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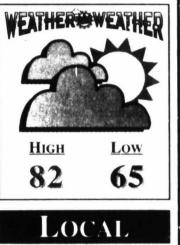
The company, which main-

with the city's fire department

(See FIREWORKS, Page 3)

problems under the new law.

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Reeborn Youth plan weekend garage sale

Reeborn Youth Ministries at Briarwood Church is planning a garage sale fund-raiser to go toward church camp this summer from 2 to 6 p.m., Friday, June 20, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 21, at the church.

JOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night. Winning numbers drawn: 1-14-24-34-36. Bonus Ball: 1 Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$14,648.

Good to go! Homeland security laws won't affect Pampa's July 4 display

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2003

By DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

New homeland security Independence Day fireworks laws governing the handling of explosives won't impact the City of Pampa and their annual Fourth of July fireworks display, according to city offi- contracts with Western cials.

Bill Hildebrandt, Pampa's for the Fourth of July firedirector of community servic- works show at Recreation es, said those laws, however, Park on the east side of town. could cause problems for communities in the panhandle and the shooter," Hildebrandt where businesses or civic said. "The city supplies the groups provid fireworks dis- labor." plays.

Under new federal anti-ter- trench in which the mortar rorism rules, specifically the tubes that fire the aerial explo-Safe Explosives Act, anyone sives are placed. putting on a large fireworks display must have a permit of the commercial explosives from the U.S. Bureau of used in the display requires Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms professionally-trained and and Explosives.

certified people to fire them. That entails a background check, fingerprinting and per- annually," Hildebrandt said. sonal interviews with ATF agents, a process that can take tains a hefty and expensive three months. liability insurance policy in

Hildebrandt points out that case of an accident, works the law exempts municipalities, although when the law

Couple free on charges alleging injury to a child

A Pampa couple was free deputies about 6:30 p.m. on bond today after being Tuesday also on a sealed accused of injuring a child. indictment alleging injury to a Jeremy W. Atchley, 23, 405 child. She was freed Perry, was arrested by Gray Wednesday afternoon on



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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Firefighters clothed in special hazardous material protection suits investigate smoke escaping from a leaking chemical tanker truck involved in a realistic, but simulated collision and chemical spill Wednesday afternoon.

Worst-case scenario Training exercise tests local agencies' skills

By DEE DEE LARAMORE EDITOR

Things couldn't have been worse. At 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, a car full of teens ing from acid burns, the would-be Samaritans common to all agencies that we can use in a sitdrove themselves to the local hospital, uation-like this." Chemical fumes emanating from the victims overcame the medical staff and for a brief peri- market road east of Celanese Chemical Plant. od, the noxious fumes pervaded the hospital's involved Celanese employees, is well as ventilating system.

* "The one thing we learned, and this is a continuing problem, is that communication between agencies is a problem," said Ken Hall, emergency management coordinator.

"We're trying to remedy this through a fedslammed into a tanker truck filled with a poi--- eral grant that we'll use to purchase radios and sonous, caustic chemical - acrylic acid. Good equipment for the fire departments, law citizens trying to help the injured also became enforcement agencies and Gray County," he contaminated. Struggling to breathe and suffer- said. "Then we'll select frequencies that are

The training exercise, staged on a farm-to-

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Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 10. Prize: \$2,659.

Number matching four of five: 521. Prize: \$109.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 423. Prize: \$119.

Number matching three of five: 19,962. Prize: \$5.

DEATHS

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County deputies about 7:30 \$5,000 bond. a.m. Tuesday on a sealed indictment alleging injury to a Roach said the arrests were

morning on \$5,000 bond. Laurie Lee Atchley, 24, 405 the sealed indictments in early Perry, was arrested by March.

District Attorney Rick child. He was freed Tuesday the result of a grand jury investigation which returned

disaster training exercise.

numerous local emergency services including Fortunately, this worse-case scenario wasn't Pampa Fire Department, Hoover Volunteer Fire real. It had been simulated by the Local Department, Rural/Metro Ambulance Service, Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) as a Pampa Police Department, Gray County (See SCENARIO, Page 3)

Comptroller rejects \$117.4 billion budget

(AP) \$117.4 billion budget on lation.

Thursday, sending the two-

Legislature has sent the comp- World War II. troller a budget that is not balit is \$185,900,000 short."

requires that the Legislature

sion for June 30 on redistrict- funds. ing and other issues.

services in an effort to overcome a \$9.9 billion revenue

shortfall. The final proposal Comptroller Carole Keeton was approved with just three Strayhorn rejected the state's hours left to legally pass legis-Most Republicans, who

year spending plan back to the control the Capitol for the first House of Representatives to time in more than 130 years, rewrite before the end of the touted the budget as historic current fiscal year on Aug. 31. because it reins in spending in "This is the first time a Texas for the first time since

But Strayhorn has said she anced," Strayhorn said. "I can- opposes some of the tactics not certify this budget because they used, like using the \$1 billion emergency Rainy Day The state constitution Fund to fill some of the gaps.

The 2004-2005, two-year pass a balanced budget and it state spending plan depends cannot be sent to the gover- on \$58.2 billion in state genernor's desk to sign into law al revenue, a 10 percent without the comptroller's OK. decline from the current budg-Gov. Rick Perry already has et. The rest of the budget cailed a special legislative ses- depends on federal and other

Forty-three percent of the Budget-writing lawmakers budget proposal, \$50.1 billion, worked grueling hours during was to be spent on public and the 140-day legislative ses- higher education, more than sion, slashing programs and any other area. Health and

(See BUDGET, Page 3)

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VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED JOIN PAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 669-3241

(Pampa News photo by Dean Lynch)

Pampa police officers interview bystanders and investigate the scene of a one-car rollover on Prairie Drive Wednesday afternoon.

Police investigate rollover

tioning a Pampa man today in adjoining yard. connection with a one vehicle rollover in Prairie Village.

Mercury Mountaineer sport away after the accident. utility vehicle veered out of control about 5 p.m. Wednesday, hit the curb and rolled in the driveway at 1036 Prairie Drive. Witnesses said tion with the accident, offi-

Investigators were ques- the vehicle struck a tree in an cers said today.

five people in the utility vehicle was west bound Officers said a dark green Mountaineer. Four of them ran in the 1000 block of Prairie

The fifth person, a passenger in the vehicle, was treated south to Crawford. Officers for minor injuries. He is said the vehicle appeared to be being questioned in connec-

Police officials said skid Authorities said there were marks indicate that the sport Drive and skidded out of control where Prairie Drive curves traveling at a high rate of speed at the time of the accident

OBITUARIES

ROGELIO JIMENEZ VALENZUELA 1969-2003

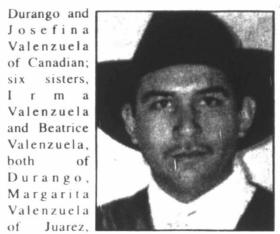
Rogelio Jimenez Valenzuela, 33, of Durango and Pampa, died Tuesday, June 17, 2003, in Josefina Gray County. Graveside services will be at Valenzuela 10 a.m., Saturday, in Fairview Cemetery with Lucio Moreno, Baptist missionary, Six officiating. Arrangements are under the I r m a direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Valenzuela was born July 4, 1969, at Valenzuela, Durango, Mexico. He moved from both Canadian to Pampa in 1998 and worked for Patterson Drilling Company and Leonard Hudson Drilling Company for several years as a derrick hand.

He married Norma Rodriguez on April 28, 2001, at Pampa.

He attended Immanuel Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Erica and Jessica Valenzuela.

Survivors include his wife, Norma, of the home; a daughter, Viviana Valenzuela of



Mexico, and Adela Vasquez, Amparo Lopez and Linda Vigil, all of Canadian; and five brothers, Jayme Valenzuela, Jesus Valenzuela, Oscar Valenzuela, Juan Valenzuela and Pablo Valenzuela, all of Canadian.

Mr. Valenzuela will lie-in-state from 9 Durango; a stepson, Aaron Rodriguez of a.m., Thursday, until 9 a.m., Saturday, at Pampa; his parents, Jose Valenzuela of Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1021 S. Barnes.

ON RECORD

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 18

A cleaning woman found a bag of blue canisters and some syringes in a house in the 300 block of South Gray.

Trespassing was reported in the 1400 block of Alcock.

Thursday, June 19 Beer was reported stolen from Allsup's,

309 N. Hobart.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 18

Charles Cannon, 47, 520 N. Faulkner, was in Gray County jail today in connection with a driving while intoxicated charge.

Randall Dorman, 44, St. Louis, Mo., was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of possession of marijuana.

FIRE

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance received the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Wednesday, June 18

9:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 5:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. No transport.

