

SON OF PLANT BOSS IS JAILED IN SLAYING

RESCUE AT SEA

All of a Sudden—Boom!



HOME SAFE AGAIN in Torrance after their cabin cruiser smashed against an underwater reef off San Nicholas Island, are Robert Goudy and his wife, Colene, shown at their home in

their own backyard with children, from left, Cindy, 8; Mary, 7, and Randy, 4½. Oar and speargun shown in picture are all that's left of 30-foot boat and equipment. —PRESS photo

Good Thing We Had Liferaft, Wife Says After Boat Crashes

BY BOB LUPO

The weekend started off on a gay note for Torrance truckdriver Robert Goudy of 3320 W. 185th St., his wife, Colene, and five friends.

The seven, including Goudy's brother-in-law, Dave Martin of Inglewood; fight referee Tommy Hart and his wife, Katie, of Hermosa Beach, and Charles and Ronie Fournier, also of Hermosa Beach, set out Saturday on Goudy's 30-foot cabin cruiser, the Deep Six, for a weekend outing "to start the summer season off right."

Everything was going along swimmingly—or perhaps boatingly—would be a better word—when the Deep Six lived up to its nautically ominous name.

Struck Submerged Reef. The \$9,000 craft—Goudy's treasured possession for four years—struck a submerged rock or reef and swiftly sank off San Nicholas Island, a little more than a mile from shore.

Luckily—as Mrs. Goudy said—her husband had remembered to bring a liferaft along. The rubber device was quickly inflated, the three women got in, and Martin and Hart pushed the raft to shore in the treacherous, icily swirling waters.

Within 45 minutes the Coast Guard had arrived on the scene. Goudy said "I was up to my waist in water when I last called the Coast Guard that I was abandoning ship. I sure hated to lose her. She was a good craft."

Swam to Shore. Goudy and Fournier, who stayed behind until they were sure the boat was lost, declined aid from the Coast

Guard. "I thought the water was too dangerous to try to get aboard their ship," Goudy said, "so Fournier and I swam to shore."

When they reached the island, they found their five companions wet but unharmed. A Coast Guard helicopter and amphibious plane flew the group to Long Beach, and they came home from there.

Goudy said he had been looking for a fishing spot around the west side of the island when "All of a sudden boom—we really crunched into something." He radioed the Coast Guard, and began inflating the raft.

The propeller and rudder were knocked into the floor of the boat," Hart said. Goudy said "I still don't understand it. I had a chart of those waters and they showed no reef or underwater obstruction."

Vacation Plan "Sunk" The Torrance reserve policeman ruefully noted that he had put "long, hard hours of work" into the boat during the four years he had it. It was insured for about \$7,500, so most of the financial loss is recoverable, Goudy said.

But the Deep Six is gone forever.

And while the Goudys and their three children—who weren't on the trip—have an exciting sea story to tell, their plans of a three-week vacation this summer are drowned in the waters off San Nicholas Island along with the Deep Six.

Dance Schedule Change Told

Torrance Police Assn. youth dance scheduled for Friday night at the old Grand Theater in downtown Torrance has been canceled due to a previous rental of the building.

The Saturday night dance, from 8 p.m. to midnight, for area youth 13 to 18 years of age, will go on as scheduled. Starting Friday, May 31, the teen-age dances will be held every Friday and Saturday night. Admission is by \$1 donation.

WARRIORS WIN STATE TEE TITLE

El Camino College's sharp-shooting golf team continued its winning ways this week by capturing the state junior college team championship at Torrey Pines, despite not having a single golfer finish among the top individual five medal scores.

Tall Torrance Beauty Fairest of 'Em All

A six-foot living doll, 20-year-old Phyllis Kappen of Torrance, today held the crown of Miss California Tip-Top, won over the weekend at the Sheraton West Hotel, Los Angeles.

Miss Kappen, a dazzling blonde beauty, will vie for the Miss Tall America title in San Francisco in July. Phyllis, who shyly reported her "statistics" as 36-25-36, just barely met the minimum six-foot-tall-in-stocking-feet "ceiling" of the Tip-Toppers club for feminine eligibility in the competition and the club. Men must be 6-4.

A part-time model, Phyllis is a graduate of North High and took art classes at El Camino College. She is now a security receptionist for a defense firm.

Phyllis is a painter—both modern and abstract—and dabbles in photography. Her ambition is to "do something artistic." Her one concern over winning the contest—she's received annoying phone calls.

Tallness runs in her family. Her 15-year-old brother is 6-2 and "still growing." Her father is 6-1 and her mother, a moderately tall friend, however, is just 5-9. "He's tall enough, though," she said.

Phyllis is proud of her height, but a little self-conscious among the shrimps. "I couldn't wait until I was 18 to join a group (the Tip-Toppers) in which I wasn't different," Phyllis said.

She's different in one way, no matter how you look at it—she's the prettiest.

Torrance College Site Crisis 'Stall' Charged

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RUBBISH FEE BOOST EYED IN CITY BUDGET

City manager Wade E. Peebles submitted his balanced pay-as-you-go 1963-64 preliminary budget of more than \$9 million to the Torrance City Council last night.

