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# BAR SHOOTING VICTIM DEAD

## Man Charged With Murder By Officers

A 22-year-old Torrance youth faces a charge of murder, growing from a fracas early Monday morning in a downtown bar in which another man was shot and later died at an area hospital. Warren Robert Heaton, 22, of 814 Sartori, is scheduled to face preliminary hearing at 9 a.m. Monday in South Bay Municipal Court. He is being held in the county jail.

The victim, Cruz Garcia, 52, of 1321 1/2 Carson St., died Tuesday at Harbor General Hospital. He was shot in the left eye.

At the time of his interrogation at the police station, Warren Heaton admitted to being in the bar at the time of the shooting but did not admit to the shooting, although a witness identified him as the person who fired the weapon.

Witnesses said that as the youth left the bar he asked "Anybody else want it?" Police went to Warren's residence on Sartori but did not find him there. He was brought into the police station by his father as police were watching his apartment.

When police arrived at the (Continued on Page 14)

## Parade Photos Here Today

A page of pictures on Saturday's Armed Forces Day parade which was published in Sunday's Torrance Herald is being reprinted today on page 47.

Also included on the page is the list of trophy winners reprinted from Sunday's Herald.

Additional parade pictures can be found on page 13 today.

## Thomas to Fight for Smut Bill

Strong support of the anti-obscenity measures currently before the Legislature was promised yesterday by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D-63) in a special report to The Herald.

Referring to Assembly Bills No. 3 and No. 14, the dean of California Assemblymen said "I am giving both bills my full support."

The bills, put before the Legislature by Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel of the 46th District, have been deadlocked in the Assembly Criminal Procedure Committee and it will take 41 members of the Assembly to bring the bills back to the floor, Thomas reported.

"I HAVE already informed Assemblyman Chapel, their author, that he can count on my vote," Thomas said.

"Further, I have informed many of the people who have written to me I plan further action if the bills are defeated. In the event of a lack of statewide measures, I fully intend to contact the Attorney General. I am hoping that at least something can be done to ban obscene literature in my own district."

Thomas represents the Harbor Area and about one-third of the city of Torrance.

"There is little doubt that real filth is being sold to our youngsters. The Legislature and public must come up with some concrete action," he said.

## Dairy Hearing

A public hearing on dairy operations in the city have been scheduled before the City Council for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 28.

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## Leap Blamed On Husband's Recent Death

A 40-year-old Torrance mother, apparently despondent because of the recent death of her husband, was killed instantly Monday on the San Diego Freeway near here when she leaped head-first into the path of a huge lumber truck-trailer rig. The coroner's office listed the death of Mrs. Lenore DeWitt, of 18708 New Hampshire Ave., as a suicide.

## Car Safety Inspection Checks Set

A free automobile safety check will be offered to all car owners here Saturday and Sunday under the sponsorship of the Torrance Traffic Safety Council.

Three locations will be manned by members of the Lions Club who will cooperate with the Traffic Safety Council to offer motorists a life-saving check of vehicles for accident-causing defects.

The safety lanes will be set up at the Torrance Civic Center, at the Bank of America parking lot at Sepulveda and Hawthorne, and on the AIRsearch parking lot on 190th Street east of Crenshaw, according to the Rev. Hugh R. Percy, chairman of the sponsoring council.

AN ADDITIONAL lane will be operated by Val's Ford at the firm's 20900 Hawthorne Blvd. location.

Members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce will operate seat belt clinics adjacent to the safety lanes for those who wish to have seat belts installed at reduced prices. Members of the Torrance Beautiful Commission will hand each motorist a litterbag to be placed in the car as a step toward curbing littering on the city streets.

Brakes, steering, tires, wheel alignment and all other critical points will be checked by automobile safety experts.

SOME TOP dragster drivers and safety experts from Lions Drag Strip will be on hand for consultation and advice during the safety check, sponsored by the Downtown Torrance Lions Club, which also is one of the sponsors of Lions Drag Strip, located in Long Beach.

Drivers whose cars pass the safety check will receive a free pass to Lions Drag Strip in ad- (Continued on Page 14)

## Bandits Rob Man At Dairy

A drive-in dairy was robbed of more than \$100 Tuesday night.

Salesman Donald Peter Radisch, 20, said three men drove into the Palos Verdes Dairy at 22845 Hawthorne Ave. about 7 p.m. One of the holdup men, sitting in the right front seat of the vehicle, asked Radisch if he could change a \$20 bill.

Another one of the trio got out of the right side of the vehicle and entered the office saying "I'll take two quarts of milk."

AS THE SECOND holdup man entered the office the one who asked for change got from the car and entered the office. Radisch said one of the men was holding a small gun in his hand and had the weapon pointed at the floor.

The salesman said he pointed out where the money was and was told to "get down on your hands and knees and keep your head down. Don't look up!"

Both bandits went to the cash register where they emptied the cash drawer. After warning Radisch three times to keep his head down and not to look up, the bandits left and were last seen driving southbound on Hawthorne Avenue in a white convertible.

## DiETING Teacher Topples

Competition in losing weight between two South High School teachers was said to be the possible cause of one of the instructors keeling over on the tennis court at El Retiro Park.

Lee Davis, 27, of 1808 Camino de la Costa, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital where officials said the victim was probably in a weakened physical condition as a result of lack of nourishment and vigorous exercise, causing him to faint.

Davis said he had been on a diet in competition with a fellow teacher. Witnesses at the scene said he apparently lost consciousness and struck his head on the tennis court's cement floor when he fell.

