

# A Tragic Story

The city's seventh death in traffic in the first 60 days The city's seventh death in traine in the first so days of the new year brings into sharp focus the pattern being established yearly throughout the automobile-laden South-land. The impact of California's tremendous traffic flow has reached Torrance with a bloody force. During the first 60 days of 1956, seven men, women, and children have died violently on the city's streets and highways.

During the and the second ends of the city's streets and highways. If the experts could point out that the deaths were the result of inadequate lighting, road marking, or caudition signs, it would be simple to climb on a stump and clambor for "someone to do something." Such appears not to be the case in most of the 1956 fraffic deaths, reports of investigating officers show. These officers, as members of the Torrance Police Department, are trained to determine the causes of accidents. It most of the seven deaths, the probable cause of the accident has been laid to human errors. The seven deaths in 1956—one more death than was recorded on all the city's thoroughfares throughout the outrist and pedestrian alike: Drive and walk carefully. It my be too late if you learn your safety rules by accident.

Uncle Shloomp was engag-ing Grandfather Glober in a friendly game of gin rummy. "Tell you what let's do," sug-gested Shloomp, "let's play for Marilyn Monroe. Winner of the next game," he added with an obvious drool, "ge's her. Okeh?" Flashing all the per-sonality and wisdom of his So years, Grandpa Glober re-plied: "If you win, you take Marilyn Morrice. If I win, I want 26 cents."

## Your Great Concern

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The city election is only one month off and, with 15 candidates engaged in a campaign to be elected to three positions on the City Council, the community can expect to see and hear a lot of people during these weeks. 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 literature 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.  $\begin{array}{ccc} & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & &$ R R R Reid Bundy says why fool around with a cold when you known darned well you can't get rid of it. Neglect it, advises Reid, until you get pneumonia. You can cure that with peni-sulin to win.

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 a keen awareness of the true meaning of public service. Homeowners, particularly, should be greatly con-cerned with the official acts of their city government. No thinking adult can say that he or she isn't concerned with local politics, for such an attitude would make him uncon-cerned abut the roof on his house and the safety, wel-fare, and security of his loved ones. City government more directly concerns the welfare of the family than is realized by far too many residents, some of whom even dischin to profess any interest in what goes on at the local city hall. Mandement of the source of the family than is

distain to profess any interest in what goes on at the local city hall. Mand merely voting does not assure the individual of safety, prosperity, and responsible public servants. People have been known to vote away all these desirable things because they voted ignorantly or the special handouts for their friends or themselves. To exercise the privilege is good, but unintelligent voting can be dangerous. There will be lots of well meaning 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.



By REID BUNDA Lord Halifax recently amused a banquet audience in Washington with the story of a tramp steamer which had picked up passengers at many foreign ports before strand-ing them on a tranquil Polynesian islet. The little island was immediately transformed into a beelive of activity, the Englishman reported. The Germans had the natives lined up and were drilling them into an army; the Ameri-cans opened a general store and auto agency; the Aus-tralians marked off a race track; the French opened a restaurant; and a couple of Scots were financing the whole deal. The two Englishmen were just standing around, however, waiting to be introduced.

Gleanings: The Crestline Courier recently announced "The combined circulation of the Courier and the Satur tay Evening Post has now reached A.600,500." \* \* \* Overheard: There's a fellow who's going places . . . his wife's out of town.

And then the row started: "Dear, it says here that woman need more sleep than men ... so ... er ... per-haps you'd better not wait up for me tonight. \*



Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

had met his wife at a dance. "That sounds romantic," com-mented a friend. The grocer-snorted: "Well, it wasn't be-cause she was supposed to be home taking care of our kids." er of her than his new tele-vision set when it had been delivered. "Mommy!" cried Pinty Pim, "Can't we put something on the roof to show we have her?"

cause she was supposed to be home taking care of our kids."  $\bigstar$   $\bigstar$   $\bigstar$ Not to be denied, my Auntie rashionable rest aur an ti-treveryone else is taking home their steak bones to their dog. So why shouldn't I. Wrap mine up, please." On the way out, praykop turned to her hus-band and asked. "Now what has a start a start paykop turned to her hus-band and asked. "Now what has a dasked. "Now what has a start a start to hispeneed during my first for hispeneed during my first for hispeneed during in the room." Where did everybody wild first. "Disk of an oppiete be-wilderment." On, it's the same out a dart. "Disk of an uset." Disk of the start for his the start is the room." Where did everybody to knory. explained the dis-guisted master. "Dyrey: time I suist dart." Disk the start for hispeneed is the start is a  $\pm$   $\pm$ Mity Fin, my Sysaroid she arity efrom the hospital yesterday. He was even proud-

cook, at Joe's Beanery.  $\dot{\pi} \dot{\pi} \dot{\pi} \dot{\pi}$ It was my Auntie Gasser's first trip to the ballet and, to the complete annoyance of the other patrons, she yak-yakked all through the per-formance. When the curtain fell on the final act, Aunt Gas-ser exclaimed: "That was fun! I think III attend the ballet from now on, instead of the rode."

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The Freelancer By TOM RISCHE

How's Johnny doing in chool?

How's Johnny doing in school? That's a big question in the minds, of most parents, and one which local parents no doubt hope can be apswered in teacher conferences. Teachers generally are be-sieged with such requests for information about how their youngstors are doing. They are also besieged with unrises about why Johnny can't spell as good as his folks uside to or why he can't do his arith-metic as well. Throughout recent ye ars controversies have raged over threemilion is of the school has compared to the lift-le red schoolhouse, and will rear.

