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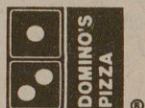


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## Doctor: Plant may cause birth defects

PAMPA (AP) — A doctor thinks the Hoechst Celanese Corp. chemical plant in this small Panhandle community is causing Down's syndrome, a genetic birth defect, in an unusually high number of the area's children.

Six Down's syndrome children were born in Pampa from 1980 to 1985, a number the Texas Department of Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control have said is "significantly more than expected" in a population of 25,000. The agencies' investigators couldn't find a cause.

More than 250 people from Pampa and nearby Kingsmill have joined a lawsuit against Celanese, alleging negligence in three deaths and numerous injuries from a 1987 explosion at its chemical plant there.

Last week, a doctor's affidavit submitted in the lawsuit being heard in a Houston district court said chemical exposure from the plant probably is related to the number of Down's syndrome births.

On Friday, Dr. John Denko, an

Amarillo pathologist, submitted a report to the 125th District Court which said "in all medical probability," the number of Down's cases "is related to the environmental pollutants from the Celanese site."

Another doctor told the court in a letter obtained by the Pampa News that in 1985 he noted "something most unusual" in the number of Down's cases in Pampa.

Dr. Gerald H. Holman of the Growth and Genetics Program for Infants, Children and Adolescents in Amarillo said he is very concerned about "alarming" levels of environmental pollution and related health problems.

Celanese officials repeatedly have denied the allegations.

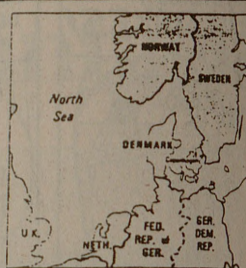
Vernon Hartline, an attorney for Celanese in Dallas, said the company has conducted its own tests which show environmental factors have nothing to do with the Down's cases.

On Friday, Celanese offered findings by three doctors in Philadelphia, Houston and Virginia.

## Globetrotting

Today is the Birthday of the Queen in Denmark. Two Texas A&M students are from this country.

- Facts about Denmark:
- Official name: Kingdom of Denmark
  - Area: 16,632 sq. mi. (slightly smaller than Vermont and New Hampshire combined)
  - Population: 5.13 million
  - Capital: Copenhagen
  - Languages: Danish, English, Faroese, Greenlandic (an Eskimo dialect), German
  - Religion: Evangelical Lutheran (about 97 percent)



- Literacy: 99 percent
- Life Expectancy: 78 years
- Currency: Kroner (One U.S. dollar equals 7.20 kroner)
- Per Capita Income: \$19,730

## Planned communities help property values

HOUSTON (AP) — Just outside the country's largest city without zoning regulations, developers are finding planned communities are a booming form of private zoning to maintain property values.

At least 11 and as many as 20 planned communities have sprung up around Houston. Developers define the areas as property developed under a master plan featuring multiple uses: residential, commercial, recreational and community functions.

The idea of the planned communities is to separate the various uses so that the value of residential property is not adversely affected by nearby commercial property.

In addition, there are architectural controls on building setbacks, signs, landscaping and other details.

"The Houston Planning Commission sees a need for more land controls," said one of its members, Stan L. Creech, owner of Stan Creech Properties Inc. "People don't like an

undesirable commercial use next door to a nice home."

Houston has no zoning ordinance, but land use is regulated by fire code, a building code, deed restrictions and other controls. Zoning ordinances are enforced in several bedroom communities, however, including Memorial Villages, Bellaire and West University Place.

But many Houstonians oppose formal zoning, seeing it as a cost burden on private development. It has been twice defeated by voters.

Planned communities, however, have surrounded Houston. Major communities include The Woodlands on the north; Kingwood on the northeast; Clear Lake City and South Shore Harbour on the south east near the Johnson Space Center; First Colony, New Territory and Greatwood on the southwest; and Cinco Ranch, Copperfield and Wood on the west.

## In Advance

### Awareness program discusses campus racism

The Racial Awareness Program will discuss racism on campus and view the film "Racism 101" tonight at 7:15 in 145 MSC.

For more information call Penny Pennington-Said at the Department of Multicultural Services at 845-4551.

### Poet, satirist gives recitation of his works

Ishmael Reed, a poet and satirist, will give a recitation of his work tonight at 7:30 in 120 Blocker.

Reed is one of a series of artists being sponsored this semester by the departments of English and

theatre arts at Texas A&M.

He has written eight novels, two of which were nominated for national book awards, and is currently a lecturer in writing at the University of California at Berkeley.

