

Rain Strands 100 De Luz Families

Rain continued to take its toll throughout the region yesterday, stranding more than 100 families in the North County and bringing business to a standstill in Mission Valley and Lakeside.

Residents of De Luz Canyon, northwest of Fallbrook, went without electricity for a second day as the flood-swollen Santa Margarita River washed out power poles and roads leading to the area.

The only access to the canyon was by helicopter, the river having become an unnavigable, 200-foot-wide torrent.

VALLEY FLOOD

In Mission Valley, the San Diego River surged through the southernmost parking lots of Fashion Valley. Although the shopping center still was reachable via Friars Road, merchants said

customers were staying away.

With more rainfall predicted today, other Mission Valley businesses and property owners are being contacted by San Diego police to prepare for evacuation if necessary.

Reports of similar disruptions also came from Lakeside, where grocery stores, restaurants and shops along barricaded Woodside Avenue took on the look of Venice, Italy.

BRIDGE COLLAPSES

Meanwhile, near San Onofre, work crews labored around the clock to restore a Santa Fe Railway bridge that collapsed Wednesday, halting freight and Amtrak passenger service to Los Angeles.

Amtrak spokesman Arthur Lloyd said the railroad

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