**Escape Film Location Notes**

November 16, 1973. 9:00 p.m. CBS

TV Guide listing:

MOVIE – Science Fiction “Escape From the Planet of the Apes”
Third chapter in the spectacular saga of apes who invade man’s world!
Television Premiere

I was charmed from the start, then sucker-punched at the twist ending. Again. Imagine my shock when I saw the darlings of 1973 assassinated in cold blood. I was then creeped out by the sound of another baby character, a chimp this time, uttering, “Mama, mama, …”

But imagine my shock, yet again, when a classmate told me at school the following Monday morning that there was a baby switch and Milo was still alive!!

*I had completely misunderstood the ending and thought that Zira taught Heloise’s baby to talk. Duh.*

This year, 2023, marks the 50th Anniversary of the television premiere of *Escape From the Planet of the Apes*, and also of the Liberty 1 splashdown carrying the *ape-onauts* back to Earth in 1973. Since it conveniently crashed into the Pacific Ocean to showcase various Southern California points of interest, many sites in this montage were accessible to be visited and photographed. However, a few sites needed assistance from a corporate website and Google Earth.

The unusual berm on the beach shown on page 1 was the result from Tropical Storm Hilary, the first tropical storm to make landfall in California since 1939. I took the picture two days after the storm.

It is likely that the room Zira and Cornelius stayed in the Beverly Wilshire Hotel was the elite Wilshire Presidential Suite, based on its website description:

Experience Old Hollywood glamour at its finest in this pristinely restored, two-bedroom suite on the eighth floor of our Wilshire Wing. You’ll know you’ve arrived upon entering the Wilshire Presidential Suite’s grand hallway. The spacious living room, cocktail den and elegant dining room are all enhanced by the spectacular views of Beverly Hills.

Check out a cool 3D tour of the suite: [https://3dmylisting.com/3d-model/wilshire-presidential-suite/fullscreen/](https://3dmylisting.com/3d-model/wilshire-presidential-suite/fullscreen/)
Although the 4000 ft\(^2\) Wilshire Presidential Suite cannot be booked online; the smaller 3200 ft\(^2\) Beverly Presidential Suite can be booked online at an average rate of $15,000 per night. For a $50 additional charge, breakfast is included. *At that room rate, shouldn’t it already be included?!*
I was able to access old telephone books at my local public library to find the store addresses of the ape celebrities’ shopping spree. A couple other businesses shown adjacent to the menswear retailer, Carroll & Co., shown on page 11 are:

- 450 N. Rodeo Drive = Café Swiss
- 460 N. Rodeo Drive = Jack Floor Covering Company
- 457 N. Rodeo Drive = Beverly Hardware Co. (across the street)

This blog helped me locate the shipyard where Zira and Cornelius take refuge: https://www.mysanpedro.org/2011/04/april-in-san-pedro-part-one.html

GPS coordinates of Berth 100 West Basin Container Terminal are listed here: http://wikimapia.org/5155756/Berth-100-West-Basin-Container-Terminal-Todd-Shipyard-site

Photos for this “Then and Now” Escape montage were taken between September 2019 and September 2023.
In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of her favorite *Planet of the Apes* sequel, Zori is enjoying a glass of Grape Juice +.

*Mask was gifted from a generous Apes fan!! Thanks!!!*

Towels - - - > Strips that fray like crazy! - - - > Panels - - - > Trenchcoat Pattern
A resident at Los Angeles Zoo’s Campo Gorilla Reserve, a large open-air habitat without bars. The Gorilla statue at the Reserve was sculpted by Oscar-winning makeup artist, Rick Baker.
The “Wilshire Presidential Suite” at the Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel

Photos framed in Chimp Green ;) are from the Beverly Wilshire website.
Menswear retailer Carroll & Co. was located on 466 N. Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills. In both “Then & Now” photos, the Beverly Wilshire Hotel is visible at the end of the street.
Giorgio Beverly Hills was located on 273 N. Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills. It is now a Louis Vuitton store.
Since the shipyard in San Pedro, California is not open to the public, Google Earth provides virtual images.

Photos [framed in Yellow] indicate screenshots from Google Earth.
Google Earth displays a similar ship docked at the shipyard!
White storage tanks, CA State Route 47 bridge, and waterways as seen from the police helicopter’s POV.
Helicopter landing site.
Armando’s Circus Tent was located on an open field with a background that appeared to be a golf course. “Cheviot Hills Recreation Center” fits this description and is located directly across the street from 20th Century Fox Studios on W. Pico Blvd. Seems to be a good match!
~ ~ ~ Here is a HIGHLY RECOMMENDED continuation of *Escape From the Planet of the Apes*. ~ ~ ~ “Murderers’ Row” by John Jackson Miller in the anthology book, *Tales From the Forbidden Zone*

Story is a quick and entertaining read.
Treat yourself and enjoy this in your favorite multi-color bathrobe with a glass of Grape Juice +.
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