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BOY SAVED FROM 100-FOOT FALL

Story of Bite Ends Pet Hunt

Lad Escapes Painful Anti-Rabies Series

A story in the Torrance HERALD was credited with saving a five-year-old boy from taking the painful Pasteur treatment for rabies.

Larry Weeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weeks, 5106 Carson St., was all smiles last week after he identified the monkey which scratched him on the arm last June 10.

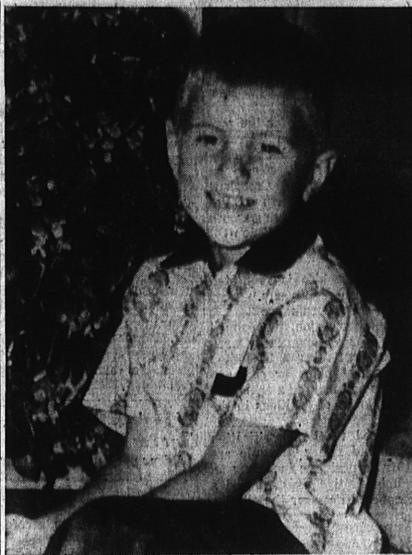
Announcement that the monkey had been located was made on the deadline—the day Larry would have begun the series of shots to prevent rabies.

A resident, who read of the search for a monkey in the Southwood area, phoned the Weeks giving them the valuable tip about the monkey he had seen that day.

Torrance police had checked out every known monkey in an all-out effort to prevent the youngster from having to take the Pasteur treatment.

Mrs. Weeks, yesterday expressed her gratitude to the police and to the newspaper for their efforts in helping to find the monkey.

And as for Larry—he had a big smile on his face.



ALL SMILES . . . Larry Weeks, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weeks, 5106 Carson St., smiles his pleasure about not having to take the painful Pasteur treatment for rabies. The youngster identified the monkey which scratched him June 10.

Hahn Seeks Work On Harbor Freeway

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn this week cited the ever-increasing demands of motorists on the Harbor Freeway in a request to the California Highway Commission to complete the section of the highway between 124th St. and 190th St.

"It is my understanding that the design for this section is completed and that the right of way is 98 per cent secured," he wrote to Chairman Frank B. Durkee of the commission.

"I believe that the Harbor Freeway should be completed as rapidly as possible because of the terrifically heavy demand that is placed upon it," Hahn wrote.

Hahn's request to the state for acceleration of the Harbor Freeway construction follows demands of the Inter-City Highways Committee for freeway construction on both the

Harbor and San Diego Freeways.

Inter-City Chairman Wilburn E. Baker reports that the committee has been in constant contact with state officials both here and in Sacramento in an effort to push construction of the two highways which are vital to the great southwest area of the county.

"A majority of the area does not have a single mile of freeway to service it, although we have been paying millions in road taxes and supply a huge quantity of the traffic of the county," Baker commented.

Office Burglarized
 A coke machine was robbed of \$10 and the office at California Trends, Inc., was ransacked, sheriff's deputies reported Thursday.

Five Torrance City Fathers Up a \$65 Tree

City councilmen are up a tree.

Arguments will continue Tuesday concerning the removal of a group of trees at the southwest corner of Sepulveda and Hawthorne Bldvs.

The city has decreed that Allen E. Kelly of North Hollywood can remove the city-owned trees necessary to develop his property there, if he pays the city \$65 per tree.

In turn, Allen has informed the council that he would be willing to remove the trees if he doesn't have to pay.

In presenting his case, Allen declared the trees must come out in order to meet the city ordinance which requires curbs and gutters to be installed.

If the trees are not taken out, the land owner says he can still put in the curbs and gutters, but the trees will be growing three feet out into the street.

Crain Quits Commission; Hits 'Bypass'

John G. L. Crain, the only member of the original Airport Commission still serving, will retire when his term expires on July 5, he informed the group Thursday night.

In leaving, he protested the bypassing of the Airport Commission on many important matters.

"The commission was set up three years ago to study matters relating to the airport," he said. "Now we find that many important leases are being acted on by the City Council and changed without the Airport Commission knowing anything about them."

"I have a satisfaction in seeing the improvements there. We'll be mighty proud of the airport one of these days."

Crain also urged that the commission consider daytime sessions.

At the commission meeting a report was received from City Building Inspector Lee Schens in which we said that wartime buildings still on the municipal field are habitable and in better condition than some of the small hangars at the airport.

The commissioners voted to hold once-a-month sessions in July and August. Meetings will be on July 11 and Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Area to Ask For Torrance Water Lines

Low water pressure and discolored water have caused several residents of southeast Torrance to circulate petitions to join the Torrance Municipal Water District.

The mile-square area, now served by the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3, Lomita, is bounded by Crenshaw Blvd., Sepulveda Blvd., Eshelman Ave., and the south city boundary.

Circulators of the petitions termed the present service "inadequate," claiming that pressure fluctuates greatly and water is often discolored.

About \$400,000 worth of new lines would have to be added to serve the area, according to Angus McVicar, Torrance water superintendent. This could be paid through revenues, he reported.

Picnic Scheduled
 The New York and New Jersey States' Society's annual picnic here will be held in Bixby Park, Long Beach, July 7.



HE'S STAYING HOME . . . Sam Mazza, 7, was sticking pretty close to home yesterday, after he nearly tumbled down a 100-foot embankment at Torrance Beach Thursday night, and had to be rescued by lifeguards. The boy, who likes "mountain climbing," will have to confine his exploring expeditions to the home grounds unless his folks are along, his mother declared.

