

# New Year's shutdown

## Chemical plants to close for calendar change

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Some major chemical manufacturers plan to suspend operations on New Year's Eve as a precaution against toxic accidents and production foul-ups caused by Y2K computer trouble.

Rhone-Poulenc, DuPont, Monsanto and Ashland Chemical all said they will idle some North American operations on the weekend when the calendar turns from 1999 to 2000.

**"We're not going to operate those [chemical] processes that have some of our hazardous materials in them."**

-Tom Dover  
Support manager at the Institute

3,000 people in the world's worst industrial accident.

He added: "We're not going to operate those processes that have some of our highly hazardous materials in them."

For the same reason, Rhone-

Poulenc is also planning to eliminate its stockpiles of methyl isocyanate before the end of the year, Dover said.

Some experts fear that with the arrival of 2000, older computers that read only the last two digits of a year might mistake the year for 1900, causing shutdowns and malfunctions.

The chemical companies want to avoid not only accidents but also ruined batches of chemicals if computers shut down or if power and other utilities are interrupted.

The New Year's Eve shutdowns go beyond the way many companies often suspend operations over holiday weekends.

Many chemical companies normally run at least some of their plants around the clock every day of the year.

# Scientists find faulty gene

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have identified a faulty gene that causes Rett syndrome, one of the most common causes of mental retardation in females.

The discovery should help doctors better diagnose the disease, which can be confused with other conditions, and find out what goes wrong in the brain. That might lead to a treatment.

Rett syndrome almost invariably strikes girls. They develop normally until age 6 months to 18 months, when they gradually lose the ability to speak, walk and control their hands. They withdraw from contact with other people and develop repetitive hand-wringing and seizures. No cure is known.

The syndrome probably affects 8,000 to 10,000 girls and women in the United States, said Dr. Alan Percy, chairman of the professional advisory board of the International Rett Syndrome Association.

The search for the gene has been hampered because the gene only rarely runs in families. The vast majority of the time, it strikes just once, apparently because of a one-time genetic mutation in an egg or sperm.

The discovery of the gene that becomes mutated was reported in the October issue of the journal Nature Genetics by Dr. Huda Zoghbi of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and the Howard Hugh-

es Medical Institute, Dr. Uta Francke of Stanford University and the Hughes institute, and others.

Scientists do not know yet whether it is the only gene that causes the disorder.

But it probably is at least the main gene, said Eric Hoffman of Children's National Medical Center in Washington.

Dr. Duane Alexander, director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, which helped pay for the work, called the discovery "a definite turning point, which we hope will soon lead to better diagnosis and, ultimately, treatment for this disorder."

The gene, called MECP2, lies on the X chromosome. Males have only one copy of that chromosome per cell, and if it carries a defective MECP2 gene, they die before birth or shortly after. Girls have two X chromosomes, one inherited from each parent.

Zoghbi's study found mutations in MECP2 in five of 21 Rett patients, as well as in two affected half-sisters. The remaining patients may have mutations in parts of the gene that have not been examined yet, she said.

Zoghbi said she sees no reason to screen all newborn girls for the genetic defect until an effective treatment is developed.

The Women's Week 2000 Committee is seeking students, faculty and staff to engage in a campus-wide conversation on gender.

## Gender Issues Lunch

Would you like to express your opinions/perceptions of gender issues on campus? Are you interested in discussing your ideas and opinions with students, faculty, staff, and administrators to help bring about any needed changes?

Based on your interest, lunches will be scheduled throughout the semester to discuss these important issues. From those who respond, individuals will be randomly chosen to attend the lunches. Our goal is to create an atmosphere where students, faculty, staff, and administrators can openly discuss both problems and triumphs of gender issues on this campus.

