

Saturday

WEATHER

Rain turning to snow

Rain changing to light snow in the afternoon, high near 40 then falling into the middle or upper 30s during the afternoon, 80 percent chance of precipitation.

NEIGHBOR

Township drops fee

Milton Township officials have dropped a proposal to charge an assessment service fee in hopes of boosting the 1992-93 assessor's budget — Section 5.

SPORTS



Blair golden again

Bonnie Blair became the Winter Games' first double gold-winning woman, taking the 1,000 meters by two-hundredths of a second — Section 3.

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The bottom line

Call it a Valentine's Day hangover. Burt reports that the divorce industry, suffering from sluggish settlement amounts, is in a recession — Back Page.

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Prospective homeowners are moving the industry with their ideas on how to improve the designs of new houses. And what better source could a builder have? — Section 7.

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History lesson

"America in 1492," an exhibit at Chicago's Newberry Library, describes civilizations that existed in the Americas when Christopher Columbus arrived. The show features artifacts, paintings and books that chronicle history from a Native American perspective — Section 2.

High quality, low price bring new cocaine boom

By JEFF MADSEN
Daily Herald Staff Writer

1991 was a record-breaking year for drug activity in DuPage County, and this year may prove to be even worse with cocaine continuing as the drug of choice, police officials say.

Already, they claim drug activity is moving at a record-setting pace as dealers hit the streets and sell cocaine that is readily available, of better quality and cheaper than it has been in a decade.

"(Cocaine) is 90 percent of our cases," said Laurence P. Mulcrone, director of the DuPage Metropolitan Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Enforcement Group (DuMEG), the county's primary drug trafficking investigations unit. "We're almost at the level that we were in the mid-1980s. That says there is a lot of cocaine out there and that's bad

news."

So far this year, DuMEG detectives have arrested three people for selling cocaine and crack, a cheaper, less-pure variation of cocaine, to undercover detectives last week during a sweep of raids in Downers Grove. Seven other people now are awaiting grand jury indictments in connection with those raids.

Although those numbers may not seem alarming, Mulcrone notes DuMEG and other police agencies have made several other drug-related arrests in the last 45 days, and are developing those people as informants to help police target higher-level dealers and supply networks that have found roots in DuPage County.

"If we can eliminate the supplier who may be working with two, three even four other dealers, it's like a domino effect," Mulcrone said, noting that drug-related conviction

DuPage County's war on drugs

	1991	1990
Number of drug cases opened	309	250
Drug seizures	313	217
Drug arrests	171	137
Weapons seized in raids	29	21
Street value of drugs	\$3.9 million	\$1 million

Source: The DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group

Daily Herald Graphic

rates in DuPage County to date are at 98 percent, carrying an average jail term of seven years. "I'm hoping some of the things we accomplished in 1991 may help us drive down cases this year. We were way

too busy last year and we had to reject a number of cases simply because we didn't have the manpower."

In 1991, DuMEG arrested 171 people for drug-related offenses and

seized quantities of cocaine, heroin, PCP, LSD, marijuana, Mexican-grown hallucinogens and steroids with a combined street value of nearly \$4 million.

One of those arrests, Mulcrone said, was a 52-year-old DuPage County grandmother who sold an undercover agent 2.2 pounds of cocaine with a street value of \$50,000.

"They're (dealers) stupid," Mulcrone said. "They are controlled by greed, by how much they can sell."

The lure of a cheaper, better quality of cocaine, DuMEG's target drug, is convincing dealers and suppliers to hit the streets harder than ever, Mulcrone said.

"The only thing you see different now that you didn't see 10 years ago is that (dealers) are the college kids next-door and average workers."

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Shirley Maness, of Ventura, Calif., shovels mud from her motorhome Friday after floods swept through a recreational vehicle park this week.

Associated Press Photo

\$23 million in California damages — so far

LOS ANGELES — Loss estimates from a week of torrential rain reached \$23 million Friday as another big storm headed for California, threatening more mudslides and flooding.

"We're now seeing sandbags go out at the rate of thousands per hour," said Tony Ennis, assistant chief of the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Wind up to 40 mph hit the

north coast and mountains ahead of the new storm churning out of the Gulf of Alaska, the National Weather Service said. Hayfork, about 200 miles north of San Francisco, received 1.35 inches of rain in just two hours, forecasters said.

People took no chances after storms already blamed for eight deaths, five people missing and costly property damage in

Southern California. Los Angeles closed 651 schools and most of the 133,000 sandbags city fire stations had on hand Thursday night were gone by late Friday.

Southern California suffered its most serious flooding in a decade, Gov. Pete Wilson said in a tour of the Sepulveda Dam Recreation Area, where the Los Angeles River overflowed Monday.

