



SHE HAS HER HANDS FULL Mrs. James Spencer has quite a time coping with Cookie the Calm One and Mac the Menace.—Press Photo

There's No Business Like Monkey Business

Mac the Macaque monkey is the mischievous kind.

Whether it's pulling his mistress' glasses off or running away from home to chase the neighborhood children down the street.

He doesn't even care if his antics alarm the Police Department and cause cars full of cops to converge upon the scene, as they did Monday.

All it took to capture him was a friendly neighbor—just in the nick of time before the cops arrived.

Mac belongs to Mr. and Mrs. James Spencer, 21402 Evalyn ave. The monkey is a Macaque type from Africa. He is 15 months old and his playmate, Cookie, is 3 1/2 months old.

Cookie's only idiosyncrasy is popcorn. Mac, on the other hand, doesn't mind an occasional beer.

New 'Y' Board Chairman, Assistant Secretary Named

Newly elected YMCA board Chairman Ben Smith announced today that the Torrance YMCA campaign has gone over the top with the latest pledge from Harvey Aluminum co.

Smith will be officially installed this evening when the YMCA Board of Managers meets to honor retiring Chairman Ralph Morris, as well as to install the new officers. Fred Robertson, associate general secretary of the YMCA of Los Angeles, will conduct the ceremony, as well as congratulate the local YMCA group on its success in the past year.

The \$21,000 goal was reached in the last week as a result of many small gifts from parents of YMCA boys, and from a \$1000 pledge from Harvey.

This success has made it possible for the local YMCA to hire a second full-time professional secretary, to work especially with boys from 9 to 12 years of age. The man selected is Douglas Cannon, top graduate in 1955 from George Williams college (the YMCA school in Chicago).

Cannon grew up in the Southwest YMCA, working as a volunteer leader, and then as a part-time employee of that YMCA.

He served as student body president while in college, and was the leader of a national YMCA student conference in his senior year.

Following graduation, Cannon entered the Navy and will be discharged in September of this year.

He was offered 17 YMCA positions in California alone. He chose Torrance because of the great need for additional youth work, and because the local Y's philosophy coincides with his own.

Other results of the successful campaign include added camps this summer, with eight different sessions open to all boys living in or near Torrance.

new office equipment and building improvements; continued work with boys 6 to 9 years of age; and an active Saturday program until summer camps start.

Joe Wilcox, executive secretary, stated that over 10,000 boys have come into the YMCA since the campaign started in March of this year. Over 3000 boys and dads are members of the rapidly-expanding YMCA.

Wilcox credited the growth to generous support from local industry, business, and the parents of the YMCA youngsters. He pointed out that there is no charge for YMCA membership, and that the "Y" is open to all boys who care to belong. He stated that the most unique and generous gift of the entire drive was the \$1000 contribution from the teachers of Torrance.

Ben Smith announced also that Jack Breglio, a local teacher, and a part-time YMCA staff member, will work full-time during the summer months until Cannon joins the staff.

Breglio will co-direct most of the camps, and will operate the popular Wampusti Day camp during the month of July.

This is typical of the service rendered by the local YMCA. The day camp will offer camp-type experiences five days a week, with the boys returning home each evening. The cost is only a few dollars a week.

The boys will enjoy archery, riflery, nature lore, hiking, swimming at local bays and beaches, handicrafts, camp cooking, campfires, carnivals, treasure hunts, and trips to the newest Cinerama film, Disneyland, local industries, museums, and concludes with an overnight camp-out in the mountains.

Smith said that even though (Turn to Page 8)

Children Held at Gunpoint

LOCAL MAN KEY FIGURE IN CAPTURING KIDNAP SUSPECT

Girl Escapes from Locked Automobile

Alertness and quick action on the part of a local resident brought about the arrest of a 20-year-old man charged with the kidnaping of a 7-year-old girl and her 9-year-old brother late Monday afternoon.

Walter Sims of 1632 W. 225th st., Torrance, found the little girl crying in the Palos Verdes Hills as he was driving by.

Stopping to find out what was the matter, he took the

girl and rushed to the nearest gas station to notify police.

Arrest Suspect

This led to the arrest of Ronald Leroy Granat, 20, of 271 E. Louise st., Long Beach, on suspicion of kidnaping George and Mary Fest of 2724 Washington st., in the Dominguez area.

According to deputies, the children were playing near Carson Blvd. and Santa Fe ave. about 6 p.m. when Granat, a Long Beach department store employe, pulled up and used a pellet gun to force them into his car.