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ά ά ά ά Such doctrines are rank resp to those who support older theories of learning, mo of the critics claim that > much emphasis is placed adjusting" and too little "teaching." Some say that schools, nusical of produc-rat least some outstanding idents, produce a mass of plusted" mediocritics. Life s tough proposition, say y, and adduck have to keep built life, ar else fail be-built life, ar else fail toes are some of the gues.

Has Your Car Been 'Bushed' Lately - - Better Watch Out

the decline in automobile de-mand. One manufacturing execu-tive advanced the view in New York last week that "We're just done too good a job." He explained that the reliability of cars, the ease of obtaining favorable ere di terms, and the standards of service set up by factory train-ing of mechanics, have made it hard for the purchaser to go wrong in buying his car supermarket style - wherever he can get the lowest price. "It will hurt the oldine dealers who built sales on their reputations for fair deal-ing," said this man, "but the supermarket - or discount house if you want to call it that—is here to stay in auto-mobiles."

nobiles." A A A PENS FOR PORTSIDERS -Developments in writing in-truments have deprived of-

fice wags of one stunt in their practical joke repertoire Sending someone to hunt for a left handed fountain pen no longer is a joke. Chapmees are that one can be found in the desk of the nearest southpaw. The nation's leader in domestic sales of fountain pensities sales of portside pensin 1955 were 500 per cent greater than in 1945. One out of every 16 Americans is lefthanded. And the proportion of left-handers is rising as teachers and parents permit southpaw youngstors to write naturally instead of converting them to right-hander is rising the teachers and parents. Sheaffer makes two kinds of left-handed pens. That means heavier demand for portside pens. Sheaffer makes two kinds of left-handed nibs. One, the "left oblique" is ground from the right hand edness. That means heavier who twit their hands around so they seem to be writing backward. The oth er, the "right oblique" which is ground from the right is for left-hander dibes.  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \neq \hat{\mathbf{x}}$  THINGS TO COMED-A nylon rope fo start your power mower motor revinds itself around the starter head after you pult. An electric vaporize can be charged to provide medicated steam for 12 hours . . A hot sandwich wachine reaches through the paper wrapper and the bread, and reheals the mead. If you buy enough sandwiches you

it, every person who made a contribution, no matter how small, will feel that he had some part in this far-reaching health and humanitarian pro-

we are exceedingly grateful for the spirit of the people of Torrance in this campaign, and thanks to your newspaper for the space it gave.

Yours very truly, J. H. HULL, Torrance Con Chairman.

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THINGS TO TALK ABOUT

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ed living-room of the past.  $\pi + \pi^{-1}$ STDELL SHOPPING-Some times one can learn almost as much by being on the outside looking in at big business as one possibily could from the inside where most of us will never be. An example: In the last two or three weeks, even in the face of slight decline in demand for the lighter gauges of sheet steel, potential us ers have been buying frantically, even neturning to the conversion deals—purchase of ingols at one mill for rolling at another —which increase the price \$50 or more per ton. Now whispers are being heard that the major st eel mills have heard hints of the United Steelworkers' demands being prepared for this sum-mer's contract reopening, and that the mills have decided to no big Steelworkers' official is talking. But there its.  $\pi \times \pi^{-1}$ BTTS O' BUSINESS—The Export-Import Bank lent Ar-gentina \$60 million for a steel all ... Living costs decidend 1 per cent as food price spice for a-record \$3.65 a busiel... Custom smelters raised their price of copper In small lots to \$3 cents a pound.

s of libel and good taste. Letters should be kept brief and must be . The write(" name will be withheid if requested. Opinions ex. d in fetters here published represent those of the wryiser and not orrance. Heraid welcomes expressions from its readers which can be arily those of The Torrance Herid." whoever said that swim-ming develops form and grace must have overlooked how a duck walks. pressed The Tor Editor, Torrance Herald:

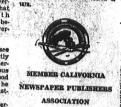
how a duck walks.  $\dot{\pi} \dot{\pi} \dot{\pi} \dot{\pi}$ After listening to all those television commercials, will someone please tell me how in the world George Washington and Abraham Lincoln ever be-came president without swal-lowing vitamin pills?  $\dot{\pi} \dot{\pi} \dot{\pi}$ "Boston Bárney," réprimand-ed my Nephew Shnook, "being on the right track jūst isn't enough. You'll get run over-if you just sit there."

enough. Four set the "... if you just sit there." My Cousin Noodnik had been working in his garden for five hours when I approached. "Noodnik," I inquired. "how is your garden coming along?" He looked at me with stooped shoulders and replied: "I'm growing sq u a sh. tomators beans, peas, and tired." There is nothing like a newly dented fender to make you for-get all your, other troubles.

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and proponents of the modern education program. At pres-ent, the program. At pres-erally in the saddle and the opponents are grambling. Actually, there are points to be made on both sides. It seems to me that there is some busis for argument on the "adjustment" score. Although the youngeters with lesser capabilities are being brought up closer, to the aver-age, it appears to me that higher capabilities also are ba-ing brought down to the aver-age.

ige. ☆ ☆ ☆ I was a little startled to see I was a little startled to see one prominent person recently declare "Although we former-ly thought that the studious youngster was a very good child, we now know that he showed signs of maladjust. ment".

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# showed signs of maladjust. ment." Some people tend to over-look the fact that some of the most "maladjusted" people have been some of the great-est contributors to America and to the world. In emphasizing to such a large degree what his peers think, sohools may be strangi-ing many of the potential con-tributions to be made to the tuture of the world. Schools are helping, in a way, to make conforminate, of the future gen-eration,

A A rines are eration. On the other hand, however, a nation of complete individu-alists is undestrable. There is a happy medium. Teaching methods y ary from district to district and from school to school. The job in California is made

harder, of course, by crowded schools in most areas. From here, it looks as if schools are not doing as bad a job as the opponents claim or as good a job as some of

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