## City Traffic Toll Mounts

A housewife suffered major injuries and was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital Monday afternoon after her small foreign model car was involved in a collision on Hawthorne Avenue just north of Sepulveda Boulevard.

Injured was Mrs. Alma Evelyn Schroeder, 53, of Palos Verdes. Driver of the other car, a 1963 model, was Frances Laverne McBride, 18, of 24369 1/2 Pennsylvania. The 18-year-old, a car hop, told police she suffered minor injuries and would obtain medical aid from her own physician.

A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD pedestrian and a motorcycle rider were injured over the weekend in separate accidents.

Diana Harber, 7, of Redondo Beach, suffered major injuries and was taken to South Bay Hospital after she was struck by a car on 190th Street east of Anza.

Driver of the car was Robert (Continued on Page 14)

## Council Handed \$9 Million City Budget

Members of the City Council got a look into the future Tuesday night: a proposed city budget for the coming fiscal year prepared by City Manager Wade Peebles that calls for expenditures of \$9,123,969.

Up about \$702,000 over the current budget which will end June 30, the 1963-64 budget prepared by Peebles provides for 40 additional employees, some modern operating equipment, but no salary hikes, the city manager reported.

Salary raises, if voted by the Council, will probably have to come from projected capital expenditures, he said.

The budget can be financed as is without raising the present \$1.238 tax rate, councilmen were told, although some capital improvements may have to be deferred.

A possibility of increasing revenue for the budget lies in the recommendation by Peebles that the monthly rubbish collection fee be raised from \$1 to \$1.50.

Capital improvements outlined in the preliminary budget include Torrance Municipal Airport, \$25,170; Fire Department, \$40,000; Parks and Recreation, \$94,500; Library, \$75,000; storm drains, \$30,823;

streets, \$234,900; traffic signals, \$170,650; and civic center, \$114,250.

Peebles estimated that major sources of revenue would include property tax, \$3,317,114; sales tax, \$1,900,000; motor vehicle in lieu tax, \$625,000; business licenses, \$235,000; and refuse collection fees, \$300,000. Total revenues were estimated at \$9,140,387.

Also recommended by Peebles was the establishment of a citizen's committee to study the desirability of a \$4.5 million general obligation bond issue to finance



HELD FOR MURDER . . . Warren Robert Heaton, 22, accused of slaying 52-year-old Cruz Garcia Guerra early Monday, was arraigned Wednesday before Municipal Judge William Keene on charges of murder. Police charge the youth shot Guerra after an argument over a \$5 bet in a Torrance bar. (Herald Photo by Darrell Maddox)

## Board Nixes Proposal To Dilute Grade Cards

A suggestion that "D" and "F" on report cards prepared by Torrance teachers be couched in softer terms of "improvement requested" and "improvement required" was turned down by members of the Board of Education here Monday evening.

Board member Albert Charles offered the proposed changes during a discussion of report cards which did lead to some changes, but the board decided that a "D" is a "D" and likewise the "F" and indicated those letter grades were adequately clear to parents.

Another proposal that cards be fancied up with colors

failed to make the grade also as board members agreed that the aesthetic value of the cards was contained in the grades used, not the color of the paper.

PRESIDENT Bert Lynn voiced the board feelings by remarking that nothing was prettier "than a straight 'A' report card."

The board did vote to change kindergarten grading from the "A, B, C" system to check lists and to extend the "A, B, C" grades to citizenship and study habits.

AMONG other matters, the Board Monday received de-

completion of the civic center master plan, including adult center, auditorium, library, parking, landscaping, and playground areas.

Peebles said he did not recommend a general salary hike because the 1963-64 salary survey show wages paid by the city "compared very favorably with other cities in the labor, clerical, and technical classifications."

Public hearings on the proposed budget have been scheduled for June 18 and 25 to permit the adoption of the preliminary budget before its effective starting date of July 1.

A copy of the budget is on file with City Clerk Vernon Coil and may be inspected by citizens, Peebles reported.

One item certain to receive the attention of City Council members is the city manager's reluctance to recommend additional police officers in the numbers believed necessary by some councilmen.

Councilman Ken Miller was critical of Peebles' recommendations for that department when the budget was presented Tuesday, and is certain to bring it up again as the city fathers begin wading through the 153-page book of figures.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think there are enough speed limit signs posted along city streets? The Pennies inquirer asked persons in front of the main post office in downtown Torrance.

John Tygret, 1144 W. Maxfield St.

"Definitely not. If people were aware of the speed limits they would probably drive the posted speed more often. I'm very seldom aware of the posted limit. When you want to know the limit you really have to look to find a speed limit sign."

Vince Dee, 1806 Cabrillo Ave.

"In a lot of places they need additional signs. As a rule I would say the signs are posted adequately. Generally there are enough signs posted for people to know the speed limit in the area in which they are driving."

Lee McCoy, 2712 Torrance Blvd.

"I think there could be a lot more of them posted in residential areas such as where children are playing. As a rule the streets are posted well enough. You see quite a few of the signs around."

David S. Ritchey, 2185 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

"As a rule I don't know which speed limit zone I'm driving in but on an average I assume I'm in a 25 mile per hour zone just to play it safe. I haven't noticed too many signs."

Dave Nair, 1627 W. 215th St.

"It would depend on what street you are talking about. For instance Torrance Boulevard has enough signs but one area on Carson Street doesn't. They could use a few more signs in some areas. I agree with the radar car being on city streets instead of fast moving streets such as Artesia Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway."

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