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# Afflicted children sue company

Parents say chemicals caused

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) – At 16, Francisco Javier Zavala still isn't able to speak. He can't dress or feed himself, and the prospects that he'll ever be able to do so are bleak.

His mother, Irma Duenes, gave up her job at a Matamoros maquiladora years ago to give him the extra care and attention he requires

"I have to feed him," Ms. Duenes said recently. "He doesn't say when he has to go the bathroom. He wears diapers day and night.

She said her son is a victim of chemicals she was exposed to dur-ing her pregnancy when she worked at a Matamoros electron-

## birth defects, miscarriages ics plant owned and operated by Mallory Capacitors Co. in the 1960s and 770s. However, it's not clear who

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However, it's not clear who would be liable for any damages former Mallory employees who that may result from the lawsuit say their children suffered from since Mallory has been sold at birth defects because of the chemileast twice since the plant shut cals want assurances that they'll down and neither its current nor be compensated, and that their former owners claim to have aschildren will be cared for in the fusumed the liabilities

The lawsuit charges that the Some 40 families from Matacompany was negligent in not moros and Brownsville, Texas, filed suit Monday in state district warning employees about poten-tial dangers posed by the chemi-cals and by failing to provide adecourt in Brownsville against Mal-

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#### Agency head fails to transfer funds, grants to AIDS groups

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DALLAS (AP) — The director of an AIDS funding agency has apol-ogized for a failure to pass along tens of thousands of dollars to various AIDS groups, saying his organization had mismanagement problems he didn't diagnose as he should have.

Buck Buckingham, executive director of the AIDS Arms Network, said he will resign at the end of October. His agency was supposed to unnel up to \$170,000 in state and federal grants to 18 Dallas groups to ssist AIDS victims.

He said Wednesday that he thought the network ended the past fisal year in the black but that a former employee had covered up a deficit of more than \$75,000.

When his agency failed to raise money privately to make up for the deficit, the agency made up for it by using money intended for some of the other AIDS service agencies, Buckingham said. He said money will be distributed within a week and that no agen-

cies will have to cut their staffs or service. "We expect to get \$105,000 from a Texas Department of Health grant within the week, and it will all go to the contractors," Bucking-

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# Center helps students develop study skills

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them that they need to study harder," Dyer said. "They think they study hard, but they study the wrong things

"One of the things I talk with them about is what studies have shown that very good students do," Dyer said. "Sometimes we'll take the student's textbook and look at what they could be doing in order to get through this text in a more efficient way and getting what they need out of it.

As part of that teaching strate-Dyer said she buys used textbooks to see what previous students have marked or highlighted and, she added, she can tell from what has been marked that the student had sometimes not really focused on the right information.

Then she tries to incorporate what she has learned from the used text in the individualized sessions.

students can do themselves to make their situations better, but they might not know how to go about it," Dyer said.

One component of the CAE is the new Writing Resource Center, which offers developmental writing classes as well as academic de-velopment classes, and tutoring and help with any kind of writing assignment.

I can also work with students who currently aren't involved in any kind of writing course but who just want to improve their writing skills," said Lisa Golding, coordinator of the Writing Resource Center.

the students become aware of 'We're in the developmental financial aid opportunities av able to them, and during cer times of the year they also help stage right now, just starting up an academic services program and developing classes that will com-plement and support the regular classes," Golding said. "Because we're just starting, we have a lot of students prepare for PSAT, and ACT exams. "If one goes from high sch on to any college, we consider a success," Sturdivant said. "I overriding goal is to increase flexibility in what we offer right ding said she likes to ask college-going rate. dents what type of classes Sturdivant said the CAE continue to develop and offer most like to see, and then courses to A&M students as plan classes around their sources permit. is spring, I'm planning to Students, however, must register for any courses the me classes in spelling and ading," Golding said. interested in taking at the CAE ding, previously a gradufices in the Blocker Building. courses offered by the center stant and then a lecturer in free. CAE is in 241 Blocker and partment of English, said be contacted at 845-2724. bys helping students sharp-

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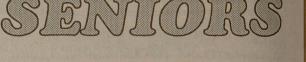
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