

# RECORD BUDGETS DISCLOSED FOR CITY, SCHOOL FOR COMING YEAR

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FIRST ENTRANT... First to enter the 1956 race for the title "Miss Torrance" is lovely Lynne Lehr, 20, a shapely record clerk at the Los Angeles Police Department's 77th St. Division. The contest is scheduled for July 27 under sponsorship of Torrance Area Youth Bands.

### Police Record Clerk First in Queen Race

Shapely Lynne Lehr, 20, a record clerk at the Los Angeles Police Department's 77th St. Division, was the first to become an official entrant in the 1956 Miss Torrance contest this week.

Announcing Miss Lehr's entry in the contest was James Van Dyck, director of the sponsoring Torrance Area Youth Bands. Lynne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lehr of Torrance. The brown-haired Lynne, who measures 36-24-38 in that order, attended El Camino College and is interested in swimming, modeling and dog training.

The first entrant in the local queen contest is no newcomer to beauty pageants. She placed second in the recent National Press Photographers Assn. competition in Denver.

She will be sponsored in the Torrance contest by Oscar Maples, Inc.

A score or more of entrants

### Summer Classes Open Monday At High Schools

Six week summer school sessions will open at Torrance High and North High School next Monday, June 26, and will continue through Friday, Aug. 3, it was announced here yesterday.

Students who have not registered for summer classes may enroll at the office of either high school. All instrumental music classes will be held at North High School.

Classes to be offered at Torrance High include typing, shorthand, general and practical mathematics, algebra and geometry, science, social studies, English, Spanish I and II, work experience in advertising, marketing, and recreation.

Classes at North High School include typing, science and general mathematics, algebra, instrumental music, driver education, social studies, and English.

### Pay Hike, More Help in Budget

An estimated budget totaling \$2,720,000, was presented informally to the City Council Monday with the recommendation by City Manager George Stevens that the tax rate be hiked 3.8 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for the coming year.

### 2 Men Nabbed On Suspicion Of Burglary

Two local men were arrested on suspicion of burglary and suspicion of grand theft auto early Sunday morning when they were found in a parked car in the rear of the Lomita Post Office, 2222 Lomita Blvd., sheriff's deputies said yesterday.

The men, 20-year-old Robert E. Meyer and Elzy Carter, Jr., 18, both of 2026 W. 238th St., were unable to satisfactorily account for their presence in the area, authorities said. They also did not have proper identification, deputies said, and could not prove any legal connection with the car in which they were sitting, authorities continued.

In the auto, deputies said, they found a can and a hose, which Meyer and Carter admitted they used to syphon gas out of another car.

### Planners OK Zone Deals

The Regional Planning Commission last week recommended approval of an application by B. H. Kuhn, of Torrance, for a change in zone of a parcel of land in Rolling Hills.

The parcel contains approximately 7 1/2 acres and is located off Enrose Ave. Kuhn's petition asked the county to change the zoning from residential agriculture, 20,000 square feet minimum, to residential agriculture, 12,500 square feet minimum.

In other planning commission action an application of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles for rezoning of about 90 acres in Rolling Hills was tentatively approved.

The land is located northeast of Cranbury Blvd., south of Crest Rd. It is reported the land will be used to construct a new church and a college.

### Set Building Dedication At El Nido

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced that the new community recreation building now nearing completion at El Nido Park, 182nd St. and Kingsdale Ave., will be officially dedicated Thursday afternoon, June 28, at 2 o'clock.

Public officials and civic and community leaders are expected to participate in the program which will celebrate the first major improvement at the park since it was purchased by the county in 1950.

The public is cordially invited to attend the program and inspect the new \$21,000 building, which has been designed to make the park more useful and beautiful.

Refreshments will be served through the courtesy of the El Nido Civic Assn., according to Ed Risdon, chairman of the publicity committee and one of those instrumental in obtaining the building for the park.

The new rate would be \$1,222 per \$100, a boost from the present \$1,184 rate. The hike would mean about \$1 raise in taxes to the average homeowner.

Under the proposed budget being prepared by Stevens, the general fund tax rate would be upped 5 cents to the maximum \$1 allowed in the charter. Reduction in bond retirement taxes from 8.4 cents to 7.2 cents would reduce the net raise to 3.8 cents.

Library taxes of 5 cents per \$100 and the retirement rate of 10 cents would not be changed.

Included in the budget recommendation is a 7 1/2 per cent wage increase for all city employees, and the addition of workers to the city payroll, including a number of firemen and police officers.

The budget will be presented formally next Tuesday night at the Council's 3 p.m. meeting.

### Two Receive Safety Award

Two Torrance residents, employees of Union Oil Co., have been awarded safe driving awards as part of the company's program to promote safe working practices.

Receiving the honors were P. F. Gaseley, who was cited for three years safe driving; and H. B. Hill, two years.



LEARNS LESSON... Five-year-old David Moore, 519 Harbor Hills, Harbor City, is comforted by mother, Mrs. Joyce Moore (lower right), as boy grimaces in pain caused by arm caught in candy machine. Youngster got curious at local bus depot yesterday morning, stuck his hand up the slot, then was in trouble. Hurriedly working to open the machine are Officer Don Nash and Sgt. D. C. Cook (from left) of the Torrance Police Department.

### Chamber Requests \$25,000 From City, May Get Half

A budget session of the Torrance City Council indicated the Council would approve matching last year's contribution to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce but attached some strings to the grant.

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Chamber were present to hear President John Ebbinghouse present a request for \$25,000 with \$15,000 being earmarked for the Chamber's gen-

eral fund and \$10,000 for a national promotion and advertising campaign.