The children said they were taken to Palos Verdes Drive, where Granat locked the girl in the car and walked over to the cliff with the boy.

Climbs Out

The girl said she lowered the window and climbed out.

Sims, who was driving by, noticed her on the road, crying. He stopped to see what was the matter.

She told him that a man had taken her and her brother in the car and that the man had a gun. Pointing over the hill, she said the man had taken her brother away.

Sims took the little girl and hurried to the Doug Caprine service station in Palos Verdes where Carlos Gonzales and Brent Bowers notified Palos Verdes police instantly.

Officers arrested Granat as he drove toward Resort Point with the boy about 8:45 p.m.

Gun In Car

The pellet gun, which closely resembles a 45-caliber automatic was found in Granat's car, according to police.

"I just wanted to take them down to see the sea shells and urchins," Granat said, according to Firestone sheriffs. "I thought they were lost and besides, their parents got no business leaving them out by themselves so late."

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Street Lighting District Fails

A motion by Councilman Robert Jahn to set up a street lighting assessment district in Torrance was defeated Tuesday night, 3-2, at the meeting of the City Council.

Jahn's reason for making the motion was that at the present time individuals living in areas without lights are paying for electricity used in areas having lights. He described this method "unfair," and said that the "city cannot assume the ever-increasing cost of lighting."

Councilman Victor Benstead argued that if property owners were assessed within a given district it would amount to a "hidden tax." Councilman Willys Blount and Nick Draie also opposed the motion.

According to the city manager's office, it is common practice among nearly all of the cities in the Los Angeles area to establish Street Lighting districts for operation and maintenance of street lighting systems.

In such districts the city normally pays for the lighting installations at intersections, and the remaining portion of the cost is assessed against property owners within the district. In this way, only those who receive the benefit of the lighting system pay for it, and those who are in areas which do not have lighting systems do not pay, except as their share of the General Fund cost of lighting intersections.

It has been the custom in Torrance to pay the entire cost of operating and maintaining street lights from the General Fund. However, the total cost has been steadily rising.

Additional cost for the past fiscal year has risen at the rate of \$1,000 a month, so states a report prepared in the office of the City Manager.

Even if the motion had been passed, it would be too late to establish assessment districts for the 1957-58 year. Districts would have to be established by August 10, 1958, in order to become effective November 1, 1958.

They Write From Far And Near...

Nothing's been the same here ever since Torrance was chosen "All-America City."

Take the Torrance Post Office for instance.

It's still getting about 100 letters a week from all over the country requesting Postmaster Clara A. Conner to return stamps and envelopes using Torrance's special "All-America City" cancellation.

The special cancellation, used on all letters, will expire October 1, 1957, according to Post Office rules, unless a request for renewal is made.

In the meantime, Mrs. Conner continues to give special consideration to her philatelic friends from out-of-state, even autographing some of the envelopes as requested.

LOMITA

Brain-washing Group Charges

"If the people of Lomita have incorporation forced upon them against their will, it will only be because of a lack of money with which to combat the high pressure brainwashing campaign now being waged by the proponents."

So declared Herbert B. Brislin, president of the Lomita Civic League this week.

The league is studying fund-raising means to combat the incorporation move.

NEWS BRIEFS

TORRANCE BLVD.: Division of Highways has indicated approval of the resurfacing of Torrance Blvd. from west city limits to Madrona ave. at a cost of \$59,120 to be financed from gas tax allocations. Work is to start this week. Expenditure of State Gas Tax funds for 1957-58 will amount to \$401,164.01.

FLAG AT LAST: A U.S. flag is finally flying in the downtown Torrance triangle. The pole has been standing flagless for many months, despite continuous attempts by councilmen to get the flag up, according to Mayor Isen. It's up now.

WHY? Councilman Willys G. Blount, recalling some embarrassing questions asked Councilman Nick Draie some time ago, tried to put Mayor Albert Isen, who asked the questions, on the spot this week. Blount asked Isen why he abstained from voting on Longren matters. Isen readily informed Blount that his wife owns stock in the company purchased out of her own money and that he abstained for that reason.

BILLIARDS: The council is considering dropping the age limit from 21 to 18 for playing billiards in Torrance.

Thank You

John Anson Ford, chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, paid Torrance a tribute at Tuesday's meeting:

"Torrance is going ahead as one of the outstanding cities in Southern California," Ford said.



