

'or Girl With a Kite, It Was Chance to Fly

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., March 22 (AP) — DeAndrea Anrig was flying a kite when it suddenly started to fly her, her parents say, as just a short hop, but one that DeAndrea, who is 8 years old, is not likely to forget.

The twin-engine plane caught the pound nylon test line of DeAndrea's kite and carried her about 100 feet — over her father's head — almost into a tree before she let go, she said today.

She was still sore after two days, she said. The plane, meanwhile, is grounded because of damage apparently caused by getting tangled in the kite string.

DeAndrea took off Sunday, when she and her parents, who live in the Dublin Bay community of Dublin, were on a picnic with friends Sunday at Shoreline Park here, about 15 miles south of San Francisco about two miles from the Palo Alto Airport. They were taking a glider-type kite with a 10-foot wingspan.

She Followed Advice

While DeAndrea was taking her 8-year-old daughter to the park, a plane approaching the airfield snagged the line, her parents

she said it was just a big jerk that lifted her into the air," said DeAndrea's mother, Debby. "It carried her right over my husband's head. All he saw was a shadow over his head. I'm just thankful she let go."

DeAndrea always said, "Hold on tight. Let go, honey," Mrs. Anrig said, recalling the parents' advice to DeAndrea on kite-flying. DeAndrea said she was doing just

that until "I thought that I was gonna hit a tree."

She added, "I wasn't thinking anything but how scared I was."

The Mountain View fire marshal, Frank Moe, said she was dragged about 100 feet before letting go, according to a report filed by investigating officers.

Pilot's Story Recounted

The pilot of the twin-engine Rockwell Turbo Commander that got tangled with the line, Jake Uranga of Reno, was flying a patient who was on the way to Stanford University Hospital. He declined to discuss the incident, referring calls to a lawyer, Ken Markowitz, who was unavailable.

But Lenore Deaville, a pilot who was at the airport, said Mr. Uranga told her that "he was at 800 feet doing about 140 knots when this thing came at him."

She said Mr. Uranga had said he tried to avoid it, but could not. He landed safely.

A regional safety official with the Federal Aviation Administration in San Jose, Edge Ritter, said one of the two propellers on Mr. Uranga's plane suffered a two-inch gash and must be replaced.

The San Jose Mercury-News reported that 200-pound test line was found wound around one of the propellers.

Mountain View authorities said they would post signs at Shoreline Park telling people that kite-flying is banned there under a state regulation prohibiting kite-flying within five miles of an airport.

Mr. Ritter said kites are frequently flown in and near the park,



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DeAndrea Anrig at home with her father, Brad.

but this was the first kite-plane collision reported.

"There had been planes flying over all that afternoon," said DeAndrea's father, Brad. "And there were kites everywhere, 15 to 20 of them, some up as high as 200 feet. That's why we didn't think about flying ours there."