Thursday, June 19

1:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Tignor and transported one patient to Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger.

6:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Ballard and transported one to PRMC

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KAY DICKERSON

Kay Dickerson passed away on June 17, 2003, in Amarillo, Texas, after a very short illness. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, June 20, 2003, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, June 20, 2003, at the Delhi Cemetery in Delhi, Okla., under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

She was born to Fred and Eva Bonifield in Delhi, Okla. She was married to Dick Dickerson who owned K.D. Well Service, Inc., for many years. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, two brothers, Dr. Johnie Bonifield and S.T. Bonifield, one sister, Mary

Ellison, and her husband Dick Dickerson. Kay was the beautiful mother of Jeanne Brown of Pampa. Her other survivors include two grandchildren, Brad Coffey and Gordon Jay Brown, and her loving companion, Jerry Carpenter.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

SERVICES TOMORROW

DICKERSON, Kay — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 2 p.m., Delhi Cemetery, Delhi, Okla.

SANDERS, Lindon — Memorial services, 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

The forecast today is calling for mostly partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. South cloudy skies with a chance of thunderstorms and heavy rainfall, highs in the lower 80s, south winds 5 to 15 mph and a 40 percent chance of precipitation. Tonight should see mostly cloudy skies with a chance of thunderstorms, lows in the mid 60s, southeast winds 5 to 15 mph and a 50 percent chance of rain. Friday should be mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms in the morning then slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent. Friday night, 80s.

winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the lower 90s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the lower 60s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 80s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper

<u>Statewide</u>

Hot temperatures are forecast in south and central Texas. North Texas and northern areas of West Texas will

remain pleasant for a few more days before a warmup. Scattered and isolated storms are likely today and Friday in the Panhandle, and will be possible today in central and Southeast Texas. The weekend will be mostly free recorded high conditions. It will be breezy in

Wednesday was 98 degrees at the Panhandle beginning

upper 70s to low 80s in the Panhandle, 80s in the South Plains, low 90s in the west, and mid 90s in the south.

By Sunday, the region as a whole will see highs in the low to mid 90s. Storms are expected in the Panhandle by this afternoon and will be possible in central West Texas today and Friday. Storms may bring heavy rainfall but are expected to be free of severe

today. The southeast may see some scattered rain through the weekend, and a few isolated storms may pop up today in south central Texas. Beginning Sunday, very hot and humid conditions are predicted for the Coastal Bend, and the deep south may see rain. Skies should be partly cloudy.

North Texas will be partly cloudy through the weekend. Today, a slight chance of thunderstorms is forecast, with best chances in the north. Friday through Sunday, eastern North Texas may see some showers and storms, mostly slight chances. Severe weather is unlikely. Highs today and Friday will be in the mid 80s to lower 90s. Temperatures will warm some Saturday and warm further on Sunday.

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Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 18

5:16 p.m. - One unit and three firefight ers responded to a one-car rollover in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. Firefighters cleaned up hazardous materials spilled in the wreck.



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In West Texas, the north will enjoy pleasant temperatures for a few more days mer temperatures through the before joining the rest of region in warmer weather. Highs today will be in the chances are mostly slight

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zy S Feed & Garden 665-4189

Friday. Skies will be partly cloudy, with clear skies by this weekend in many areas.

South Texas will see sumweekend: highs in the 90s, near 100 in the west. Rain

City Briefs

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Contact Lana Miller, 669-7711

Hobart 8am-5pm. 21st, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Lighthouse Kids -- Shining God's Light

Location: First United Methodist Church 201 E. Foster Road

> Dates: June 23 thru June 26 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 each bay

Ages: 3 years olds thru 5" grade (2003 - 2004 school year)

Early Registration: Friday June 20 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the church and June 23 at 8:00 a.m. before VBS starts.

For more information call the church at 669-7411,

Come and discover God's light!!!!!!

Firefighters tame channel plant blaze

LA PORTE, Texas (AP) - An explosion and fire at the Sunoco Chemicals plant on the Houston Ship Channel was brought under control Thursday morning, although flames continued jumping from the facility. One injury was reported.

La Porte authorities said prevailing winds posed no danger to the community from smoke.

Sunoco spokesman Dan Gilbert said the blast occurred around 6:30 a.m. in the distillation area of the polypropylene plant.

Gilbert said all employees were accounted for, and the injured worker was helicopter to taken by Memorial Hermann Hospital N in nearby Houston. The worker's condition was not immediately available, although Gilbert said the man suffered burns. According to the company's Web site, Sunoco bought the plant in 2001. Polypropylene is a material used to make a variety of products including dishwasher-safe food containers and indoor-outdoor carpetSCENA

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Bitter redistricting fight resurfaces; Perry calls special session

By APRIL CASTRO ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) - Round two in Texas' bitter congressional redistricting matchup has been expanded to include other "important matters." set and both sides have their gloves on, ready to fight.

Angry House Democrats — who KO'd the redistricting push in round one when they fled repeat the victory.

congressional lines.

speculation Wednesday by calling a special sesissue.

In a letter to Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, Perry said the Legislature, not the federal courts, should be responsible for drawing voting districts. The current congressional district map was drafted by the courts after lawmakers failed to approve when they fled the state, said the House a plan in 2001.

"When we put it off to the courts, we are just passing the buck. That's not right," said Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, who drew the proposed map. "People elect us to do all we are required to do and redistricting's part of that. Dunnam questioned. It's a crummy job and nobody enjoys it but we need to do it.'

Backed by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom second time. DeLay, the bill could shift the balance of power

tion now has 17 Democrats and 15 tice," Deshotel said. Republicans.

The governor also said the session could be In the letter, Perry named a Texas Tech medical school and regional academic health center as possible issues to take up.

Republicans, the majority party, would the state - stand in one corner looking to appear to be the favorite. But the so-called "Killer D's" proved they were a force to be But, across the ring, they face a throng of reckoned with when they dealt a painful blow Republicans determined to redraw the state's in May by busting quorum. Though most wouldn't discuss their game plan this time Republican Gov. Rick Perry ended weeks of around, they were poised to put up a fight.

"(Republicans) should have followed the sion beginning June 30 to address the divisive rules. Had they done that they wouldn't be in the mess they're about to get into. And they're about to get into a mess," said Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo. "They're making their bed and they're going to sleep in it."

Rep. Jim Dunnam, a Waco Democrat who emerged as the ringleader of the Killer D's Democratic Caucus would be meeting in the next few days to develop a plan.

"We don't even have a certified budget and we're fixing to spend \$2 million on a special session just so Tom DeLay can get his map?"

Rep. Joe Deshotel, D-Beaumont, said he doubted the group would try to bust quorum a

"I'm hoping we can convince the senators to

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FIREWORKS

at the site.

Hildebrandt said Pampa Fire Department has done an exceptional job with regard to the annual fireworks display.

"They hose down the shooting site before the display," Hildebrandt said, "and wet it down again afterwards."

The fire department also stands by during the fireworks program.

"While everybody else keeps their eye on the sky," he said, "I keep my eye on the ground."

Hildebrandt said he watches for problems where the fireworks are being set off, but he added that the entire production is carefully choreographed. He complimented Western

Enterprises on their operation. "They know what they're doing," he said. "They usually have a shooter and at least one

assistant." The team that will fire the explosives carefully checks all the fuses before hand. They also take into account the wind velocity and direc-

tion. "It's a time consuming process," Hildebrandt said.

There are a minimum of explosive charges two involved with each aerial device. One sends the device from the mortar tube into the sky. The other explosive charge, using a slower burn-

ing fuse, bursts into the display overhead.

The new homeland security rules, while not directly applicable to the city's display, do require increased security where the fireworks

are stored, Hildebrandt said. He said the fireworks are shipped in a few days before the display so they can all be checked.

The city has always kept them under lock and key, but new rules now require five tumbler locks and specific hinges and specifications on storage units.

"It makes you aware of the risk in this day and age," Hildebrandt said. "It's a new era that we're embarking upon."

In the Senate, where Dewhurst said he is inclined to keep a rule that requires two-thirds of the 31 members to vote for an issue to get to the floor, Republicans have a majority. But, would be needed to kill the bill under the twothirds rule. Not all of the 19 Republican senators have committed to voting for debate on a redistricting plan.

The House Redistricting Committee has their own political gain for too long."

in the Texas delegation to the GOP. The delega- stand up and fight what we perceive as an injus- called several hearings to take public testimony around the state next week, as required by the Voting Rights Act.

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Meanwhile, Republicans praised Perry and took jabs at riled Democrats.

