

# \$2,720,000 FOR CITY; \$6,730,263 FOR SCHOOLS



LYNNE LEHR  
... quite a record

## She's First To Sign Up In Contest

First entrant in the 1956 Miss Torrance contest is a pretty police department employe, it was announced today by James Van Dyck, director of the sponsoring Torrance Area Youth Bands.

She's shapely Lynn Lehr, 20, who works as a record clerk at the Los Angeles Police Department's 77th St. division.

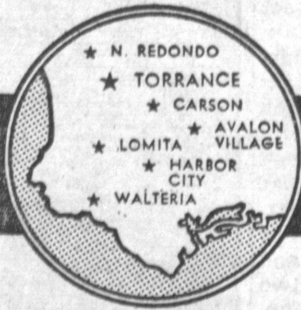
The brown-haired miss measures 36-24-38.

Lynne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lehr of Torrance and attended El Camino College. She's interested in swimming, modeling and dog training.

No novice at beauty pageants, Lynn placed second in the recent National Press Photographers' assn. competition at Denver.

Van Dyck said a score or more of girls are expected to sign up for the July 27 charm competition. Prospective entrants may contact him by telephoning FAirfax 8-5273.

The contest is open to any (Turn to Page 7)



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## Aroused Parents Ask School Board Not to Transfer Children

A room-full of parents, aroused because their children are being shifted from one school to another, asked for redress of their grievances before the Board of Education Tuesday night.

## RABIES CLINICS PLANNED

City Manager George Stevens has been authorized by the council to contact the Southern California Veterinary Medical association in order to set up clinics for vaccinating dogs against rabies during the first four weeks of the licensing period starting July 1.

According to a law passed in Torrance as well as in Los Angeles county during the last year, all dogs must be vaccinated against rabies or show evidence that they have been vaccinated.

**BULLETIN:** Peanuts the cat met with a cat-astrophe. Mayor Albert Isen has used the best efforts of his office to reunite Peanuts and her owner, Mr. Glenn Smith. The Mayor urgently solicits the help of the community, George Crozier, of the SPCA, has also placed his services at the Mayor's disposal.

The clinics will probably be set up in conjunction with the South Bay Humane society which does the licensing. Volunteers to help with the clinics will probably be sought among PTAs and other local organizations.

Cost of the shots is expected to amount to \$150.

The council also discussed negotiating the contract with the South Bay Humane society for the coming year.

A complication arose when Mayor Albert Isen referred to a case involving Mrs. Glenn Smith and her cat.

**Lost Kitty**  
Mrs. Smith informed the (Turn to Page 7)

There were two groups of parents with similar problems. Each presented the board with petitions.

A number of Torrance Heights parents complained because about 75 children are being transferred to the Meadow park school.

They expressed great dissatisfaction with the fact that the children would have to cross dangerous Hawthorne ave. They also disliked the location and construction of the school.

The other group of parents represented 20 Perry pupils who have been transferred to the El Nido school. These parents also complained about the fact that the students would have to cross a dangerous intersection on Hawthorne and that they would be going to a less desirable school, as far as buildings and facilities are concerned.

School officials indicated that the 75 Madrona children were assigned to Meadow park because of additional facilities at that school which would otherwise remain unoccupied.

Increased cost in transportation kept school officials from assigning children from other areas to the Meadow park school instead. The change, they said, was only temporary until the new school north of Lomita Blvd. on the east side of Hawthorne is built.

Regarding the 20 Perry youngsters, school officials said that it was necessary to fill up the classrooms at El Nido and to relieve the load at Perry.

Both groups of parents will meet with school officials tonight and tomorrow in order to try to arrive at a satisfactory solution.

## Plans Made To Promote Local Stores

There are many types of advertising available but Torrance merchants will have to choose the medium that they consider best and then hit hard in order to promote the downtown shopping area.

So stated Joe Eisaman, of Eisaman-Johns Advertising agency, in laying out an advertising promotion campaign based on a \$24,000 annual budget raised by the merchants for that purpose. He addressed merchants at Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

"The important thing is to (Turn to Page 7)



## FUN FOR THE FAMILY

A parade, dramatics, a picnic supper and games will highlight the "Family Night" to be held at McMaster park in North Torrance June 28 from 6-9 p.m. Calling attention to the event are (l-r) Bill Cunerty, 10, Maureen Bereskin, 10, and Frank Husson.—Press Photo.

## Elaborate Plans Made for Dedicating Civic Center

One of the most spectacular celebrations ever held anywhere dedicating a new civic center will be held in Torrance August 11 and 12.

Elaborate plans are being made now for the official opening of Torrance's new city hall, police station, and swimming pool which are rapidly nearing completion at

Torrance Mounted Police and Lions club, will start at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are now being sold by the two groups.

The civic center buildings will be open for inspection from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., to be followed by an open-air dance which will be free to the public.

Sunday's schedule calls for the presentation and unveiling of a war memorial plaque donated by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The ceremonies will be conducted by the Torrance post of the American Legion.

The water festival will be held from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m., to be followed by the rodeo and open house.

The opening parade Saturday will feature equestrian units from all over, floats from civic groups and service organizations, and National Guard units in full combat regalia.

Following the parade and barbecue, the guardsmen will leave for Camp Roberts and Hunter Liggett, according to their commander, Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, commander of the local company E (bridge) which is part of the 132nd Armored Engineer battalion of the California Fortieth Armored Division.

