

# CITY COUNCIL NIXES KENO-SKILL-QUIZ GAME

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FIRST YOU SEE 'EM, THEN YOU DON'T... The "one-armed bandits" pictured in the above photo, taken last Sunday by a South Bay Daily Breeze cameraman, shows the gaming room opening off the bar on the Torrance side of the Hollywood-Riviera clubhouse. (The Torrance-Redondo city boundary line bisects the clubhouse property). Later, when Torrance police investigated, the machines had disappeared.



BEAT THE HEAT... Nob Hill Beach, adjacent to Torrance Beach, "THE" place to go sunning and swimming among the Torrance Teen-age set, plays host to Pat Kaiser, Irene Rudder, Mary Leonard, and Jane Haynes.—Herald photo by Bob Wilton.

### Seaside Ranchos Threatened as 20-Acres Charred

(PHOTO ON PAGE 11)  
A scant half hour after Torrance's new \$16,000 fire engine arrived at Walleria it was pressed into service to fight a raging 20-acre brush fire that threatened Seaside Rancho homes Monday afternoon.

### Mercury Cracks 97-Degrees in First Heat Wave

If you were a little warm yesterday, say around 10:10 a.m. you had a right to be! It was 97 degrees, according to the official report. The first day of summer, Tuesday came in more like the proverbial March lamb. The Mercury reached a medium-high of 76 degrees.

With the heat came a mass movement of citizens who scurried for the southland's beaches. There the Weather Man reported an off-shore breeze held the temperature to a mild 72 degrees. The water held steadily at 68 degrees. Good news for vacationing youngsters but perhaps disheartening news for workers was the report that more of the same is due.

RECORDINGS FOR THE WEEK

JUNE	Maximum	Minimum
15	69	50
16	72	58
17	72	56
18	72	61
19	72	60
20	76	55
21	76	45
22	97	64

### YOUNGSTER HURT IN CAR MISHAP

Seven year-old Henry Duarte, of 2222 West 203rd street, received minor bumps and contusions in an accident at 8 p.m. last night near his home in which he was struck by an auto said to have been driven by a neighbor, Gilbert Durand, 17, of 2212 West 203rd street, according to Torrance Police.

### Hey Kids! Free Movies Are Back For the Summer

Yep! free movies have started again at Walleria. The showing of free movies at the Walleria Park, an annual summer affair, began again last Friday evening. Sgt. A. L. Conger is chairman of the committee of the weekly programs, which are sponsored by several local organizations.

### \$16,000 New Fire Engine for Walleria

Walleria's newest arrival, a \$16,000 fire engine, will be "at home" the latter part of this week. The new 750-gallon high pressure pumper arrived for a demonstration of its equipment last Monday but was returned to the factory for final modifications. During its brief stay at the recently enlarged fire station in Walleria the new engine received its baptism in fire fighting when a 20-acre brush fire broke-out adjacent to Seaside Ranchos. With the new arrival at Walleria, Fire Chief John E. McMaster estimates that the protection now available to residents of south Torrance is double that of a few months ago. Due to arrive on June 30 is another pumper, similar to the engine delivered this week. This new engine will be stationed at the main fire house in Torrance.

### Citizens Voice Strong Objection To 'Skill' Game

Gambling, with its foot in both the front door and back door of Torrance lost its toe hold last Tuesday. The City Council slammed the front door by refusing to grant a permit to allow Kenos-Skill-Quiz to operate here and as the Police slammed the back door a ring of one-armed bandit operators tucked their machines under their arms and fled before the raiding Torrance Police.

### Haskell Tidwell Instigates Suit For \$200,000

Seeking general damages in the sum of \$100,000 and an additional \$100,000 for exemplary and punitive damages, Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the San Pedro Retail Clerks Union, Local 905, filed a libel suit Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior Court against Grover C. Whyte and Edwin B. Brown, individually and as partners doing business as the Torrance Herald. Basis of the suit, according to Tidwell's attorney, Alexander Schulmann, is a story printed in the April 7, 1949 issue of the Torrance Herald reporting the arraignment of Eli Lubin in a San Pedro Municipal Court on a felony charge. Lubin had previously been identified by Harry M. Carr, San Pedro civic leader, as one of two men who had punched and slugged him. The Torrance Herald published a picture of Tidwell with a statement that Tidwell's clerks' union was involved in a labor dispute at the time Carr was beaten by thugs. Later Carr acknowledged that he had been mistaken in his identification of Lubin and the charges against Lubin were dropped. Also published by The Herald in the same April 7 issue, was a resume of Tidwell's activities under the caption of "Dates to Remember." Commenting upon the libel suit, Whyte and Brown stated that in due course they would present their answer and defense to all claims.