"We commend Governor Perry for showing there are 12 Democrats and only 11 votes courageous leadership by calling a special session and not allowing Democrats to continue to disenfranchise Texas voters," state Republican Party Chairwoman Susan Weddington said. "Democrats have stifled Texans' voices for

U.S. soldier killed in rocket-propelled grenade attack on military ambulance

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A rocket-propelled ambulance Thursday, killing one town of Samarra, north of American soldier and wounding Baghdad, killing an Iraqi two others, the latest in a series of bystander and wounding 12 othoffices.

to a medical facility when it came said the attack happened under fire on a highway about 20 Wednesday. miles south of Baghdad.

The wounded soldier being propelled grenade that struck a killed, said Capt. John Morgan, a Steven Stoddard with the Army's U.S. military spokesman in 4th Infantry Division. Another attackers, the statement said. Baghdad. The casualties were tank fired back, killing one members of the 804th Medical being withheld pending notification of relatives.

Hospital in southwest Baghdad. It was not immediately clear if the ambulance was traveling as part of a convoy or if fire was returned.

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Brigade and their identities were captured, Stoddard said. There agencies in the area. were no American casualties. grenade. The torn-apart truck sat

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power. Strayhorn has hired a constitutional scholar to assist her staff.

Strayhorn also questioned whether \$127 million lawmakers decided to spend on overall budget balancing should have been used to qualify for federal matching money for Medicaid, the state and federal health care pro-

Three mortar shells exploded police at the scene said the vehigrenade Tuesday outside a coalition-run cle broke down earlier and was slammed into a U.S. military humanitarian aid office in the set on fire after being left alone while soldiers prepared to remove it.

The mortar rounds in attacks on U.S. personnel or their ers, hospital officials and U.S. Samarra, 75 miles north of officers in the town said Baghdad, exploded outside the The ambulance was transport- Thursday. No American forces Civil Military Operations Center. ing a wounded American soldier were hurt. The military initially U.S. soldiers heard three explosions and asked local police to investigate, said a U.S. Central Command statement.

Samarra police found the transported was not the one U.S. tank in Samarra, said Sgt. injured and killed and that soldiers were unable to find the

The office coordinates attacker, while the second was between the military and civilian

Meanwhile, scores of angry In west Baghdad, an Army mourners fired Kalashnikov assault rifles into the air and shouted curses at the United States during a procession Thursday for two Iraqis who were shot dead by U.S. troops at a protest by disgruntled former army officers.

> That move cost the state more than \$200 million in federal matching money Strayhorn said could have been spent on medically needy children and the frail elderly. Cuts in the social services and health care were among the most controversial issues of the session.

gram for the poor.

The wounded were taken to truck was hit by what witnesses the 28th Combat Army Support said was a rocket-propelled

> burning on the edge of the highway.

casualties, but U.S. military

SCENARIO

Sheriff's Office, Texas Highway Patrol, Pampa Regional Medical Center, and the local Red Cross. PRMC Junior Volunteers provided the "victims."

Hall said the exercise proved that using a central incident command system worked well, but highlighted the need for better communi-⊥ cation between the agencies. A lack of manpower also posed a problem during the drill, but probably would not happen in an actual situation, he said.

"If it had been an actual event, the fire department and police department would have done a recall and there would have been many more people on the scene," Hall said.

One significant problem arose at the scene when emergency workers initially failed to find one of the victims - the truck's driver, Hall said.

In the simulation, emergency workers faced problems they would encounter if it had been an actual event. They had to control access to the area made dangerous by the spilled acid; they had to search for, rescue, extricate and decontaminate victims,



then establish a triage and transport victims to the hospital.

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In a scenario designed by Robert Eakin of PRMC, hospital employees were challenged by treating contaminated victims who walk in while overcoming the problems posed by the contamination.

"They quickly had to realize what was going on decontamination and restaffing the hospital," Hall said. "It was the first time they had had to deal with that."

Hall said in the scenario the fumes entered the hospital's air exchanges.

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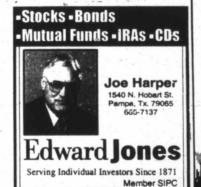
An important component of the exercise was to determine the level of cooperation between government agencies and private industry in a disaster.

"I think it went very well," Hall said.

Several evaluators who were at each stage of the incident will file written reports of their observations of the training exercise with Hall. However, because of state requirements, Hall will immediately send a summary of the initial findings of the postincident critique to emergency "They didn't realize it at management officials in Austin.

tional cuts in areas such as public safety, prisons and higher education.

And lawmakers added a new provision allowing the governor and the Legislative Budget Board to reallocate any money freed up by the governor's line-item veto



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TEXAS EDITORIAL The untold story: Dewhurst's contributions to Legislature

From the Houston Chronicle:

One of the untold - or certainly undertold - stories of the just completed session of the Texas Legislature was the relative sense of bipartisanship that marked the deliberations of the state Senate under the leadership of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. Especially so, compared to the partisan bickering that characterized the session in the House, where Republicans also hold the majority.

It ultimately didn't keep the state budget from resulting in highly questionable cuts to the social safety net for Texas' most needy, but it did help to moderate some of those cuts.

It's likely that many of those cuts will push down new costs to local taxpayers, yet most of the Republican leadership is denying that. Dewhurst at least will admit to the possibility.

Keeping in place Senate rules that required a two-thirds majority to vote out legislation meant that Senate Democrats had to be more fully included in the legislative process. It would have been easy to have taken advantage of the Republicans' 19-12 Senate majority and to have tried to steamroller legislation through, but that didn't happen.

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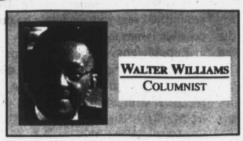
Protecting the world sensibly

Disagreement with the world's environmentalist wackos doesn't mean that one is for dirty air and water, against conservation and for species extinction. Dr. Richard Stroup, Montana State University professor of economics and senior associate of the Center for Free Market Environmentalism, explains commonsense approaches to environmental issues in his new book, Economics: What Everyone Should Know About Economics and the Environment.

Stroup starts out with the first lesson of economics: There's scarcity. That means more of one thing means less of another. California's San Bernardino County was just about ready to build a new hospital. That was until the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department discovered that the endangered flower-loving Delhi Sands fly was found on the site. The county had to spend \$4.5 million to move the hospital 250 feet; it also had to divert funds from its medical mission to pay for mandated Delhi Sands fly studies.

Ouestion: Was it worth it? On the benefit side, we have the survival of some Delhi Sand flies, but what about the cost side? How much pain and suffering and perhaps loss of human life was there because millions of dollars were diverted from the hospital's medical mission?

Stroup's analysis warns us that we must always attend to a regulation's unanticipated side-effects. In other words, beneficiaries of a regulation tend always to be easily detected, but the vic-



tims are invisible.

David Lucas owned shoreline property that the South Carolina government told him he couldn't develop, even though his next-door neighbors developed their property. South Carolina's regulation made his shoreline property virtually worthless. Lucas sued, and the U.S. Supreme Court forced the South Carolina government to pay him \$1 million. Once the state was forced to pay Lucas \$1 million, it changed its mind about the worth of keeping the shoreline undeveloped. In fact, it sold it to a developer.

South Carolina's actions demonstrate that incentives matter. Costs born by others will have less of an effect on our choices than when we bear them directly. Environmentalists love it when the government can force private citizens to bear the burden of their agenda, as opposed to requiring that government pay landowners for property losses due to one regulation or another. It's cheaper, and that means government officials will more readily cave in to environmentalists' demands.

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the red-cockaded woodpecker, or prevent a farmer from tilling his land because of an endangered mouse, or prevent a homeowner from building a firebreak to protect his home produce costs that are privately borne. If government had to compensate people for regulations that reduce the value of their property, more intelligent decisions would be made. Besides, if a particular measure will benefit the public, why should its cost be borne privately?

Environmentalists go berserk whenever there's talk of drilling for the tens of billions of dollars worth of oil in Alaska's National Wildlife Refuge. Why? It doesn't cost them anything.

Here's what I predict. If we gave environmentalists Alaska's National Wildlife Refuge, you can bet your last dollar that there'd be oil drilling. Why? It would now cost them something to keep the oil in the ground. The Audubon Society owns the Rainey Preserve in Louisiana, a wildlife refuge. There's oil and natural gas on its property, and it has allowed drilling for over half a century. Not allowing drilling, in the name of saving the environment, would have cost it millions of dollars in revenue.

Stroup's Eco-nomics, available at stores and the Washington-based Cato Institute, is less than 100 pages long but contains powerful lessons for sensible approaches to the world's environmental

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IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR EVERYONE'S LEAST FAVORITE GAME ... FEAR OF THE WEEK!

