for his own safety," 10 Marines planned a Code Red, not merely for the fenceline allegations but several complaints including Alvarado's alleged unwillingness to join in mandatory long-distance runs, take turns at guard duty or obey orders to get a haircut.

So members of his platoon chose a haircut — a mohawk or "checkerboard" — to enforce the Code Red. Alvarado then would either live with a bizarre hairdo or submit to the "high and tight" skinhead style, the lawyers said.

At 2:30 a.m. July 27, 1986, Alvarado was bound and gagged with medical adhesive tape. Part of the gag was shoved into his mouth. That portion went down his throat and caused him to choke, then convulse. The hazing stopped, the gag was removed and an ambulance was called. For awhile his condition was considered critical.

In the movie version, the victim, named Willie Santiago, died.

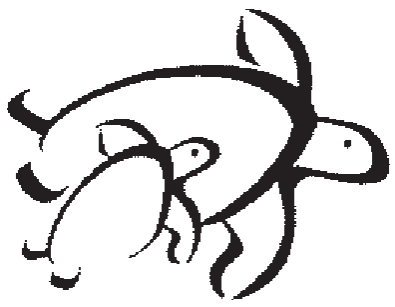
In the real Marine Corps, all 10 Marines were initially charged with conspiracy to commit murder even though nobody died. They were also charged with attempted murder.

As the defense investigation progressed, though, a case record of what led to the hazing became apparent, including the colonel's alleged refusal to segregate Alvarado with the words, "Let him sweat," and awareness that Code Reds, though unauthorized, did occur.

"Our clients told us, 'We would not have done the Code Red except for the order to do it,"' Iglesias said.

Seven of the 10 chose discharges "other than honorable" and went free. Three fought reduced charges of assault in special courts-martial. Iglesias, Johnson and Marcari defended Palermo, Lance Cpl. R.W. Peterson and Lance Cpl. David Cox. They were convicted of simple assault. One had pay docked. No other penalties were imposed.

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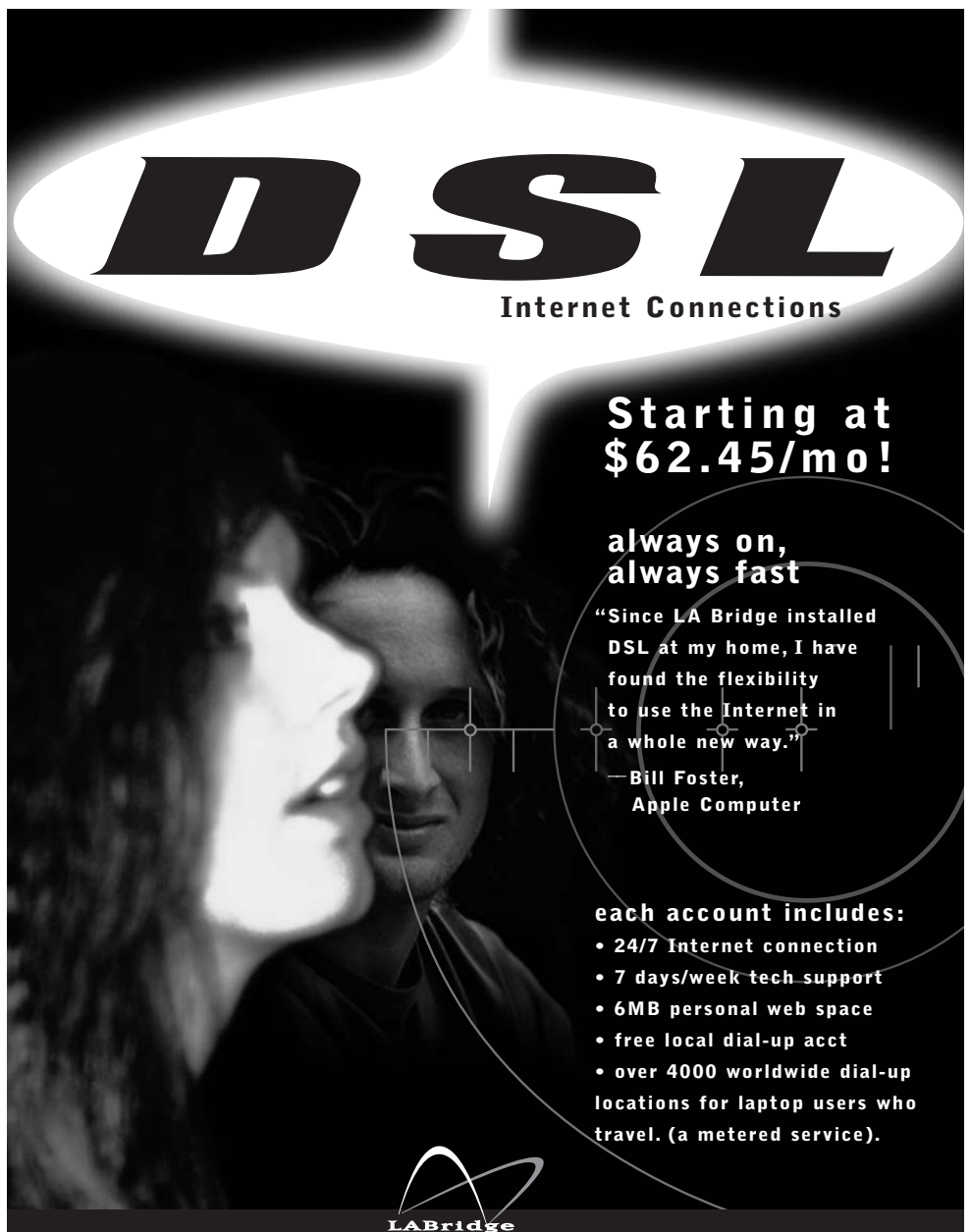
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