### Walterians Seek Improved Streets

Walterians recently requested the City Council to take action for the improvement of Park and Ward streets between 230th and 238th streets. The matter was referred to City Manager George Stevens, who promised that he would give the request full consideration.

### Chemical Plant Sought For Ram Jet Test Facility

Purchase of the huge Shell Chemical butadiene plant on Figueroa street east of Torrance and its remodeling and expansion as a "ram jet test facility" by the U. S. Air Force is planned by Defense Secretary Louis Johnson, the Torrance Herald learned this week from Washington authorities.

Built originally during World War II for the manufacture of butadiene a major component in the making of synthetic rubber, the huge plant formerly operated by Shell, has been in "mothballs" for over a year following the curtailment in the synthetic rubber program. It is under the jurisdiction of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Negotiations are currently under way with that agency for the use of the plant by the Department of Air, according to the Washington advices.

An appropriation of \$250,000 requested in House Resolution 4766 now under consideration by Congress applies only to the construction phase of the modification. Generally speaking, this includes a concrete superstructure test building containing ram jet test cells and control and observation rooms. The test building is to be of one story construction with a floor area of approximately 10,000 square feet. However, by far the greater cost of the project is represented by modification of existing equipment and procurement of additional equipment, according to Air Force headquarters.

Commenting further on the Shell Chemical plant at Torrance, it was explained by Washington sources that the Air Force is vitally concerned with the problem of developing suitable power plants for guided missiles and supersonic aircraft. Appreciable sums of money have been expended on research and development of such power plants, and considerable progress has been made. However, further development is being blocked by lack of adequate facilities for physical testing of ram jet power plants of the increased size and power currently being developed.

There is an urgent need for improved facilities capable of generating much higher air speeds and of otherwise accommodating the physical requirements of testing the larger power plants. Although the butadiene plant at Torrance was designed and constructed to produce artificial rubber, much of the equipment in the plant lends itself with varying degree of modification to the requirements of a ram jet testing facility. For example, the existing equipment includes air compressors and eight large spherical tanks capable of storing compressed air required for generating supersonic air speeds. Also available

### Injured Football Star Improving

Jim Taylor, Torrance high school football star who suffered a broken neck in an auto crash last Saturday, was reported this week to be "improved" by his doctor, Clifford E. Easley. Just how much longer the youth will be forced to remain in the Torrance Memorial Hospital will depend upon his rate of improvement, the doctor said. He indicated that he hoped to send the youth to his home, at 2963 West 220th street, "soon."

### BEING IN BUSINESS NO SNAP, STUDENTS FIND

Being a landlord and an owner of a Mailshop is a lot of work, a group of Torrance High School students are discovering. The discovery was made this week as two groups of summer school students applied practical art—and elbow grease to renovate a malt shop at the triangle formed by El Prado and Carson street. Much of the student work is under the supervision of Miss Harriet Hardy, vice principal of Torrance High School, and Miss Elaine Crowe, art instructor.



TURN TO... Many hands make light work of a lot of work necessary to ready this student-operated malt shop for its opening next week. The Torrance High School students assumed

management of the enterprise shortly before school closed for the summer.



PRINCIPAL... Donald Manashaw named head of Adult Evening School.

### Don Manashaw New Principal of Adult School

To retain his tenure in the Redondo Beach School district, F. A. Applegate, principal of the Torrance Evening High School, will resign his position here and return to Redondo Beach in the fall. He will be succeeded by Donald Manashaw, instructor at El Camino College for the past year and a half.

Manashaw holds a master's degree in education, is a member of the bar, and is a Lt. Comm. in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He served for three and a half years during the war as project supervisor of training films for the Navy. While at El Camino he taught English, Journalism, and business law and was a faculty advisor of the "Warrior" campus newspaper. His articles and short stories have appeared in "Liberty," "Pageant," "Pic," "This Week," "Mechanix Illustrated," and various trade journals.

### ON THE INSIDE

Before you throw them away—call us! We'll take 'em. Though they are not worth their weight in gold they are just as good as gold. For a story about the new \$20 bills turn to Page 7 and yarn headed, "We'll Take 'Em." Fuzzled with what to do on these warm, balmy, summer nights? How about Gruntling hunting? They will be running next week. You can find out where and when by turning to Page 4 and read a story, "Local Beach Goers."

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