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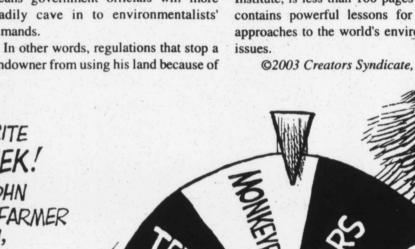
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Dewhurst outlined his perspective'on that dynamic to the Chronicle Editorial Board recently, as well as the close working relationship he said was necessary to have with each of the 31 senators. It was a bond that paid off, said Dewhurst.

It resulted, for one thing, in Dewhurst's winning senatorial support for his proposal to replace the "Robin Hood" school finance system with a shift away from local property taxes to a broader-based school finance bill that ultimately failed without House support.

It also resulted in the Senate's capacity to help keep the legislative ball rolling when House Democrats fled out of state to deny a quorum in the fight over a congressional redistricting bill.

The Legislature may yet fight that issue out if Gov. Rick Perry, as is expected, calls a special session to deal with it.

Dewhurst agreed before the regular session began last winter that redistricting would be a divisive fight that would distract from the other important work legislators had before them. He indicates that, with the school finance issue still unresolved, his feelings haven't changed on that point.

But for all Dewhurst's success, the lieutenant governor said himself last week that he was disappointed with the Legislature's inability to "keep us as close to where we were" in spending on education and health and human services. Dewhurst also acknowledged concern about the growth in education and health care needs over the coming years.

We appreciate the lieutenant governor's candor and hard work

Republicans held true to their campaign promises to balance the state budget with spending cuts and no new taxes. However, the real evaluation of the legislative session will be written over the coming biennium. Then we will have a fuller picture of who can take the credit and who can share the blame.

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Church scandal not going away

The resignation of Oklahoma's former Governor Frank Keating from his post as head of the National Review Board, an all-lay panel charged with keeping track of bishops efforts to rid the priesthood of sexual molesters has shown that the scandal is not going away.

And the reason it's not going away, Catholics say, is the state of the Roman Catholic Church in America - a church in disarray.

Writing in the New Oxford Review, a conservative Catholic journal, Dr. Timothy P. Collins, M.D., a Chesapeake, Va., convert to Catholicism and a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists revealed the current state of the Church:

"Today the American Church is known for its internal dissention and frank disbelief. The list of organizations whose members are in full communion with the Church and call themselves Catholic, and yet promote patently anti-Catholic positions, seems endless. The causes these organizations support include homosexuality, abortion, female priests, gay and lesbian priests, divorce and re-marriage, sex outside of marriage, and a panoply of 'women's issues.' These organizations flatly reject the teaching authority of the Magisterium, and evidence of these organizations' influence, whether pamphlets, members, or invited speakers, can be found in virtually any parish one randomly enters. These dissenting groups didn't appear out of nowhere. They find their origin, direction, and support in the American catechetical and theological establishments. These are the academics and pro-



fessional educators who shape the minds and consciences of American youngsters and adults."

That state of affairs, many devout Catholics say, is the fault of the bishops here in America. It could not exist if they were fulfilling their responsibilities as shepherds of their flocks.

As Keating said "To resist grand jury subpoenas, to suppress the names of offending clerics, to deny, to obfuscate, to explain away; that is the model of a criminal organization, not my church." He also told the Los Angeles Times: "To act like La Cosa Nostra and hide and suppress, I think, is very unhealthy. Eventually it will all come out."

The blame for the Church's problems lies squarely on the bishops for tolerating, and in some cases encouraging, the state of affairs described by Dr. Collins. What they fail to understand, for example, is that far more than monetary damages, victims of priestly sex abuse want an admission that it was the priests who were wrong, not themselves.

As a victim of abuse by a day camp counselor when I was a child, I know that victims blame themselves.

We who were abused are the ones carrying the burden of thinking we've done something terribly wrong. All victims want is for somebody to say "No. You haven't done anything wrong. It was us." There is no accountability, and until the Church accepts responsibility and says "We did wrong to you," there will be no accountability.

Kids are looking for affirmation, especially today when both parents are often absent from the daily lives, and when they are approached by a respected figure such as a priest who begins by offering them the affirmation they seek their sense of betrayal once the abuse begins is horrific. An honored father figure has done the most unspeakable things to them and it is a memory that will haunt them all their lives.

This is what the bishops must face up to and admit their guilt for allowing this scandal to fester and grow for decades. What bothers me most is their utter failure to understand their incredible mis- or non-feasance in the matter of the hideous crime of pedophilia. I have seen not one whit of evidence that the bishops understand the lifelong damage done to a child who has been sexually molested, especially by someone as respected as a Catholic priest in whom they had placed total reliance.

Their sympathy has almost universally been directed at the priestly molesters, their exposure to financial penalties, and only incidentally, to the victims who will carry the psychological burden of their abuse until the day they die.

Until they face up to this and accept the guilt they bear, they will fit Keating's description that they "act like La Cosa Nostra and hide and suppress ..." the truth.

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Suicide bomber kills Israeli grocer as nego

By RAVI NESSMAN Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — A suicide attacker of their arguments. blew himself up in an Israeli grocery store early today, killing the owner, despite an intense push by Palestinian and international leaders to persuade militant groups to end such attacks.

The man was probably waiting to attack a nearby bus or bus stop in the village of Sde Trumot, but panicked and detonated his explosives when the store's owner became suspicious and approached him, police said.

Several hours later, settlers scuffled with soldiers dismantling the West Bank settlement outpost of Mitzpeh Yitzhar, the first inhabited outpost being removed under Israel's obligations in a U.S.-backed peace plan.

The year-old outpost consisted mainly of tents and had about 10 inhabitants. Last rorism are committed by people who don't week, Israel removed 10 uninhabited outposts. Settler leaders had sued to prevent peace."

inhabited outposts from being taken down. but the Israeli Supreme Court rejected many Abbas held meetings Wednesday night with paid with his life to save others," Zamir

are key elements in the U.S.-backed "road map" to Middle East peace, which envisions an end to more than 32 months of violence and the creation of a Palestinian state by 2005.

In Dhaka, Bangladesh, Secretary of State Colin Powell said he plans to travel to Israel hope of restoring momentum to peace efforts. He would meet with Israeli officials ties. in Jerusalem and then travel to "another location," probably Jericho, to meet with Palestinian officials.

Powell condemned the latest suicide bombing in Israel, saying "such acts of terwant to see two sides living side by side in

Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud the militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad said. Taking down the unauthorized outposts to get them to commit to end all attacks. and stopping Palestinian attacks on Israelis Abbas planned to continue meetings with the Jordan River valley, is about three miles militant groups for a fourth day on south of the city of Beit Shean and about the Thursday.

> As talks for a Palestinian cease-fire continued, so did the violence.

Israeli girl in a highway ambush Tuesday, and the Israeli army reported a string of and the Palestinian territories on Friday in overnight attacks on soldiers by Palestinian left open the possibility it would halt attacks militants, none of which ended with fatali- on civilians in Israel, but continued to insist

> Early Thursday morning, a bomber carrying a bag filled with explosives entered a grocery store in Sde Trumot near the West Bank, police said.

The attacker had likely entered the store to wait until the bus stop got more crowded good for all of us," Hamas official Ismail or a bus came, police spokesman Yaron - Abu Shanab said. Zamir said.

"We have no doubt that the store owner

Sde Trumot, a small farming village in same distance from the northern edge of the West Bank.

The attack occurred just hours after the Palestinian gunmen killed a 7-year-old Palestinian premier's separate meetings with the main Islamic militant groups.

> In a two-hour meeting, Hamas leaders on their right to target Israeli soldiers and settlers in the West Bank. Serious discussions were underway, Hamas leaders said, reinforcing speculation an accord might be near.

"We are trying to find a solution which is

Mexico expected to return fugitive, Max Factor heir, to U.S. within days

By JOHN RICE Associated Press Writer PUERTO VALLARTA. Mexico (AP) - U.S. authorities said Thursday that they expect Mexico to quickly deport cosmetics heir Andrew Luster back to California, where his lawyer plans to appeal his rape conviction under a technicality that was to expire in days.

Mexican police arrested Luster, an heir to the Max Factor fortune, on Wednesday after he scuffled with bounty hunters in the beach resort of Puerto Vallarta.

The police also arrested three bounty hunters, another American and a cameraman

reportedly from the "America's Most Wanted" television series. Mexican officials said Luster could be deported within hours if he lacked the proper visa for his stay in the country. But if he had the right documents, he could fight extradition, a process that could last months.

The FBI expects Luster's prompt return to the United States. "It could take from a few hours to a few days," a spokesman, Matt Mclaughlin, told "The Early Show" on CBS.

A California court dismissed Luster's appeal because he was a fugitive, but

Diamond, said the deadline to challenge that decision is Friday.

