

**Pelican**  
Pelican five feet long and weighing 25 pounds has a skeleton that weighs only 34 ounces, according to the National Automobile club.

**Color-guard**  
Color guard is a military unit, comprising two sergeants and

**Alcohol, gas don't mix**

Proof that alcohol and gasoline do not mix lies in national fatality records, which show that at least 30 per cent of traffic deaths are charged to drinking drivers.  
Institute for Safer Living of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company, however, advises that on holidays and week-ends drinking drivers may be involved in as many as 50 per cent of the fatal accidents.

**Football Picture Bright For South High Team**

Members of the football coaching staffs of the high schools in the Torrance Unified school district were announced for the 1957 season.  
At South High school, newest addition to the ranks of high schools in Torrance, Herbert Solomon, formerly of Torrance High school, and



**DISCUSS PLANS FOR HARBOR OSTEOPATHIC HOSPITAL**  
Local doctors look over a preliminary drawing of the \$900,000 Harbor Osteopathic hospital which will be built in Lomita. From left to right they are, Dr. F. A. Stange, Dr. Arthur D. Pedersen, Dr. William C. Kimpel, Dr. Ronald Runciman and Dr. J. P. Hutchins. Two thirds of the cost will be paid from State and Federal taxes, and a committee headed by Mrs. G. F. Quiros, will raise the remaining \$300,000 necessary.

David Tollefson, formerly of Campo, will direct the destinies of the South High Spartans in their first season of football in the newly formed Crescent League which will be composed of the following recently organized high schools: Aviation High school, Redondo, Lennox High school, Centinella Valley, Dominguez High school, Compton, and Earl Warren High school, Downey.

**9th and 10th Grade Gridders**  
The Spartan teams will be made up of 9th and 10th grade students and their first practice is tentatively set for September 3, 9 a.m. at Torrance park.  
Dick Turner, head varsity football coach at Torrance High school, will be assisted in his varsity coaching duties by Irwin E. Kaston, who graduated from Torrance High school in 1951, and continues his educational training at El Camino college and at UCLA, returning as a teacher to THS in the spring of 1957.

**Prospects Good**  
Coach Turner states that prospects for a successful season for THS are fairly good, and that, although such outstanding players as Tom Brown, John Emery, and Bill Montgomery will be missed, returning lettermen—Jim Wallace at center, captain Ken Hall and Bob Curran as guards, tackles Bob Van Calcar, Walt Dungey, Steve Poster, and ends Mike Gonta, Carlos Acosta, and Harold Davis, with newcomers Steve Buckatew from last year's varsity wrestling team and Ken Pevic coming up from the B's, should result in increased overall strength in the line.

**Backfield Weak**  
The backfield picture, however, is not so promising, with left halfback, Bobby Grajeda, as the only returning letterman. Members of last year's Junior Varsity and B teams will be depended upon to provide scoring punch for the Tartars.

Bob Crosby, Dave Skinner, Jim Hester, and Ron Veres are expected to be strong contenders for the quarterback slot. Working for other starting positions in the backfield will be Manfred Mainer, Stuart Gonta, Butch White, Roger Reed, Gerry Von Steeg, Mel French, Duano Wyrick, and Steve Wingard.

Footballers will be instructed by head B coach Howard Brubaker, who will be assisted by William Hoag in the development of the light-weight squads. The outcome of the 1957 B season, will be difficult to predict since almost every letterman of last year's B squad is out to win a berth on the varsity team.



**NEW EDEL AT CENTER**  
Special display at South Bay Center tomorrow through Saturday features the new 1958 Edsel. Peter T. Spilos, president of South Bay Center Merchant's Association, inspects the car near the Harris & Frank store at the east end of the huge new shopping center, 474th street and Hawthorne blvd. The Edsel is on display through the courtesy of South Bay Edsel Sales, in Manhattan Beach, Spilos said. The car can be seen in the SBC mallways until 9:30 p.m. both Thursday and Friday evenings as well as the regular daytime showings.



**RECEIVES TV SET**  
A beautiful portable TV set was awarded Friday to Douglas Morrison, manager of McCown Drug store, 1701 Pacific Coast hwy., Harbor City, as his prize as manager of the store at which the first-prize winner of the Max Factor "Guess Miss Universe" contest obtained her entry blank. Doug Miller of Max Factor & co., made the presentation.

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Some auto devices today tried long ago

Not all the "latest devices" brought out on the American motor car have been completely new. Some of them, according to the National Automobile club, had been tried out many years before but had been kept from early success by some little hurdle in technology.

Take, for instance, those fine air-filled balloon tires. They were put into use as far back as 1895 but they soon gave way to the more rugged variety made of solid rubber because American roads back around the turn of the century were just a bit too rough.

Automatic transmission, too, is nothing new. Some bright mechanic back in Boston put an automatic transmission on his car in 1904 but he found out that the thing wasn't going to function too well until there had been more advances made in the art of working metals. Another bright mechanic over New York way did some puttering around with hydraulic transmission in 1895 but could not make a general success of it. Free wheeling was put to use in the year 1906 but the mechanics of that day just couldn't come up with the proper kind of disengagement device, so that little improvement was put on the shelf until a later date.

Away back in the years immediately following 1900, several automobile manufacturers tried putting the gearshift lever up at the steering wheel, but the physical effort required for shifting the gears was too much in these days for synchromesh transmission had not yet come along, so back to the floor went the gearshift lever.

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