

Supervisors Act to Halt New Breaks in Pipelines

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Action which will minimize the chance of accidental ruptures of pipelines carrying dangerous chemicals has been initiated by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Bell Polls Voters on Six Issues

Six questions included in his report to voters in the 28th Congressional District by Congressman Alphonso Bell (R-Los Angeles) were:

- Do you feel that the recently issued automobile safety standards are desirable?
- Do you favor the proposal to share federal tax revenues with the states?
- Do you support the application of U. S. economic sanctions against Rhodesia?
- Do you endorse the President's proposal for a 6 percent federal surtax?
- Do you favor increased federal involvement with air and water pollution problems?
- Do you believe we should begin spending for an anti-ballistic missile defense system?

Constituents who did not receive a copy of Bell's monthly newsletter but wish to participate in the opinion poll may do so by mailing their responses to his Congressional Field Office, Los Angeles 90024.

Casting for 'Majority' Completed

Casting for Kentwood Players' forthcoming production of "A Majority of One" by Leonard Spigel has been completed. Jerry Silver, director, has announced.

The cast includes Arthur Montague, Sonya Balkman, Derek Cadman, George Hedges, Jeanette Kaufman, Irene Marsch, Frank Pitt, Marti Ratkel, Michelle Richards, Calia Silvers, and Barbara Stern.

"A Majority of One," produced by Harry Pierce, will open at the Kentwood Players' home, the Westchester Playhouse, Friday, March 24, for a five-week run. The Playhouse is located at 8301 Hendry Ave., in Westchester.

Drawers Ransacked, Coins Taken

A coin collection valued at about \$15 was taken from her home. Elaine Buns, 50, of 3713 W. 173rd St., told Torrance police last Wednesday.

She said the theft occurred Tuesday while she was out of town.

Police said the burglar ransacked a dresser and took several half-dollars, four silver dollars, and several 1943 pennies.

Office Machines Taken by Thief

Office machines valued at nearly \$700 were taken from a lumber company office at 2026 Abalone St., Torrance police were told last Wednesday.

Thomas Butler told officers he locked the office at 5 p.m. Tuesday and discovered the theft when he arrived at 6 a.m. Wednesday. Some \$50 in cash also was taken, it was reported.

Board of Supervisors has instructed the County Road Department to come up with a standard, minimum depth limit for the underground lines.

The supervisor's actions followed two ruptures of a Carson area chlorine line last week. Thirty-eight persons were treated for effects of the dangerous chemical as a result of accidental line ruptures near 223rd Street and Wilmington Avenue.

"THE COUNTY Road Department has instructed the owners of the chlorine pipeline to lower these lines immediately," Chace said. "Meanwhile, the department has been instructed to report back soon with a common-sense recommendation for the installation and lowering of

all pipelines carrying dangerous chemicals to a safe underground level."

Chace said the Road Department had taken several precautions to prevent such an accident as occurred at the 223rd Street site.

"UTILITY companies and the firm whose chlorine line was ripped open, releasing the dangerous fumes, had as-

ured the contractor and the Road Department all lines were far enough below the surface," Chace said. He indicated, however, that this intersection is considered one of the county's worst in terms of underground congestion.

"There are more than 30 pipelines under the intersection," Chace said. "And there are more than 280 miles of

underground pipeline in the Carson-Dominguez area."

IN ADDITION to the Road Department's recommendation on a minimum depth for lines carrying dangerous chemicals, a further report on methods of preventing similar accidents is pending.

The report will come from the Substructure Committee, and advisory group comprised of representatives from utility,

railroad and contractors companies. The group is studying methods of pinpointing the exact location and depth of pipelines throughout the County.

"These men are vitally interested in preventing such accidents," Chace said. "They don't want their firm's underground pipelines ruptured since breaks create a public danger and costs the companies in terms of repairs and interrupted service."

Police said a rear door apparently had been left unlocked.

Television Set, Currency Taken

A color television set, \$63 in currency, and a bedspread were taken from her home Thursday, Shirley L. Wernecke, 43, of 3754 W. Artesia Blvd., told police.

Police said a rear door apparently had been left unlocked.



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