"Ironically, if he comes back he can pursue the appeal," the lawyer told "The Today Show" on NBC. "If he remained a fugitive a few months longer he could not pursue the appeal."

Luster, was staying at a \$34-a-night hotel beside a police station in Puerto Vallarta and had just ordered tacos at a street stall when bounty hunters tackled him.

The bounty hunters face potential charges of kidnapping in Mexico. Diamond, who expects

defense lawyer, Roger Luster to be transferred to federal court in San Diego or Los Angeles within days, says his client has always insisted he is innocent and that he had consensual sex with the women.

> "If you saw the movie 'The Fugitive' ... you will note that not everybody who flees is guilty," Diamond told NBC.

In January, a California court convicted and sentenced Luster in absentia to 124 years for multiple counts of rape, poisoning and drug possession a few days after he vanished during a recess in the trial, despite posting \$1 million in bail.

Once he returns to California, Luster would be sent to state prison while he pursues his appeals just like any other convicted felon, his

Local police spokesman Sebastian Zavala said Luster had been living in Puerto Vallarta for about a month. Bounty hunters tracked him down shortly after 5 a.m. Wednesday about two blocks from the beach at an open-air taco stand.

"I didn't know if it was a kidnapping or a movie," said Alberto Franco, 26, who was working at the gas station across the street.

Luster was held for several hours at the city police station and was then turned over to federal the Justice Department. Authorities said Luster, who lived off a trust

fund and real estate investments, took three women to his home between 1996 and 2000 and raped them after giving them the so-called date-rape drug GHB. Some of the encounters were videotaped.

A California appellate court last week rejected an appeal of Luster's conviction. saying he had forfeited his right to appeal by jumping bail.

The California Supreme Court is expected to be asked to review the decision.



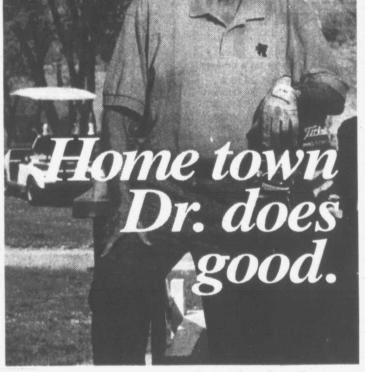




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Strolling in Pregnancy Support Center's annual Walk for Life held recently at Recreation Park, are Brittney, 3, Bailey, 1, Bradley, 4, and parents, Pete and Julie Towles. Walking for Brennan, 3, is the family's dog, Stich. The fund-raiser is held not only to raise monies but to heighten public awareness of the center and its services.





Dr. Joe Donaldson, retired surgeon, avid golfer, gardener, and art collector.

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"If you can stay at home and have medical care of this quality, it's easier on you, your family and your friends. We're just lucky to have a medical facility like we have here."



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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Covering for Lazy Colleague Is Running Worker Ragged

DEAR ABBY: My co-worker, "Kay," has the world's worst work ethic. She chats on the phone and e-mails her friends, plays games online, reads the paper, balances her checkbook all day long on company time.

Our office manager encourages us to work independently, so no one looks over our shoulders. My problem is I need Kay's daily reports and summaries before I can com-plete my projects. Every week I give her a list of deadlines but she disregards them. (She's too busy playing online solitaire.) When a deadline is missed, it becomes my fault, even though Kay is the cause.

I tried talking the problem over with our manager (without trashing Kay). Unfortunately, he didn't get the message and nothing has changed.

Coming to work used to make me happy. Now it fills me with dread because every day is a fight for survival. I am overwhelmed and swamped trying to overcompensate for my irresponsible co-worker. I'm tired of working my tail off while she messes around. Please help me resolve this in the most professional way possible

STRESSED-OUT IN OHIO

DEAR STRESSED-OUT: Talk to your manager again, and this time be direct. It's time to stop

way, he will understand in insight to management.

interest in rekindling our old romance. We just want to keep in touch.

The problem: I made the mistake of telling my wife that Amy and I have been "catching up," and to my surprise she said I was acting inappropriately for a married man. Tell me, Abby: Just because I'm mar-ried, do I need to give up all contact with former lovers and friends? Sign me

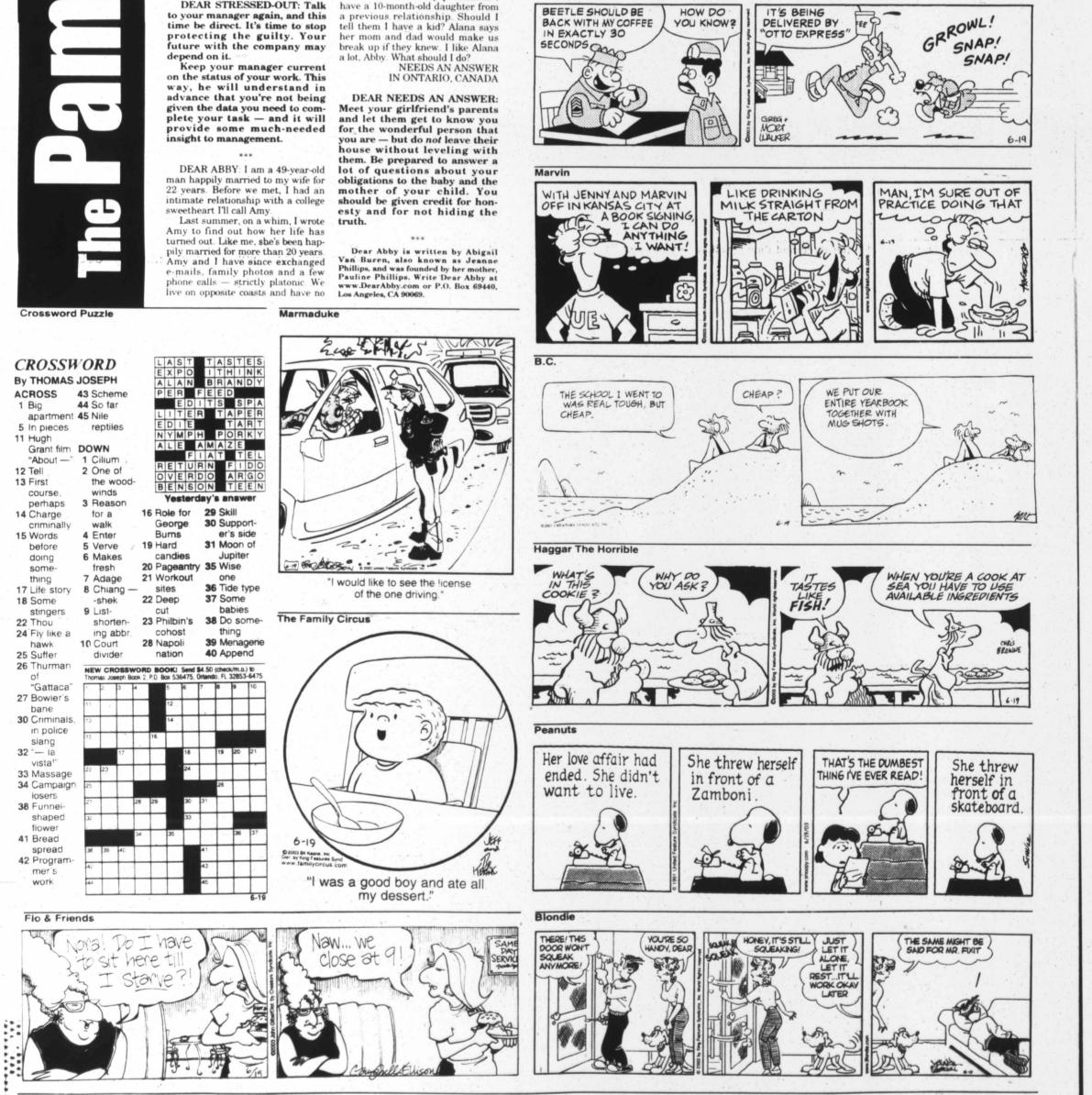
WRONGLY ACCUSED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WRONGLY ACCUSED: A lot of water has gone under the bridge since that college romance fizzled. Perhaps what has made your wife uneasy is the frequency of the e-mails and phone calls. Talk to her about it and see if you can reach a compromise. A card at holiday time would not seem inappropriate, but more than that does seem unfair to your wife, especially if it bothers her.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Alana," and I have been dating for three months. (She is 16 and I'm 18.) I am about to meet her parents for the first time. My problem is I



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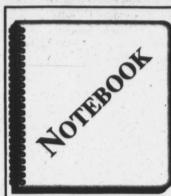
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PALM COAST, Fla. (AP) — Michelle Wie, the 13-year-old Hawaiian golf prodigy, shot a 1-under-par 71 and was three shots off the lead after the second round of the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship.