The council countered with a tentative offer of \$13,000 with 50 per cent being earmarked for national advertising.

Mayor Albert Isen reiterated his previously expressed attitude that he didn't think it was the province of a Chamber of Commerce to take a position on any controversial

matter in the community.

Mayor Not Impressed "Frankly," the mayor said, "I am not impressed with the performance record of the Chamber of Commerce during the past year. I haven't seen any national advertising on Torrance and I don't think the Board of Directors has any right to enter matters that are controversial in the community."

Ebbinghouse remarked that the council had on occasion requested assistance from the Board in passage of certain needed legislation and that he further thought a Chamber of Commerce that did not have the courage to express itself on issues vital to the entire community, would be worthless.

City Manager George Stevens confirmed the statement that the city had sought the assistance of the Board in the passing of certain issues vital to the city.

Past President Paul D. Lorange interrupted to inquire whether any issue relating to the general welfare of the community might not be labeled "controversial." He concurred with Ebbinghouse in concluding that a Board of Directors would not be serving either the membership or the community if it did not take a stand on important issues.

Recalls Support Lorange also reminded the council that the Board had assisted in securing the new Civic Center site and had gone on record as favoring pay for

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### Salaries Take Largest Slice

An all-time high figure of \$6,730,263 was submitted to the Board of Education Tuesday night for operation of the Torrance Unified School District for the next fiscal year by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

The 1956-57 school budget will be opened to a pair of public hearings next month before facing final adoption by the board in August. It tentatively was adopted in Tuesday night's initial action.

Majority of the operating budget is ticketed for teacher's salaries. About \$4 million of the total will go to pay certificated personnel of the district.

The \$6.7 million budget is about \$2 million more than the \$4,753,943 budget authorized for the past 1955-56 school year.

Keep Salaries Up In order to keep Torrance's teacher salaries at a high standard, Hull said, \$3,745,155 of the total has been set aside for pay. This figure easily surpasses the rest of the budgeted expenditures. Next in line in the matter of monies paid are capital outlay, \$675,500 and plant operation, \$670,750.

The tentative budget sets aside the following figures for district operation: administration, \$217,634; classified salaries, \$175,822; other instruction expenses, \$258,353; auxiliary services, \$160,547; plant maintenance, \$168,119; fixed charges, \$195,698.

Transportation, \$144,795; food services, \$13,794; community services, \$6,000; tuition transfers, \$20,000.

Total Reserve Total reserves added to the expenditures to comprise the final budget figure total \$280,000.

No definite indication of what the district tax rate will be in line with the new budget was given at the board meeting. The current tax rate is 3.1256 cents. The new rate, which is sure to rise in motion with the budget, will be fixed by the Los Angeles County Schools Superintendent's office at a later date.

When the total assessed valuation of the Torrance area is reached for the coming year, it is matched with the school budget to determine the rate of tax, a school spokesman said yesterday.

Other Sources Other sources of revenue for the district will come from state apportionment, county taxes and miscellaneous receipts.

The building budget for '56-'57 was set at \$5,966,363.25, roughly paralleling last year's figure.

In other business on a crowded Tuesday agenda, homeowners in the Torrance Heights and North Torrance areas were on hand to object violently to recent rezoning of school boundaries within the TUSD. Main contentions were 20 children taken out of Perry School and ticketed to travel to El Nido School next fall in North Torrance, and some 70 youngsters who will leave Madrona School for Meadow Park next September.

Assistant Superintendents Sam Waldrip and Dr. Al Fomer agreed to meet with representatives of the objection factions today and tomorrow to scan the grievances.

Next board meeting will be July 3.

Bridles Stolen At PV Theft of two bridles from his stables at 1 Pack Saddle Rd. was reported last week to sheriff's deputies by Dr. Clinton A. Roath, of the Palos Verdes address.

Authorities listed the stolen property as valued at \$95.

### Override Tax Decision Next Up For Board

The July 3 meeting of the Board of Education will find board members making one of the biggest decisions ever made, according to Superintendent Hull, when final consideration will be given to placing a tax rate proposition on the ballot at the special school election in October.

Local voters will go to the polls Oct. 12 to decide whether or not Torrance will receive state aid for school construction. School officials decided on seeking state aid some time ago when "no other way out" was seen by board members for keeping pace with the building demands of the area.

Added Taxes Hull first gave indication of added taxation at the June 11 meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee. He told school supporters then that the press of buying additional facilities for buildings that will be constructed if state aid is approved and the anticipated upswing in teachers' salaries indicated an override tax proposal may be inserted in the election.

Rising per-pupil costs, decrease in per-pupil income and higher salaries for teachers were cited as the main reasons for considering the tax proposition at Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Education.

75-Cent Mark "It must be generally understood that only that portion of the tax needed will be collected, and the exact amount needed will be determined from year to year," Assistant Superintendent Sam Waldrip said. Waldrip said an initial taxation of 75 cents seems sufficient.

### Realtors to See Film on Growth Of Southland

"This Is My Land," Title Insurance and Trust Co.'s film about Southern California and its tremendous growth, will be shown at the Friday, June 29 meeting of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors. Bob Baldwin, program chairman, announced today.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Wayfarer's Restaurant, 2230 Pacific Coast Hwy., Baldwin stated.

Tracing the history of land from early rancho days, the 20-minute sound and color film points out how the many actions of people can affect their ownership to real property.

How the title company determines true owners and the part the firm plays in making land a safe commodity to buy and sell is told by the movie.

Parts of California's colorful history and beautiful scenic shots of the Southland are included in the film. A large crowd is expected.