Wayne Twp. nears office purchase

By MIKE BURKE
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Wayne Township officials expect to finalize the purchase of a \$1.6 million office building on North Avenue near West Chicago on March 3.

If all goes according to plan, that will be the closing date for the sale, said township Supervisor Joan Mruk.

The township rents office space in the building, at 27W031 North Ave., for its assessor's office. Eventually, all township offices will be moved there.

Township residents approved the purchase of the North Avenue building, along with the sale of the current township office on Hahndorf Road at Route 59, by a more than 3-1 margin at a town meeting Feb. 6.

A number of residents opposed to

the sale say they believe the new office is much larger than the township needs. They would prefer the township rebuild a modest office on its current site.

Roy Paeth, a former township supervisor, said he would circulate a petition calling for another town meeting and vote on the issue. However, Mruk said Friday no such petition had been filed with the town clerk.

Paeth was unavailable Friday to discuss what plans, if any, he still has to fight the purchase of the new building.

Mruk said she did not know when the move might begin. She guessed it would be after April 1.

"March 31 is the end of our fiscal year," Mruk said, adding that reports and year-end paperwork have to be completed at that time.

"I can't see us trying to move and do those things at the same time. I think that would be too much," she said.

The township's current office, at 29W777 Hahndorf Road, is the former Ingallton School, built in 1970. The township purchased the building in 1977.

It will be sold for \$300,000 to Jelsert Corp. of West Chicago. Those proceeds plus \$350,000 the township saved for the purchase of the new building will be used as a downpayment.

Mruk said leases with the current or future tenants of the North Avenue office building will enable the district to make payments on the balance of the purchase price.

One of the building's largest tenants is Creative Marketing International.



Edward Kerr and Lisa Larson, of Plainfield, check in for a Valentine's Day wedding at the DuPage County courthouse.

Daily Herald Photo/Jeff Knox

Jurors to decide: Is Dahmer 'sick' or 'murderous'?

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Jeffrey Dahmer was an insane "steam-rolling killing machine" who had sex with the corpses and ate victims' flesh, his attorney told jurors Friday before they began deliberating his sanity.

"He couldn't stop killing because of a sickness he discovered, not chose," defense attorney Gerald Boyle told jurors. "He had to do what he did because he couldn't stop it. This isn't a matter of choice."

But prosecutor E. Michael McCann portrayed Dahmer as a sane, cowardly killer who sacrificed others for his sexual pleasure, drugged young males to make it easier to kill them and now merely "seeks to escape responsibility."

"Please, please don't let this murderous killer fool you with this special defense," McCann told jurors.

Jurors, who heard 28 witnesses testify in 12 days, got the case late in

"He was a runaway train on a track of madness, picking up steam all the time."

— Gerald Boyle,
Jeffrey Dahmer's attorney

the afternoon. Later they went back to their hotel and continued deliberations there. A court official said that if they reached a verdict Friday night it wouldn't be announced until Saturday.

The jury must decide Dahmer's sanity when he killed and dismembered 15 young males he

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Lois Schluchter, whose husband planned the burial of a Wheaton time capsule, displays a plaque to strengthen her argument against opening the capsule before 2009.

Daily Herald Photo/Bev Horne

Woman fights to block 'premature' opening of Wheaton time capsule

By VICKI SPEER
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Enclosed in a Wheaton time capsule are the mundane things that tell so much of daily life: a phone book, restaurant menus, a Sears catalog and magazines.

Those items soon may see the light of day for the first time since they were buried in 1959. Mayor Gwendolyn S. Henry is scheduled to open the capsule in a Feb. 22 ceremony at the Wheaton History Center to commemorate Wheaton's incorporation on Feb. 24, 1859.

But Lois Schluchter, whose deceased husband, Roy T. Schluchter, led the move to bury the time capsule in 1959, believes those items should remain encapsulated until the start of the next century. She points to a brass plaque that was to have been mounted on the former West Liberty Drive police station — but never was — calling for the capsule to be opened in 2009, a full 50 years after its burial.

"I want so badly for this thing to be held until its proper time," said Schluchter, who now lives in Glen

Ellyn. "If they wanted them to open it in 33 years, they would have said so."

City council members may decide the fate of the capsule today.

Some board members already have voiced an inclination to allow the capsule to keep its secrets for another 17 years, though they plan to take a look at the plaque before deciding.

"I don't see any urgency in opening it," Councilwoman Fran Culler said.

Indirectly raising the issue was the demolition last August of the old police station.

The time capsule was buried under the building during the city's celebration of its centennial.

When the building was razed following the police force's move to roomier quarters, the capsule was uncovered. Since then, the capsule has been held by the city.

The opening ceremony was subsequently planned. Alberta Adamson, executive director of the history center, said she plans to go on with next weekend's program even if the capsule remains closed.