Wie, already qualified to play in the U.S. Women's Open, rebounded from a 73 in the first round, and pulled even for the tournament. After two rounds, she was Virada third behind Nirapathpongporn of Thailand.

Wie started off well, making two birdies on the front nine while avoiding any bogeys. She added two birdies on the backside, but her round suffered from four penalty strokes.

BASEBALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Paul Lo Duca hit a tworun double to extend his hitting streak to 25 games leading Kazuhisa Ishii and the Los Angeles Dodgers over the San Francisco Giants 8-2 Wednesday night.

Ishii (7-2) struggled with his control, walking six to equal a career high, but he held the Giants hitless except for Rich Aurilia, who doubled in the fourth and singled in the sixth. Ishii allowed an unearned run in six innings of work.

Rice looking to make history at CWS Rice Owls are putting their previous College World Series failures behind them in an attempt to make school history.

Rice lost six of its seven games in its first three appearances in Omaha. Now, the Owls will play for the school's first national championship --in any sport.

"One of the favorite sayings about us was, 'Two and barbecue in Omaha,"' said coach Wayne Graham, whose only win in the CWS before this year was against Oklahoma State in 1999.

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - The defending national champion Texas on Wednesday night, and sent the Owls to the College World Series championship round.

> "We came here with a monkey on our back," Graham said. "We lost by one run to LSU, we lost by one to Texas, and we were in a close game with Miami right to the end.

"This year, we said we'd play good enough that bad breaks wouldn't matter."

Instead of losing close games at the double-elimination CWS, as they have in each of their previous visits, the Justin Ruchti's RBI single in Owls (56-11) won them this the bottom of the ninth inning year - starting with a 4-2 vicgave Rice a 5-4 victory over tory over Southwest Missouri

State.

After beating Texas (50-20) twice in three days, Rice awaits the winner of Thursday's Cal State Fullerton-Stanford game. Stanford staved off elimination with a 5-4 victory earlier Wednesday.

The Owls will play either the Titans or Cardinal in the best-of-three championship series that starts Saturday.

Three pitchers combined to walk nine and hit four batters, and the Owls' defense committed three errors.

The Owls won anyway, thanks to Ruchti's single off ace closer Huston Street that scored pinch-runner Matt Cavanaugh in the bottom of the ninth.

Most Outstanding Player, lost for the first time in 12 decisions dating to March 8, 2002.

Street threw four straight sliders before Ruchti lined the fifth into center field to drive in Cavanaugh.

"I knew that was his out pitch, and I figured he'd stay away," Ruchti said. "He happened to leave it up, and I got it pretty good."

Jeff Blackinton led off the ninth and reached when his grounder rolled up second baseman Tim Moss' left arm and off his chest.

Cavanaugh took second on Dane Bubela's sacrifice and came home after Ruchti hit

Street (8-1), last year's CWS Street's 2-2 pitch. Texas center fielder Joe Ferin tried to charge the ball for a possible throw to the plate, but it got past him and Cavanaugh scored the winning run easily.

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"I was going after him with my best stuff," Street said. "I got ahead of him with my slider. I didn't think he'd expect five in a row, but he was right on it."

Ruchti, the Owls' catcher and No. 9 batter, was 2-for-4 with three RBIs. He also caught two Longhorns stealing.

"It was one of the more memorable games of my life," he said. "To put us in the championship series, that's what you dream of as a little kid."

Rotary Club advances to city tourney finals

victory over Glo-Valve on Wednesday, Rotary Club moves into the finals today at 5:45 against Celanese Corporation for the championship of the second half of the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken City Tournament.

Rotary must win both games for the right to face Glo-Valve, the champion of the first half of the tournament. Celanese needs only one win to get into the championship game tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Optimist Park.

Gerado Dominguez was the winning pitcher and the leading hitter for Rotary. He scattered four hits and allowed one run in three innings of work. He struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

He was relieved in the fourth inning by Wesley Hannah, who was touched ing two, but Hayden Skinner for six runs and five hits. He fired a strike to Lane

PAMPA — With a 12-7 Madison Wilson walked and Benge singled to bring in Aliva. Busse followed with a single. Throwing errors scored Madison Wilson and Benge, and sent Busse to third. He stole home for an 8-1 Rotary lead.

> Glo-Valve got two of the runs back in the fifth. Heath Skinner walked and scored on a double by Hayden Skinner. Hayden Skinner advanced home on two wild pitches.

Rotary added four insurance runs in the sixth. Madison Wilson singled and went to third on a single by Busse and scored on a wild pitch. Michael Anguiano walked. Busse scored and Anguiano stopped at third when Torres reached second on an error. Hannah walked to load the bases. Dominguez delivered again with a single to center scor-



(Photo by Dale Hirschman)

Pampa's Zack Cobb participates in calf roping at last week's State High School Rodeo Association Finals in Abilene. Cobb finished fourth in bulldogging to qualify for the National High School Rodeo Association Finals, which will be held in Farmington, N.M. in late July. Cobb is a 2003 graduate of Pampa High.

Lo Duca was hitless in three at-bats before coming through during a sixrun rally in the sixth that blew the game open.

AUTO RACING

NEW YORK (AP) -NASCAR got a new title sponsor for its top stock car racing series Thursday, signing a 10-year agreement with Nextel Communications.

The wireless communications giant will replace R.J. Reynolds' Winston as the name on its top series and trophy. RJR has sponsored the Winston Cup since 1971, and the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series will begin with the 2004 season.

Financial terms were not disclosed, but NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. said Nextel was making a "serious and substantial commitment."

"Nextel is a partner with a strong brand, a bright future, and a vision for growing our sport," France said. "They are one of the most technologically advanced and an acknowledged leader in a sector that helps drive the U.S. economy."

RJR said in February it wanted out of its contract because of marketing restrictions and an uncertain business climate in the tobacco industry.

"There's a little sadness there," France said at the announcement in Times Square. "We've had a good relationship with RJR or else it wouldn't have gone on as long as it did. "

struck out one and walked four.

Glo-Valve pitched by committee for the second straight time. Heath Skinner, Freddie Ramirez, Jose Ramirez and Kade Wilson combined to allow five earned runs on nine hits. They struck out nine and walked five. Five Glo-Valve errors led to seven unearned runs.

Chris Benge led off the

top of the first inning for Rotary with a double to left field. He moved to third on a ground out and scored on a passed ball. Alex Torres singled and took second on a wild pitch.

After Hannah walked, Torres scored on a double by Dominguez, but a relay from Mark Ruth in right field to Heath Skinner to Hayden Skinner nailed Hannah at the plate.

Heath Skinner slammed a double to lead off the bottom of the first for Glo-Valve. He stole third and home to trim Rotary's lead to 2-1.

An error and three wild pitches handed Jeremy Busse a run for Rotary in the third.

The winners tallied five in the fourth. times Dominguez doubled and scored when Martin Aliva was safe on an error.

Flashback

1966 — Pampa defeated Hereford 80-34 in a high school basketball opener.

George Bailey had 28 points to lead the Harvesters in scoring. Rick Foster followed with 17.

Douglas at third to nail Hannah easily at third. Rotary led 12-3.

Glo-Valve roared back with a furious sixth inning rally. With one out, Anthony Allen singled and Evan McElwain and Heath Skinner walked.

After an infield fly, Hayden Skinner slammed a double scoring all three runners.

Douglass followed with a line drive to right, plating Skinner and ending the scoring.

Dominguez had two doubles and a single to lead Rotary's hitting. He scored once and had three RBI. Hayden Skinner led Glo-Valve's offensive efforts with two doubles, a single, two runs scored and four RBI.

Aliva, with eight putouts at first base without an error, made the outstanding defensive plays for Rotary. The relay from Ruth to Heath Skinner to Hayden Skinner at the plate and the throw from Hayden Skinner in center to Douglass at third were the outstanding defensive plays for Glo-Valve.

Rotary is now 2-1 for the second half of the City Tournament. Celanese is 2-0.

HOUSTON (AP) — The able to get it over the mini-Arizona Diamondbacks beat Billy Wagner on his big day.

Luis Gonzalez hit a solo homer over the 330-foot wall in left field and Quinton McCracken added an RBI single in the top of the ninth to rally the Diamondbacks to a 2-1 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

Wagner, whose wife Sarah gave birth to a seven-pound, five-ounce girl earlier in the day, blew only his second save of the season and snapped a string of 16 consecutive saves. He didn't arrive at the game until the first inning.

"It was a great day, a special day for me," Wagner said. "The game wasn't the best but I don't want to sound like my big day had anything to do with it. That had nothing to do with tonight's performance.

