

# Chain-reaction collision results in 30 injuries

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — More than 50 cars piled up Wednesday in three chain-reaction collisions on a foggy highway. Thirty people were injured, three of them seriously, authorities said.

Northbound U.S. 23 was closed until late afternoon by two accidents one mile apart near a city located 35 miles west of Detroit. A third pileup snarled southbound lanes.

Drivers were able to see only about 20 feet in front of them because of the fog, said Washtenaw County Sheriff Sgt. James Westrick.

"I heard it before I saw anything, suddenly these people were right in front of me," said motorist Susan Davey.

She said she drove her car off the road

safely, then got out and ran.

"It was just cars hitting and hitting," she said. "It sounded like it would never end."

Ann Arbor Transportation Authority sent two buses to take the uninjured people to the sheriff's department. Lt. Richard Tyler said the majority of cars were completely wrecked.

"I've heard everybody's supposed to get in one accident in their life," said Eric Colar, an Eastern Michigan University student. "But I never expected it to be in anything like this."

Accidents like Wednesday's could be avoided if motorists were given better training on how to drive in fog, the National

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Transportation Safety Board said recently. The board issued a report on a 99-vehicle pileup in Tennessee that killed 12 people and injured 42.

The board said 6,804 people were killed in accidents on foggy highways from 1982 to 1991.

# Water fight headed by Californian

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate cleared the way Wednesday for expected approval of major changes in California water policy that could shift scarce federally controlled water from agriculture to fish and wildlife protection.

The bill had been stalled on the Senate floor for two days as Sen. John Seymour, R-Calif., carried out his threat to use whatever delaying action is available to block it.

But a compromise worked out with Seymour set the stage for a final vote on the bill Thursday. The legislation, which allocates federal water in 17 western states and provides \$922 million for completion of a massive Utah water project, has already been approved by the House.

Seymour said that under Senate rules he had no other means available to prevent a vote, and that he expected the bill's approval.

Seymour had brought Senate business to a halt on Tuesday demanding that the entire 396-page bill be read, and on Wednesday he debated for nearly six hours a substitute bill that would assure that farmers were not deprived of water from the Central Valley Project in California.

With most senators absent, the Senate planned to approve Seymour's bill by voice vote later Wednesday night, knowing it would go nowhere because the House already has left town.



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