Guards Rescue Young 'Mountain Climber'

A seven-year-old boy found himself confined to his home grounds Friday, after his love for "mountain climbing" nearly sent him plummeting down a 100-foot cliff at Torrance Beach Thursday.

Sam Mazza, 602 Palos Verdes Blvd., was rescued by lifeguards Walt Hetz and Walt Erlinger late Thursday after he fell down an incline and onto a narrow shelf, 100 feet above the rocky beach below.

Sam and two companions decided to take a trip to the "woods" in nearby Palos Verdes, but instead, went to the "mountains" along Torrance Beach. The boys took a dip in the ocean and then de-

cid to climb the mountains. In the process, Sam slipped, falling onto a narrow shelf, and hung on precariously.

His two companions, Robert Strahan, 9, 644 Palos Verdes



Pair Choose Wrong House

Two Manhattan Beach residents called on the wrong house Friday night.

William Hardy Warner, 18, and Gilbert Malin, alias Gilbert Avalos, 28, were resting in the Torrance jail yesterday charged with prowling and suspicion of burglary.

When a Torrance woman heard strange noises she investigated and found Warner sitting on her back porch and Malin sitting in a car parked near the house.

She called the Torrance police station and reported the prowlers.

The woman? The wife of Police Officer H. B. "Buck" Ingram, 2122 Gramercy St.

Crash Causes Two Injuries

Two men were injured in an accident Friday at Western Ave. near 208th St.

Taken to Harbor Hospital were both drivers, Charles Herman Walker, 31, of the Southwest Trailer Court, and Richard Harold Egner, 31, of Wilmington.

Both drivers were traveling south on Western, police said, when the accident occurred.

Merle Olson Honored
 Merle Olson, 1027 E. Joel St., was among 55 employees who received service pins for completion of service with Davidson Brothers, Los Angeles.

New Low Set for Building

Permits Reach Lowest Level in 66 Months

June was the slowest building month in Torrance since December, 1951, according to Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the City Engineer's office.

The June permits amounted to \$648,977, bringing the year's total to \$9,710,062. Last year at this time, the \$5,722,287 June total brought the year's figures to \$29,528,999.

Building activities have slowed down this year after a record-breaking year in 1956, with completion of many of the large tracts then under construction. Activity is expected to pick up with additional home and commercial developments now on the planning boards.

Biggest permit issued during June was \$78,750, for a light manufacturing plant at 4030 Spencer St. The permit was taken out by the Associated Aircraft and Drilling Co.

Other permits include a \$40,000 permit for construction of a laboratory facility at the Dow Chemical Co., 805 Crenshaw Blvd., and \$30,000 for a wash room at the General Petroleum Corp., 3700 W. 100th St.

RESIDENTS WARNED ON FIREWORKS

Torrance residents who are planning to "whop it up" over July 4 were reminded yesterday that only "safe and sane" fireworks sold at authorized stands in the city are legal.

Inspector Edgar Polston of the Torrance Fire Prevention Bureau reminded residents that they are subject to fine if they set off firecrackers, cherry bombs, skyrockets, Roman candles, and similar fireworks.

Sparklers, pinwheels, snaks, cones, and similar types of materials are legal. Fireworks stands in the city will be inspected daily to see that they sell only the authorized variety.

Recommend Putt Course At New Park

A recommendation that Sea-Aire Park is used as a "putting only" golf course at least temporarily was not acted upon at the scheduled meeting of the Torrance Recreation Commission Wednesday, because the group lacked a quorum.

The meeting will be held sometimes this week, since only Commissioners Herma Tillim, J. H. Paget, and Lawrence Gitscher showed up for the regular meeting. Four members are needed for a quorum.

Director Harry Van Bellehem recommended that proposed pitch-and-putt golf course in Sea-Aire Park be operated as a "putting only" course until further development of the area.

The turf at the park is not yet developed enough to stand long drives, Van Bellehem said, and in some parts of the park a fence 30 feet high would be needed to insure safety for nearby residents. A putting course could be opened within the next few weeks.

Later, Van Bellehem said, the course might be developed on a pitch-and-putt basis.



T/SGT JOHN KORKOK
... On Your Mark



CPL. RAYMOND VANDERPAS
... Get Set



PFC. CHARLES RETTIG
... Piff!

Local Marines Stand By As A-Bomb Fizzles Out

Three Torrance Marines stood two miles from the shot tower on the Nevada desert Friday morning as the scientists preparing for another in the series of A-bomb tests counted down . . . "five . . . four . . . three . . . two . . . one . . . zero . . ."

Nothing happened! Living what must have been some of the longest moments of their military careers were T/Sgt. John J. Korkok, Cpl. Raymond Vanderpas, and Pfc. Charles L. Rettig.

The trio had joined other Marines at Camp Desert Rock and were slated to launch an attack on the "enemy" positions after the area was A-bombed.

But the attack never came, and the Marines, designated as the 4th Marine Corps Provisional Atomic Exercise Brigade, made a hasty advance to the rear by helicopter when it was finally determined that the A-bomb was a dud.

The men were scheduled to inaugurate a new phase of

marine warfare — enter the area immediately following an atomic blast. In addition to the training of personnel, scientists were conducting the test to determine the effects of atomic explosions on clothing and equipment.

Sergeant Korkok is the husband of Doris Korkok who lives at 1329 Engracia. Corporal Vanderpas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Vanderpas, 1531 W. 182nd St., and Private First Class Rettig is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rettig, 113 E. 216th St.