

Dominguez Sea Gap Work Due

County supervisors have authorized the Flood Control District to negotiate a contract with a Long Beach consulting engineer for design of two units of the Dominguez Gap sea barrier project in the Wilmington area.

Supervisor Chairman Burton W. Chace said the contract will be worked out with M. A. Nishkian and Co. by District Chief Engineer Walter J. Wood.

"This firm has performed work of a similar nature for the District in connection with the West Coast Basin and Alamitos Barrier Projects. It is familiar with the agency's requirements and criteria," Chace said.

IN RECOMMENDING the action, Wood told the supervisors that the district does not have sufficient specialized personnel to perform major phases of this type of engineering work. He indicated that building up a staff of such specialists is inadvisable because of the relatively short time they would be needed.

Chace said the Nishkian firm will be asked to provide studies, reports, estimates, subsurface investigations, soil reports, shop inspection as well as preliminary and final plans for units one and two of the project.

THE TWO units consist essentially of water supply pipelines, and pressure reduction and chlorination stations.

The over-all anti-brine project involves a four-mile barrier to block further ocean encroachment into fresh supplies in the Wilmington-Dominguez area, Chace said.

It is expected to cost about \$1,970,000.

Scouts Set Plans for Breakfast

Boy Scouts from the North Torrance area will hold their fourth annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Boys' Market, Redondo Beach Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue.

Scouts from Boy Scout Troops 242, 725, 948, 110, 203, 138, and 211, Cub Scout Packs 310-C and 733-C, and Explorer Scout Posts 242-X and 725-X will be on hand to serve breakfast to visitors.

Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee, and milk will be served at the chuck-wagon style breakfast. Breakfast is 50 cents per person.

Prizes will be awarded throughout the morning, with a portable television set going to the grand prize winner.

General chairman of the event is Charles Mashburn of Troop 242.

Road Work Scheduled In Carson

Improvement of the west side of Avalon Boulevard north of 219 Street and an 85 foot section south of 220th Street has been authorized, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has announced.

Work will consist of constructing curb and gutter, driveway aprons, and pavement. In addition, an existing asphalt concrete sidewalk will be replaced with concrete sidewalk.

The proposed project is part of a continuing program to provide the best roadways possible in the Carson area Hahn said.

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Watson Begins New Term, Urges Ceiling on Taxes

Philip E. Watson has been sworn into office for his second term as county assessor.

In a brief ceremony at the Hall of Administration, attended by members of his family, staff and campaign associates, the oath of office was administered by Judge McIntyre Faries. The judge administered the oath to Watson when he first took office in December, 1962.

Watson said he was embarking on his second term with the determination to continue his program of fair assessment practices and to carry on his fight to limit property taxes.

"The existing property tax burden is all out of balance," he said. "We can no longer assume there is a never-ending supply of tax dollars for this year and next year and the year after."

"The first step in preserving the average family's ability to own a home is to enact an overall ceiling on property taxes."

SARC Sets Pre-School Program

A pre-school for retarded children 3 to 8 years of age will begin again Tuesday, Sept. 27, at El Retiro Park, 126 Vista del Parque. The activity will include children 3 to 8 years of age and will be in session Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

All interested parents are asked to attend an organizational meeting Thursday, Sept. 22, at the park at 10 a.m. to become acquainted with the program.

The activity is sponsored by the Southwest Association for Retarded Children. Parents of retarded children are urged by the association to take advantage of this opportunity to give their youngsters in these formative years a head start in preparing them for social and recreational learning which they will later meet in public schools.

Pvt. Robert S. Fried, 19, of Mrs. Marie Fried, 3605 Newton St., completed training as a HAWK missile crewman Aug. 19 at the Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, Tex.

Pvt. Fried was trained in firing and maintenance of the HAWK, an intermediate-altitude missile designed to intercept supersonic aircraft at tree-top level.

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