PIONEER PHYSICIAN HONORED

Dr. A. P. ("Doc") Stevenson was honored by downtown Torrance merchants Monday evening at a testimonial dinner at which time he received a Bulova self-winding watch in appreciation of "50 years service" to the community. Dr. Stevenson, whose office was located on Sartori, recently announced his retirement. Presenting the watch is Bernard Lee.—Press Photo.

Organizations May Still Enter 'Ranchero Days'

There are still a few more openings for Torrance organizations wishing to participate in the First Annual Torrance Ranchero Days, July 24 to 28, it was announced today by officials of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Organizations already indicating their desire to be a part of the community-wide event are Veterans of Foreign Wars, Women of the Moose, Kiwanis club, Cub Scout Pack 201-C, National Association of Letter Carriers, Torrance Area Youth Band, Lions club, Torrance Mounted Police, Civitan club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce, North Torrance Lions club, Junior Woman's club, Torrance Elks, Jaycees, Fireladies, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Disabled American Veterans, Torrance Non-Commissioned Officers club, Nativity Holy Name Men's society, Key club, Ladies of the Elks, Pilot club, Optimists, Reserve Police, Business and Professional Women, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, and the North Torrance Civic Improvement assn.

Chamber Manager Dick Fitzgerald, who is coordinating the event, stated that the affair is designed to give the citizens of Torrance a first-class civic celebration, to publicize the city, and to give civic organizations an opportunity to earn proceeds for their own philanthropic activities.

Man Flung From Car, Awaits Help

Still "critical" after a freak accident which prevented him from being discovered until early Sunday morning is James Bernard Dorgan, 27, of Los Angeles, according to Harbor General hospital officials Tuesday.

Dorgan, according to police reports, was driving west on 190th st. east of Hawthorne ave., when his car went off into a field, turned over, throwing him about 40 feet.

Dorgan suffered critical shoulder, neck and head injuries. He said that he swung his car into the field when another car approached him in the fog on the wrong side of the street. Police records also mentioned barricades on the street.

Board Approves Court Building Plans Here

Preliminary plans for the new Torrance county courts building were approved this week by the Board of Supervisors. Architect Kenneth S. Wing, Long Beach, has been instructed to proceed with final drawings.

The one-story building will be erected in the Civic Center at an estimated cost of \$274,027, according to the architect.

HEARING SET ON LOMITA

Boundary hearing on the Lomita incorporation issue has been set for August 8 before the County Board of Supervisors, according to Gordon T. Nesvig, clerk.

Considerable controversy over validity of signatures on the petitions has arisen and is expected to be aired formally at the hearing.

2 Douglas Men Fired For Accepting Favors

Two members of the purchasing department at Douglas Aircraft's Torrance plant have been discharged for accepting entertainment favors from an El Segundo subcontractor.

Information to this effect uncovered by the FBI was obtained in conjunction with Douglas co. investigators, with the full cooperation of the entire Douglas organization, company spokesmen declared.

A third employe is being investigated. The subcontractor paid out "somewhat less than \$10,000" during the last two years wining and dining the two employes.

Included were trips to Las Vegas and Reno Nev., New York, and hunting and fishing trips to Mexico.

"To our knowledge no federal contracts were affected," the spokesman said.

The subcontractor reportedly supplied parts for Navy aircraft assembled at the Torrance plant.

The investigation began six months ago after the Internal Revenue Department questioned the tax returns of the subcontractor, it was reported.

Both discharged employes were 20-year veterans of Douglas.

Press Offers Evening Classified Ad Service

Classified advertisers are being offered a new evening service.

When you call after regular business hours when the office is closed, you may leave a message with an electronic ad-taker.

You will be given 30 seconds to leave your name, address, telephone number and message.

By writing down your classified ad in advance, you will have sufficient time to dictate it to the machine.

If there are any questions about the ad, a classified girl will call you back in the morning.

Should you desire help in wording your ad, just leave your name, address and telephone number and a classified girl will call you back at any time you designate.

Cost of a classified ad is \$1.30 for 15 words.



TOP OPTIMIST

Newly installed president of the Optimist Club of Torrance, Harold Massie (right) accepts gavel of office from Clyde Anderson, outgoing president. Installation was part of the annual Optimist Club party Saturday night at the Palms. After ceremonies, members of the club, their wives, and guests danced to the music of Ken Perkins.



YMCA BULL'S EYE

Ben Smith, newly elected YMCA board chairman, and Joe Wilcox, executive secretary, show their delight at the news that the local Y-campaign reached its \$21,000 goal.—Press Photo.

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