"I missed location on about three pitches and they hit all three of them."

Wagner (1-3) came in to protect a 1-0 Houston lead in the ninth, but Gonzalez led off with his 14th homer of the season to tie it.

"Billy's one of the most dominate relievers in the game," Gonzalez said. "If he's going to beat you he's going to beat you with his best stuff. I just sat on a fastball. He left one out over the plate and fortunately in this ball park I was

monster." Robby Hammock followed

Gonzalez's homers with a broken-bat double. Wagner then struck out Lyle Overbay and pinch-hitter Rod Barajas before McCracken lined a single to right.

Right fielder Richard Hidalgo threw home to try to catch a sliding Hammock, but catcher Brad Ausmus didn't get the tag down in time.

"He was safe," Ausmus said. "To be honest with you, I never had control of the ball. I caught it between my arm and my chest. He hit my shin guard but I don't know if he hit the plate or not. I suppose he did."

Oscar Villareal (5-4) pitched one inning to earn the victory.

"Wagner is going to come right at you. I just wanted to put a good swing on it and sneak that hit in there and I was fortunate to do so," McCracken said.

Jose Valverde came in after Lance Berkman's leadoff walk in the ninth and got three outs for his fourth save in four chances.

The Astros took a 1-0 lead into the ninth behind Jeff Kent's second-inning homer and 6 1-3 strong innings by Ron Villone, who started the season in the Diamondbacks' organization.

Arizona manager Bob Brenly said. "With the closer you know what to expect. Wagner isn't all of a sudden going to start throwing splits and changeups. Villone was mixing it up pretty good."

Villone was making his first start of the season after being called up from Triple-A New Orleans.

"It was all right, I kept us in the game and that's what I wanted to do," Villone said.

Kent's 11th homer increased his team leading RBI total to 50, one day after his RBI single in the eighth gave the Astros a 4-3 victory over Arizona.

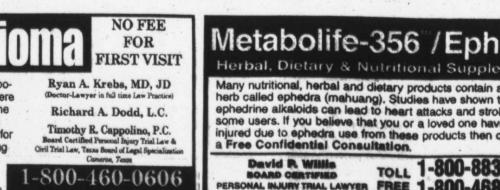
Villone compiled a 3-1 record at New Orleans before he was recalled by the Astros. He held the Diamondbacks in check from the start, allowing five hits, walking two and striking out six in 6 1-3 innings.

Arizona starter Brandon Webb held Houston to three hits over six innings. He walked one and struck out five.

Notes: Rodrigo Rosario will become the Astros' 11th starting pitcher this season when he starts against the Texas Rangers on Saturday. Rosario replaced Roy Oswalt. who is on the 15-day disabled list with a groin injury.

"It goes back to familiarity,"

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Clemens' no-hit bid foiled in Yanks' 1-0 win over Devil Rays

By The Associated Press

There's still only one thing missing from Roger Clemens' Hall of Fame pitching resume: a no-hitter.

Clemens held Tampa Bay hitless through 7 1-3 innings Wednesday night, but Marlon Anderson connected for a clean single to left to end The Rocket's bid. The Devil Rays matched the Yankees pitch for pitch until Alfonso Soriano's single in the bottom of the 12th gave New York a 1-0 win.

"I've never thrown one since I've been playing ball, and I got on the mound when I was 7," Clemens said. "If a no-hitter happens that's great, but I'm not going to lose any sleep over that.'

Five days after winning his 300th game, Clemens gave up just the one hit to Anderson. He was lifted after eight innings and 116 pitches with the game still scoreless.

"Sometimes, that's my worst habit — I'm around the plate too much. I've got to try to

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bounce that one," Clemens said of the pitch Anderson hit. "It was a split that was up, and that's a hittable pitch."

Beginning his fourth inning of relief, Lance Carter (4-2) walked Robin Ventura in the 12th. Ruben Sierra's hit-andrun single sent pinch-runner Enrique Wilson to third, and Raul Mondesi was walked intentionally to load the bases. After pinch-hitter Todd Zeile

struck out, Soriano looped a soft single to center over a drawn-in infield.

In other AL games, it was Toronto 6, Baltimore 2; Cleveland 4, Detroit 1; Kansas City 8, Minnesota 6; Chicago 3, Boston 1; Seattle 2, Anaheim 0; and Oakland 4, Texas 3 in 11 innings.

On Monday night, Clemens made a cameo on "The Late Show with David Letterman" to read the Top 10 list. No. 4 made fun of Tampa Bay: "The best practical joke? Tell a teammate they're traded to the Devil Rays.'

And Clemens was in complete control of their last-place lineup, dominating the Devil Rays with a diving split-finger fastball. He got 12 groundouts and struck out nine; passing teammate Mike Mussina for the AL lead with 106.

Chris Hammond (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory. The Yankees have won six of seven since being no-hit by a record six Houston pitchers.

Victor Zambrano matched

zeros with Clemens for eight innings, allowing only a fifthinning double to Juan Rivera and an eighth-inning double to Derek Jeter.

Blue Jays 6, Orioles 2

Roy Halladay allowed two runs over seven innings to win his 10th straight start as Toronto won at Baltimore.

Halladay (10-2) gave up six hits, struck out five and walked none. The right-hander is the first Toronto pitcher to win 10 starts in a row, and the first Blue Jay to win 10 straight decisions since Roger Clemens had a 15game run in 1998.

Halladay, who began his streak May 1, improved to 15-2 in his last 17 decisions on the road.

Indians 4, Tigers 1

Jason Davis came within one out of his first career shutout and Ben Broussard's seventh-inning double broke a scoreless tie as Cleveland beat Detroit.

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Rangers lose in 11 innings

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Scott Hatteberg hopes his bat is helping the Oakland Athletics get out of their offensive funk.

It's getting them muchneeded wins, that's for sure.

Hatteberg singled home the winning run in the bottom of the 11th inning and also sacrificed in the tying run as the Oakland Athletics beat the Rangers 4-3 on Wednesday night.

Hatteberg hit a soft single to shallow center against R.A. Dickey (3-3) with two outs in the 11th as the A's won their fifth straight game, their longest streak since a season-best six consecutive victories from April 24-30.

Hatteberg, a career .335 hitter against Texas, is batting .548 with 12 RBIs in eight games against the Rangers this season. Texas fell to 2-13 in June and has lost 15 of 17, including 11 straight on the road.





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(Courtesy photo)

Third grader Nicholas Johnson goes through ballhandling drills at this week's Hustling' Harvester Basketball Camp. The camp ends Friday and parents urged to be at McNeely Fieldhouse at 11 a.m. Friday for award presentations and skill demonstrations.

"It's just one of those things baseball," in Hatteberg said.

"I feel really good against them. I see the ball better against them. I feel pretty comfortable against their staff. I knew that it was going to fall. It had good spin on it."

Keith Foulke (4-0) pitched the 10th and 11th for the win, while Dickey lost it in 2-3 innings of work.

Sun Bowl gets sponsor through 2006 Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - The Sun that El Paso has fine corporate citizens Bowl Association announced Wednesday that it has secured a corporate sponsor through 2006 with Helen of future of the Sun Bowl game," said Troy taking over from the Wells Fargo Chris Mott, Sun Bowl Association pres-Bank after this year's game Dec. 31.

Wells Fargo agreed to extend its title sponsorship for the 2003 game, and Helen of Troy will take over in 2004. with a three-year agreement and an Bowl matches teams from the Big Ten option for 2007.

Wells Fargo and its predecessor, Norwest Bank, have been the title spon- biggest event in El Paso," said Gerald J. sor of the Sun Bowl football game since 1996. Helen of Troy, with its headquarters in El Paso, produces personal grooming items that include everything from brushes to foot baths.

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The Sun Bowl is one of the oldest college football bowl games in the nation. First played in 1935, the Sun and Pacific-10 conferences.

"We are thrilled to be a part of the Rubin, president of Helen of Troy. "The Sun Bowl is El Paso's window to the nation and we are very happy to be a part of the Sun Bowl's tradition."

CBS Sports will broadcast the 2003 "The Sun Bowl Association is proud Sun Bowl for the 36th year in a row.

Virginia Tech could jump to ACC

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - Virginia Tech was given a chance to consider joining three Big East schools in jumping to the Atlantic Coast Conference, moving ACC expansion closer to reality - but at the expense of the Hokies' current legal allies

ACC presidents decided Wednesday to reconsider the Hokies for admission into their planned superconference. The move would create a 13-team ACC if approved, and could free Virginia president John T. Casteen III from having to cast a decisive vote.

