

## Duck spirit



Eugene Mayor Ruth Bascom dresses poster of Penn State coach Joe Paterno in Duck gear at a City Council meeting Wednesday.

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## California cleans; more rain coming

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The sun shone Wednesday on flood-ravaged Northern California as edgy victims of a string of powerful Pacific storms mopped up and awaited new rains from the West.

"Now all our stuff is in other people's yards," Roseville resident Gabe Preusak, 12, said as he helped his parents clean up damage after six consecutive days of high winds and rain.

North, west and south of Sacramento, people sorted through sodden rubble, piled sand bags and fearfully watched a new storm approaching from the Pacific. Some reached their homes in boats. Others waded through waist-deep water to swamped living rooms.

Sacramento received 8.35 inch-

es of rain since Friday. In February 1986, an inch a day fell for nine days, causing similar widespread flooding.

Northeast of the city near the foothills, the rainfall has been far higher. Placer County received five inches of rain in 24 hours, the National Weather Service said, causing fierce floods.

"We lost everything we had. All our good furniture. When we bought this home two years ago, they told us we didn't have to worry about floods because the creeks were cleared. Now we're starting all over again. It's hard," said a weeping Rose Draude of Roseville.

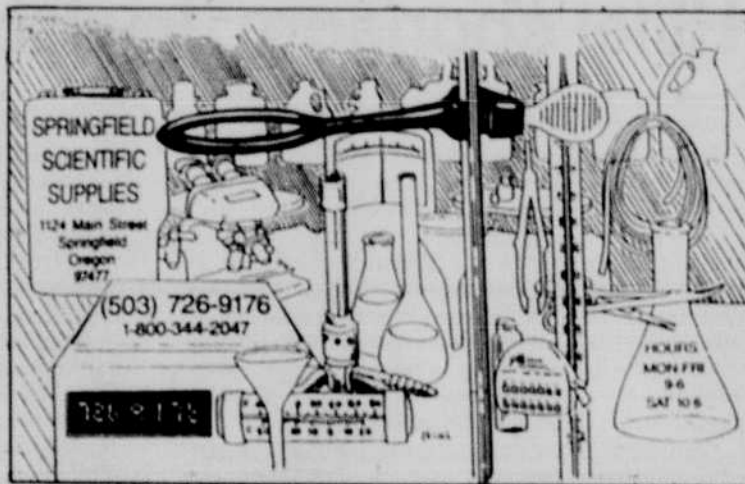
On nearby streets, rowboats sat neatly parked where the falling water left them. People dug through debris, hurled garbage

into metal trash bins and dragged sodden carpet into their yards.

In Rio Linda, where 200 people were evacuated, about four feet of water covered a square mile of the rural ranching town. Electrical power remained out in some areas but was expected to be restored by evening, according to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District.

"We'll just stick it out until the water goes down, or the next storm comes," said Ryan Smith, an 18-year-old warehouse worker.

Closer to the coast, the Russian and Napa rivers slowly receded as North Coast residents struggled to recoup. A storm expected to hit Wednesday evening was expected to dump as much as three inches in the area.



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