

Flood Threatens Home Evacuations

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when a sump overflowed.
Other bad spots were 187th St. and Falda Ave., 182nd St. and Falda, where a school bus was reported stranded; El Dorado and Maple; 180th St. and Regina and 190th St. and Hawthorne Blvd.

Failure by the county to unplug a drain was blamed for the evacuation of an area at 208th St. and Kenwood Ave.
Mrs. Colleen Pruvost, secretary of the Del Amo Improvement Association, said that one family was taking out all their belongings from their home and carrying out their children.
She said that the county had been asked at 7 a.m. to clear the drain, but no help had arrived by 10:30 a.m.

Text Book Stricken From Use

A controversial supplementary book for freshman problems classes has been taken out of circulation as of Feb. 15, Dr. Albert of the Torrance Unified School District, announced Tuesday night.

He said the book, which he said only four out of seven teachers at South High School used, was shelved after some parents raised objections to it.

He made his announcement at the board of education meeting at which several persons voiced objections to the book, "About You."

The parents protested against handling by the book of family life in general, references to dating habits, treatment of alcohol and narcotics problems.

Dr. Posner said that the book had not been used as a text book for more than a year, but had been used as optional supplementary material in the form of a work book.

Principal objections to the material were Mrs. Eileen Oetz, 5029 Milne Ave., and Mrs. Rita Havens, of 22641 Lupine Dr.

Pilfer Dump Phone

Thieves who broke in the city dump office Tuesday night stole coins from a pay telephone, broke into the first aid supply, stole a key to a truck and strewed papers all over the place, Torrance police reported.

Auditorium to Open in Yule Season

Completion of the new \$500,000 auditorium at Narbonne High School has been set in time for the Christmas season, school officials announced today.

The structure will feature a full size stage, seats for 1000 on one level, a staff room, and a dressing room and storage space.

Construction on the building which will be near 242nd St., north of Building C, between the faculty parking lot and west of Building M, has already been started.

The auditorium will be 180 feet long and 100 feet wide, with a circular front. The land will be fenced off from the rest of the campus for night programs.

Because there will be no balcony, acoustics will be excellent, school officials point out. Concrete paving and landscaping will be provided at the front of the auditorium.

Lomita Scientist Helped Develop First Satellite

Henry L. Richter, Jr. 31, a graduate of Narbonne High School, Lomita, was one of 10 California scientists who were responsible for the development of America's first satellite, the Explorer.

Explorer I, was jointly launched by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Cal Tech and the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Huntsville, Ala.

Richter is coordinator for International Geophysical Year experiments.

Another South Bay man who aided the project was Eberhardt Reichtin, 32m, a Redondo Beach Union High School Alumnus.

Isen in Clash on Zoning

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conditions.
Edward Perry, 634 Camino de Encanto, who represented residents of nearby R-1 areas, objected that there will be little difference between a motel or hotel.

"People feel this compromise is a reversal of the Council's position," he declared.

Makes Motion
The motion to settle the case on the basis of the offer by Don-Ja-Ran, was made by Councilman Robert Jahn.

Draie sought to table the matter for a week, but was unsuccessful.

Mewborn said a delay might be extremely difficult to obtain.

The attorney said that not to accept the compromise may be "a long gamble," and that no matter who wins the case, it will probably be carried to the Supreme Court.

Gas Tax to Bring Big Sum

Recommendation for several street projects to be financed during the coming fiscal year, based on a population of 93,372. Of the total, \$110,176 will be used for maintenance, leaving a balance of \$165,264, in addition to \$34,477 unbudgeted during the current year.

Projects recommended by City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop include:

Carson Street
Four lanes of traffic on Carson St. between Juniper and Madrona Aves. at a cost of \$24,568. Work on Carson between Madrona and Hawthorne Blvd., was budgeted for the current year.

Bishop pointed out that the widening is needed for additional traffic anticipated with the opening of the new shopping center.

The opening of Arlington Ave. between Redondo Beach Blvd. and 174th St. with a minimum width of 44 feet. A segment between 174th and 190th Sts. is now under contract. Cost of this construction is estimated at \$20,421.

Complete Street
The engineering department is currently seeking an easement from the U.S. Steel Corporation, Columbia-Geneva Division, to complete Arlington south of Del Amo Blvd.

Another project will be widening Sepulveda Blvd. from Arlington to Hawthorne Blvd. to a minimum of 44 feet. This will cost \$37,836.

The department recommends a reserve of \$16,907 for small contingency projects.

Police Quiz Two Boys on Breaks Over Week-End

Two teenagers were held by Torrance police following one of three weekend burglaries.
The boys, aged 13 and 14, were questioned by officers shortly after the burglary of the home of Robert Dale Hebert, of 3503 W. 228th St., in which change was taken from a piggy bank.
Police said the boys had \$4.08 in change on them, and a razor blade. Entry into the Hebert home had been made by slashing a screen.
Cash, checks and equipment were taken from the Phyllis Moore Dance Studio, 4068 Redondo Beach Blvd., police reported.

Burglars entered by prying a rear door and took a camera, lightmeter and tape recorder.
Two sleeping bags and tools worth \$70 were stolen from the garage of Dean Stewart, of 2802 Knode St., police reported.

Vandals Enter Vacant House

Vandals scattered paper and wrote obscene words in a vacant house at 21322 Mildred Ave., Torrance police reported.
The mischief was discovered by Michael Dukuff, of the Ready Realty company, which is attempting to rent the house.

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