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A Flash Flood

- (1) Two students in Las Vegas were slightly injured in a flash flood last Thursday as they tried to help their friend mobilize his car.
- (2) They were driving down Pecos Road when it started to pour outside.
- (3) In desert areas, such as Las Vegas rain accumulates easily especially since the sewage system is not up to par.
- (4) While driving down this hilly road, the water was inching higher and higher.
- (5) Finally their car could no longer move because of the heavy rain.
- (6) The two students climbed out of their friend's vehicle through the window, so no water would touch the inside of the car.
- (7) In vain, they tried to push the car while the driver tried to accelerate.
- (8) When they finally gave up, the strength of the water swept the two students away.
- (9) They were tussled in the rough water.
- (10) Finally they were lucky enough to attach themselves to a tree and a light post.
- (11) A fire truck had picked them up and they were taken to the hospital for minor injuries.

語注

- (1) injured けがをした flash flood 鉄砲水 mobilize 動かす、移動させる
- (2) pour (雨が)猛烈に降る
- (3) accumulate 蓄積する sewage 下水 par 標準、平均
- (4) inch 少しずつ進む
- (6) vehicle 乗り物
- (7) in vain むなしく、むだに accelerate 加速する
- (8) strength 力 swept<sweep(押し流す)の過去形
- (9) tussle 格闘する
- (10) attach くっつける
- (11) pick up (人)を途中で乗せる