The idea was presented to Virginia Tech president Charles M. Steger in a meeting with Georgia Tech president G. Wayne Clough on Wednesday night, two sources told The Associated Press. The sources spoke to The AP on the condition they not be identified.

Steger did not return phone messages left at his Blacksburg home Wednesday night. He was expected to speak with members of the school's Board of Visitors on Thursday to gauge their feelings on whether Virginia Tech should accept the offer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, June 13, one's efforts as you haven't before. Your devise greater security for yourself. fun approach plus dynamic ideas are a Tonight: Go out of your way for someone

You're up for an extraordinary year, turn-on. Associates, friends and loved you care about. and opportunities. Sometimes you won't Say "yes" to an offer. believe what heads your way if you are CANCER (June 21-July 22) need to allow your mind to continuously partner could be most distracting, as he tion helps you fill in the gaps. Tonight: grow. You find that with greater under- or she might already be in the mood for Go out and romp the night away. standing, the status of your relationships the weekend. Take time to balance your CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) could change. If you are single, do not budget. Tonight: Whatever you do, don't ** Listen to your instincts. You might judge someone by how he or she stress out about it. appears; get to know this person, as he or LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) she could be a lot different than you ini- **** Though you're certainly not partner or friend comes through in a big tially thought. If attached, you can trans- a clown, your happy ways can make all way. This person sometimes goes over form your relationship, for better or for the difference. Keep smiling. A loved the top. Tonight: Vanish while you can. worse. SAGITTARIUS challenges you. one loosens up. Use your resourcefulness AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

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especially if you're willing to take risks ones all want to hang with you. Tonight: SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★ ★ ★ ★ The Moon in your sign helps you lasso in whatever you like. You will ready to walk off the beaten path. Go *** You must get into the trenches if transform yourself. Reach out for a loved back to school, travel or take a seminar. you have any hope of clearing out your one at a distance. You know what to do to Although you're a youthful sign, you work before the day's end. A special get the results you want. Your imagina-

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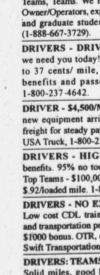
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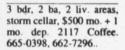
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Reading scores up for younger students, down among seniors

graders are getting better at reading, but its seniors are getting worse.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - America's fourth- Thursday. It is those younger students who are at the center of a national push to improve basic education.

> But then comes the shift: eighth-graders showed no reading improvement over the fouryear period, and 12th-graders showed declines at every level, from basic to advanced readers.

House bill to repeal estate taxes facing uphill battle in Senate

The House passed legislation 2011. that would permanently abolish estate taxes, but the bill faces long odds against winning support in the Senate.

"I don't think they have the votes to repeal," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle. Democrats would have supply some votes if Republicans are to pass the bill in the narrowly divided Senate.

Republicans lobbying for passage agreed, observing that supporters do not have the 60 votes needed under Senate budget rules. This measure also passed the House last year only to die in the Senate.

"I think they'll end up with 56 votes on this," said Stephen Moore, president of the conservative Club for Growth. "The Senate is always the holdup on this."

Without a bill to permanently repeal the estate tax, it will disappear in 2010 only to reappear a year later. The anomaly is the result of a 2001 law that gradually reduced the tax rates on inherited estates and repealed the tax as of 2010. Senate rules designed to limit budget deficits forced lawmakers

The House voted 264-163 on Wednesday to make the repeal permanent.

Lawmakers turned back a Democratic attempt to retain the tax on the country's largest estates. They voted 239-188 to reject a Democratic alternative that raised the exemption beginning next year to \$3 million for each individual and \$6 million for married couples.

Republicans said the tax must be fully repealed to protect families who own small businesses and farms and prevent their heirs from liquidating their enterprises to pay their tax bills. They also pointed to the time and money spent on estate planning.

"The country was built on family businesses," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas. "Unless we permanently repeal the death tax, we can kiss our small businesses goodbye."

"Today's vote is a victory for fairness, job creation and certainty for family businesses, farmers and ranchers," President Bush said. "I urge the Senate to act on this important matter so that we

WASHINGTON (AP) - to make the repeal expire in can eliminate this unfair tax once and for all."

> Democrats charged that complete repeal of the tax the country's benefits wealthiest families at the expense of future generations.

Rep. Jerry Kleczka, D-Wis., said the bill's \$162 billion cost to the Treasury "will be put on the national debt of the country and paid back by our kids and grandkids."

Internal Revenue Service statistics show that 52,000 estates paid taxes totaling more than \$24 billion in 2000.

Daschle, a South Dakota Democrat, said lawmakers might support a bill that eases the burden on family farms and businesses by increasing the amount of an estate exempt from taxes. In 2003, the first \$1 million is exempt from taxation, and that will rise to \$3.5 million in 2009.

But supporters rejected any notion of compromise.

"Any compromise is an increase in taxes," said Republican Jennifer Dunn, the Washington lawmaker who drafted the bill the House passed Wednesday.

Overall, less than a third of fourth-graders (31 percent) and eighth-graders (33 percent) showed they could understand and analyze challenging material. That skill level, defined as proficient, is the focal point of the test. Among high-school seniors, 36 percent hit that mark, down from 40 percent in 1998.

The up-and-down results drew expectedly mixed reaction from education officials. They highlighted the gains in reading fundamentals, particularly among minorities, but could not ignore a 12th-grade drop-off that has ranged from math to science to reading in recent years.

"There are no scientific answers as to why our high school seniors have performed so poorly on this reading assessment, but we're still searching for solutions to these daunting challenges," Education Secretary Rod Paige said. "At the same time, we know what works to teach youngsters to read, and we know that all children can learn."

Among fourth-graders, black and Hispanic students narrowed the scoring gap between themselves and white students. However, the gap remains significant: 41 percent of white students read at a proficient level, up from 37 percent in 1998. That compares with 12 percent for blacks, up from 10 percent, and 15 percent for Hispanics, an increase from 13 percent.

The reading test is overseen by the independent National Assessment Governing Board and run by the National Center for Education Statistics, an arm of the Education Department. Results of the other topic tested in 2002, writing, are scheduled to be released in July.

The assessment is designed to measure skills students should possess in a given grade, with the goal being for all students to be above basic, which is partial mastery of key skills. In reality, typical performance in all three grades reached only basic achievement.

Whether the test's standards are fair is often debated. On their own tests, for example, many states define proficient in a way that equates with only the basic level nationally.

Student performance trends differ slightly when the numbers are compared with 1992, the year the current reading test began. Since then, fourth-grade achievement has essentially been flat, eighth-grade scores have climbed and 12thgrade results have declined overall.

The results released Thursday also include reading performances for most states in grades four and eight. The policy board did not establish a state-by-state breakdown for grade 12.

For example, eight states showed significant fourth-grade increases in the percentage of students reading at the challenging level: Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Utah, Virginia and Washington. One state, Oklahoma, showed a significant decline.

The reading tests were the first to include special accommodations, such as extra testing time, for disabled and limited-English students in all test samples. But if the national test did not offer an accommodation typically provided in that state reading a test aloud, for example - students could be excluded. Test officials say the impact should be "minimal."



Americans taking advantage of Canada's gay marriage law

DETROIT (AP) — Gay American couples are beginning to head for the border city of

Hours after the decision, two Canadian men tied the knot in the country's first legal same-sex

Windsor, Ontario, to take advantage of Ontario's court-ordered legalization of samesex marriages

By Tuesday, 12 gay couples had been granted marriage licenses in Windsor, the city licensing clerk told the Detroit Free Press. Three of the couples were American.

Suburban Detroit residents Jennifer Paty and Erin James are among those planning to head to Windsor, just across the river from Detroit, to seek a marriage license. They just need to do some paperwork required in Canada, certifying James' divorce 15 years ago.

"We've waited this long, we can wait a little while longer," Paty told The Detroit News.

An Ontario appeals court last week declared Canada's definition of marriage, as the union of a man and woman, invalid and changed it to a union between two people. The move prompted a conservative group in Michigan to urge the strengthening of Michigan law against samesex marriages.

wedding. The ruling applies only in Ontario, but on Tuesday, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien announced that he would propose a bill to legalize gay marriage throughout the country. Currently, only Belgium and the Netherlands recognize same-sex marriages.

Among those who brought the suit against Canadian officials were an American couple living in Windsor, Hedy Halpern, a retired Ameritech worker from Dearborn, and Colleen Rogers, a nurse who works in Detroit.

In the United States, homosexual marriage lacks full legal recognition in all 50 states. Vermont recognizes civil unions that give homosexual couples the benefits and responsibilities of marriage but are separate from legal marriages.

After last week's decision in Ontario, the American Family Association of Michigan called for state lawmakers to add Michigan's existing "one man-one woman" marriage policy to the state constitution.