## What's Up

### Monday

**AGGIES AGAINST BONFIRE:** will meet at 6 p.m. in front of the Academic Building for a membership drive and Earth Day talks. Call Bryan at 693-4408 for more information.

**A&M DEBATE SOCIETY:** will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 135 Blocker. For more information call 847-2117.

**ALPHA ZETA:** will meet in 101 Heap Building at 7:15 tonight. Call 693-1084 for information.

**POLITICAL FORUM INSIGHT:** presents "Woman at Work" by Dr. Elizabeth Maret at 1 p.m. in the MSC Cafeteria Cashiers Room. Call Stephanie at 847-1509.

**HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL:** will meet at 7:30 in 402 Rudder.

**LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT:** will have a New Decade Bible study at 8:15 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel Meditation Room.

**THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND HUMANITIES:** will host the Western Arts Trio in the University Chamber Series Concert at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Call 845-3355 for more information.

**MINORITY ASSOCIATION OF PRE-HEALTH AGGIES:** will have a general meeting with election of officers at 7 p.m. in 407 AB Rudder. Call 847-0432 for more information.

### Tuesday

**TEXAS A&M POCKET BILLIARDS CLUB:** will have a meeting from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in 507 A Rudder. Contact Jeff at 847-3696 for more information.

**MSC RECREATION COMMITTEE:** will have a general meeting at 5 p.m. in 145 MSC. Call 693-3973 for more information.

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND HUMANITIES:** will have Dr. Craig Russell speaking on "The Music of 18th Century Mexico" at 7:30 p.m. in 402 Academic. Call 845-3355 for more information.

**PSYCHOLOGY CLUB:** will have officer elections at 7 p.m. in 338 Psychology. Call 847-8395 for more information.

**AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION:** will have a speaker meeting at 7 p.m. in the Hilton Mockingbird Room. Contact Teri at 693-7028 for more information.

**UNIVERSITY ART COLLECTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS:** will have opening night tours and reception at 7 p.m. in the Benz Gallery in Horticulture and Forest Science Building. Contact Cathy at 845-8501 for more information.

**SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB:** will have a meeting and officer elections at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

**PRO-CHOICE AGGIES:** will have officer elections at 8:30 p.m. in 510 MSC. Contact John at 847-0996 for more information.

**TAMU NUTRITION SOCIETY:** will have Linda Kapsusniak from HCA Greenleaf at 7:30 p.m. in 127 KLCT. Contact Karen at 847-7269 for more information.

**AGGIE ROTARACT CLUB:** will have a meeting at 7 p.m. in 350 MSC. Contact Jim at 847-4562 for more information.

**PRE-MED/PRE-DENT SOCIETY:** will have a presentation on microcirculation with Dr. Harris Granger at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Contact Tammy at 846-1243 for more information.

**ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS:** will have preregistration for "Real World 101: Life After Aggieland" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the MSC Flag room. Contact Jean at 845-7514 for more information.

**SCUBA CLUB:** will have cave dining at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder.

**MSC WILEY LECTURE SERIES AND POLITICAL FORUM:** will have a discussion on "The Siamese Giants — NATO and the Warsaw Pact" at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder. Call 845-1514 for more information.

**SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:** will have elections at 7 p.m. Contact David at 846-9688 for more information.

**AGGIE PARTNERS:** will have officer elections at 7 p.m. in 167 Reed. Contact Molly at 847-2271 for more information.

**COMMUNITY OF SINGLE ADULTS:** will have dancing at the Hall of Fame at 8 p.m.

**THE MEDICINE TRIBE:** will have a discussion on rainforest logging at 5 p.m. in front of the Academic Building. Contact Irwin at 846-3225 for more information.

**CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** will have a meeting at 7 p.m. in All Faiths Chapel. Call 846-3119 for more information.

**AGGIE TOASTERS:** will have an area contest at 7:30 p.m. in the College Station Community Center. Contact Robert at 268-1447 for more information.

**WOMEN'S STUDIES SUPPORT GROUP:** will show "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman" at 7:30 p.m. in 604 C. Evans Library. Contact Melissa at 846-4327 for more information.

**STUDY ABROAD OFFICE:** will have an information table from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the main hallway of MSC. Call 845-0544 for more information.

**GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENT SERVICES:** will have roommate referrals and make plans for next year at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder (check screen for room number). Call Gayline at 847-0321 for more information.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION:** will have a meeting at 7 p.m. in the Meditation Room of All Faiths Chapel. Call 846-6115 for more information.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

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