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## A Tragic Story

The city's seventh death in traffic in the first 60 days of the new year brings into shiarp focus the pattern being
established yearly throughout the automobile-laden Southland."The impact of California's tremendous traffic flow During the first 60 days of 1956 force.
During the tirst 60 days of 1956 , seven men, women, and children have died violently on the city's streets and
highways. If the experts could point out that the deaths were tion signs, it would be simple to climb on a stump and clamior for "someone to do something."
Such appears not to be the case in most of the 1956 raffic deaths, reports of investigating officers show. These officers, as members of the Torrance Police Department, are trained to determine the causes, of acci-
dents. In most of the seven deaths, the probable cause the accident has been laid to human errors
The seven deaths in 1956-one more death than was entire year of 1955 -should serve as a grim reminder to It my be too late if you learn your safety rules by accident.

## Your Great Concern

The city election is only one month off and, with 15 positions on the City Council, the community can expect o see and hear a lot of people.during these wets.
Because Torrance has grown so rapidly in the last several years and is so geographically spread, many new
voters will have to rely on endorsements and campaign voters will have to rely on endorsements and campaign
literature in order to make their final decision on Tuesliterature in order to make their final decision on Tues-
day, April 10 . Therefore, assuming that a respectable percentage of the nearly 22,000 registered voters take the time to vote, the election largely will be decided on
how thoroughly the candidates can cover the territory and the kind and quality of endorsements they are able to win, Every resident of Torrance has a vital interest in the membership of the City Council. Torrance has become big business and the community cannot now or in the
future afford to have representatives in the Council who are there through accident or because they have some personal axe to grind. Members of the council should be experienced and successful men with
of the true meaning of public service.

Homeowners, particularly, should be greatly con thinking adult can say that he or she isn't concerned with local politics, for such an attitude would make him unconcerned about the roof on his house and the safety, wel-
fare, and security of his loved ones. City government moreidirectly concerns the welfare of the family than is realed by far too many residents, some of whom even
disdin to profess any interest in what goes on at the locell city hall.
safety prosperity voting does not assure the individual of have "been known to vote away all these desirable things
because they voted ignorantly or orespecial handouts for their friends or themselves. To exercisent handouts for good, but unintelligent yoting can be dangerous.
People to vote at the election on Tuenday slogans urging people to vote at the election on Tuesday, April 10. By
all means, vote, but also do your best to select the best possible candidates to represent you on the Torrance City
Council.

## The Squirrel Cage

By nem bundy

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[^0]:    Lord Halifax recently amused a banquet audience in
    Washington with the story of a tramp steamer which picked up patsengers at many foreign ports before stranding them on a tranquil Polynesian islet. The little island was immediately transformed into a beehive of activity, he Englishman reported. The Germans had the natives lined up and were drilling them into an army; the Americans opened a general store and auto agency; the Aus ralians marked off a race track; the French opened a whole deal. The two Englishmen were fust standing round, however, waiting to be fitroduced Just standing

    Gleanings: The Crestine Courier recently announced
    "The combined eirculation of the Courer and the Satur tay Evening Post has now reached $4,600,500$."

    Overheard. There's a fellow who's going places
    wife's out of town co our of town
    And then the row started: "Dear, it says here that women need more sleep than men , , so , .. er... per hyps you'd better not wait ap for me tonight.