Peebles recommended adding 40 additional positions—10 for the police department, 10 for the fire department, 10 for the recreation department, and the balance to various other departments. A total of 123 additional positions have been requested.

Features of the budget included:

1. A recommendation that the city increase its rubbish fee to \$1.50 a month from the present \$1. Estimated cost of the

service to the city is \$1.40, Peebles said.

2. No request for general increase in municipal salaries. Peebles said a salary survey showed Torrance pays wages that compare favorably to other cities in labor, technical and clerical classifications.

3. Recommendation that a citizens' group be established to study and report to city council on whether a \$4.5 million general obligation bond issue would be desirable to finance completion of the civic center master plan.

This would include an adult center, civic auditorium, museum, central library, children's pool and playground, parking area, access streets and landscaping.

Public hearings are scheduled for June 18 and 25 so that the preliminary budget can be adopted prior to July 1. Citizens can inspect and review Peebles' budget recommendations in the office of city clerk Vernon Coll, at the city hall.

The Torrance preliminary budget amounts to \$9,123,969, which is \$702,879 higher than last year's final budget.

This increase in operating expenses is attributed, in part, to providing for a general municipal election, 40 additional personnel, and modern operating equipment for various departments.

Peebles pointed out that the bonded debt equalized \$24.17 per capita and is one of the lowest per capita debt figures in the State of California.

Facelift Due for Torrance Airport Soon

Torrance Municipal Airport should be ready to start on the \$800,000 first phase of its facelifting by early July.

Airport manager Jack Egan reported this week that a Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) grant of \$440,000 will be available to the city June 25. The grant is to be used in development of the local airfield.

Torrance will add \$360,000, Egan said, as its portion of the initial step in use of funds from a \$1,250,000 bond issue passed last year.

With the \$800,000 from the FAA and the bonds, Egan plans to buy land at the end of the present runways, to build and light a new runway, create additional taxiways and acquire more land west of the airport.



MURDER SUSPECT Warren Robert Heaton, 22, of Torrance, shown being taken by detective Lt. Don Cooke from Torrance city jail to court of Municipal Judge William B. Keene for arraignment yesterday. —PRESS photo by William Schell Jr.

BAR GAME SPAT ENDS IN DEATH

What started out as a friendly game of shuffleboard in a downtown Torrance bar ended in death yesterday for a 52-year-old Torrance man.

And Warren Robert Heaton, 22, son of the manager of the Rome Cable division Torrance plant of Alcoa, is held without bail in county jail on a charge of murdering Cruz Garcia Guerra of 321½ Carson St.

Heaton, who lives at 814 Sartori St., was playing shuffleboard early Monday morning in Rick's Bar with Guerra for a reported bet of \$5, according to witnesses.

After Heaton won the game, witnesses told police, Guerra didn't pay him, and Heaton, apparently enraged, pulled out a .22 caliber pistol from his pocket and shot Guerra between the eye and the bridge of the nose, according to what those in the bar told police.

Guerra was rushed to Harbor General Hospital, where four doctors worked in a vain effort to save his life. He died a little more than 24 hours after the shooting.

Heaton left the bar on foot after the shooting, then called his father, George Heaton, of 1816 Calamar St., and reportedly told him that he had shot a man. His father picked him up in the family car and brought Warren into the police station.

The younger Heaton, an electronics technician, with no previous police record, refused to talk to police until he consulted with his attorney, Rodney Swartz of Redondo Beach. Police said Heaton did not have a license to carry the pistol.

Heaton was booked Monday on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder and was arraigned Tuesday morning before Judge Keene. He was taken to county jail in \$25,000 bond. After Guerra's death, however, he was rebeked on a murder charge and held without bail. He will be brought back to Torrance Monday for preliminary hearing, at which time the complaint against him will be amended to include the murder charge.

Lt. Don Hamilton of Torrance police said that Heaton has not admitted the shooting, but did identify the pistol reportedly used in the shooting as his own.

Chapel Rips into Backers of Fox Hills College Site

Selection of the site for the proposed South Bay State College today was nearing with more and stronger support being marshaled on behalf of the Torrance site.

Endorsements of Torrance over Inglewood or Palos Verdes—other sites under consideration—have come from the Westchester Chamber of Commerce (in the Fox Hills area), a group of women's clubs in the area, Dr. Max Rafferty, state superintendent of public instruction, and a member of the selection committee; and more than 600 persons who have written to The Press as individuals to condemn stalling on the location" until the Legislature adjourns June 21.

Assemblyman Charles Chapel of the 46th district warned this week that the State College Board of Trustees "is deliberately stalling on the location" until the Legislature adjourns June 21.

Chapel has introduced a bill to bring the college to Torrance, and another bill sarcastically calling for the college, should it be located in Inglewood, to be known as the "Howard Ahmanson Memorial State College."

This is a reference to financier Ahmanson, reportedly interested in the Fox Hills site as an adjunct to development of his own adjacent land.

The Westchester group declared the Torrance site was geographically acceptable to Westchester residents and probably the most economical.

Torrance city council last night passed a resolution agreeing to landscape easements of major streets bordering the proposed college site.

Congressman Clyde King has also told the Torrance citizens' advisory committee the Navy might be willing to give up 20 acres of its Torrance land for the college campus.

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