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## Polio Victim Receives High School Diploma

Friday, June 15, was an extra-special graduation day in Torrance. Frederick William Diesel, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Diesel, of 1608 Post avenue, was the recipient of a high school graduation diploma, presented to him personally by Dr. Bruce Magner, principal of Torrance high school.

Accompanying Dr. Magner were Linda Thistle, outstanding senior of the year, Tony Ward, Spring senior president, Sherwood Tiernan, fall senior president, and Mrs. Ethel M. Lewis, who has been Fred's teacher since the fall of 1954.

Fred has been in a chest respirator and rocking bed since October, 1951. He started kindergarten at Torrance elementary school and graduated from 8th grade in 1949. He was a Torrance high school sophomore when he contracted bulbar polio.

He spent his next year at Rancho los Amigos and had some schooling there. As soon as he was able to be sent home

Walter Rehwoidt, director of instruction for the Torrance Unified School District, assigned Mrs. Ethel M. Lewis, the home visiting teacher from special services, to instruct him in his high school work.

Fred has finished all of his required subjects, taking French and Physics this last year and doing some of his work during summer school, all by home teaching assignments.

In February, 1955, Fred was taken to Rancho los Amigos to learn to frog breathe and to use the rocking bed which allows him to be free of the chest

respirator. Fred's greatest interest in his stamp collection, which is an exceptionally complete one of United States stamps. This hobby, he hopes, will become his vocation.

He is also a great sports enthusiast and doesn't miss a single sports event on T.V. His friends have been wonderful in their constant visits, and have kept him right up-to-date on all the high school doings.

Fred knows that some day he is going to be well again and is waiting patiently for that day to come.



## POLIO VICTIM GRADUATES

Fred Diesel, who was struck down by polio in 1951, received his high school diploma last week at his bedside from Dr. Bruce Magner, Torrance high school principal. Witnessing the presentation were (l-r) Mrs. Ethel M. Lewis, home visiting teacher, Linda Thistle, Sherwood Tiernan, and Tony Ward.—Press Photo.

## City, Schools Study Budgets

There's one thing the city of Torrance and the Torrance Unified School District have in common—growing pains. Both, too, have arrived at identical conclusions—they need more money and the only way to get it is through taxes.

## Annual Press Photo Contest Starts Soon

Something new has been added to the annual Torrance Press photo contest which will start in 22 days.

This year there will be two divisions instead of one.

This will enable amateurs as well as semi-professionals to compete on their own level.

A total of \$140 of prizes will be given away, with first, second and third place winners to receive prizes in each division.

All individuals who submit photographs which are smaller than 8x10 will be classified as amateurs. All individuals who submit 8x10 photos or mounted photos will be considered in the semi-professional category (glossy 8x10's are preferable to mounted photos).

Again sponsoring the contest this year will be the Torrance Press; A-1 Photo Service, 1318 Sartori; and Photo Arts Studio, 1311 Post.

Prizes in the amateur division will be as follows: First, \$25 cash; second, \$15 (in merchandise—photo supplies); third, \$10 (in merchandise—photo supplies).

Prizes in the semi-professional division will be as follows: First, \$40 cash; second, \$30 (photo supplies); third, \$20 (photo supplies).

The contest will start July 12 and end August 16, winners to be announced August 23.

Each week a finalist will be chosen in each category, winner (Turn to Page 7)

The city of Torrance is thinking in terms of a balanced budget of \$2,720,000 (the budget for the current period was \$2,151,327). The Torrance Unified School District is contemplating a \$6,730,263 budget. (The current budget is \$5,627,998).

At an informal budget session, the council appeared to agree on a 3.8 cents tax hike per \$100 of assessed valuation. That would bring the total municipal levy (including bonds) up to \$1.222 as opposed to its present \$1.184. (Including various county taxes, the total amounts to \$4,0972.)

The necessity of providing increased services to the constantly growing population as well as the need of hiring more personnel and offering a 7½ per cent wage increase for city employees was given as the reason for increasing the tax rate.

The tentative budget is due for adoption by the council on June 26.

A majority of the council seemed to favor allocating \$13,000 to the Chamber of Commerce, the same figure as was allocated last year. Councilman Willis Blount favored \$25,000, as requested by the Chamber.

**School Override Tax**  
Members of the Board of Education, desperate for funds with which to solve the mushrooming problems of school growth, discussed the possibility of asking the voters to approve an override tax in addition to going on the State aid program in the October special election.

The State aid program would not affect the present tax rate since it does not permit the school district to raise taxes for the State program above the (Turn to Page 7)

## PRESS WINS NATIONAL NEWSPAPER HONORS

The Torrance Press gained national recognition this week when it emerged with two first place awards and one honorable mention in the 1956 Best Newspaper Contest sponsored nationally by the Accredited Home Newspapers of America, Inc.

The Torrance Press competed with other newspapers in the 30,000 circulation bracket.

The first place citation for special editions was given the Torrance Press for its April 26 Progress Edition hailing the forty-fifth anniversary of Torrance.

The edition features stories of the growth and development of Torrance. The front page carried a pictorial "T" containing pictures of various major industries flanked by congratulatory letters from Vice-President Richard Nixon, Governor Goodwin Knight, Congressman

Cecil R. King, and Mayor Albert Isen. The Torrance Press also received the first place citation for colored printing (advertising.)

"The competition was so keen and close," officials stated, "that the judges have recommended honorable mention citations be awarded in several contests, in addition to the citation to the winning newspaper."

Ralph R. Gompertz, managing editor of the Torrance Press, received honorable mention in (Turn to Page 7)

drive THE '56 DeSoto

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