If interested, please contact us at [wweek00@provost.tamu.edu](mailto:wweek00@provost.tamu.edu)

# Worship Directory

### Assembly of God

**Bethel Temple Assembly of God**  
2608 Villa Maria, Bryan  
776-4835  
Sunday Worship 8:30, 10:45, 6:00 pm  
College & Career Class Sun. 9:30  
Randy Scott, Pastor  
[www.startel.net/bethel](http://www.startel.net/bethel)

### Episcopal

**St. Thomas Episcopal**  
906 George Bush Dr. • College Station, TX  
(Across from Duncan Dining Hall)  
Sunday services at 8:00, 9:00 and especially for late rising A'gs, 11:15 a.m.  
Next door to Canterbury House, the Episcopal Student Center

### Baptist

**First Baptist Church Bryan**  
200 South Texas Ave • 779-2434  
Sundays: 9:30 College Bible Study, 10:50 Worship Service  
8:00 pm Chapel Bible Study @ All Faiths on campus  
Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. High Pointe College Bible Study  
[www.fbc.orgcollege/fbc.org](http://www.fbc.orgcollege/fbc.org)

### Lutheran

**Beautiful Savior Ev. Lutheran Church**  
1007 Krenek Tap Rd. • College Station  
693-4514  
Service Time: 10:15 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Sponsor - A&M Lutheran Collegians

### Non-Denominational

**Covenant Family Church**  
Danny & Janet Green, Pastors  
"Success Begins on Sunday"  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
E-Mail: [greenfc@aol.com](mailto:greenfc@aol.com)  
[www.covenant-family-church.org](http://www.covenant-family-church.org)  
4010 Harvey Rd., (Hwy. 30) College Station  
774-1269

### Presbyterian

**Westminster Presbyterian Church, PCA**  
3333 Oak Ridge Dr. (behind Bryan High School)  
Rev. Scott Wilkinson  
Rev. John Ferguson, Campus Minister  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**First Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
1100 Carter Creek Parkway  
823-8073

Dr. Stephen W. Smith, Interim Pastor  
Rev. Matthew Drumheller, Assoc. Pastor  
Rev. Kyle Walker, UCM Dir./Parish Assoc.

Sunday Worship @ 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Church School @ 9:30 a.m.  
(Please call 823-8073 if a ride is needed)  
Activities Hot Line: 822-7063  
Childrens Center: 779-6358

### United Methodist

**A&M United Methodist**  
417 University Dr. (on Northgate) • 846-8731  
Sunday Services: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
College Sunday School 9:45  
Sr. Pastor Charles Anderson  
[amumc@myriad.net](mailto:amumc@myriad.net)

**First United Methodist Church**  
28th & Houston St.,  
1 block E. of Texas Ave., in Bryan  
779-1324  
Sunday Worship 8:40 & 10:55 a.m., 6:00 p.m.  
Harrah Dunnam, Pastor

**St. Paul's United Methodist**  
2506 Cavitt, Bryan 779-7608  
(between S. College and Texas)  
Worship Services: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
"Small enough to know you, large enough to serve you."

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Battalion Sales Representative  
845-2696

### Bible

**Grace Bible Church**  
700 Anderson, College Station  
693-2911  
Services: 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.  
College Sunday School Class 11 a.m.

### Catholic

**St. Mary's**  
603 Church Ave., 846-5717  
Pastoral Team  
Rev. Michael J. Sis, Pastor  
Rev. David A. Konderla, Associate Pastor

Campus Ministers  
Deacon Bill Scott • Martha Tonn  
Lillian Smith • Maureen Murray  
Heidi Nicolini  
Daily Masses  
Mon.-Fri.: 5:30 p.m.  
Tues., Thurs.: 12:05 Noon  
All Faith's Chapel on A&M Campus  
Sat.: 10:30 a.m. (Korean)

Weekend Masses  
Sat. - 5:30 p.m. (English), 7:00 (Spanish)  
Sun. - 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:30, 7:00 p.m.

### Christian

**First Christian Church**  
900 South Ennis, Bryan  
823-5451  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Dr. Andrew Pate, Jr., Minister

### Church of Christ

**Bryan / College Station Church of Christ**  
Sunday Bible Class 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.  
College Station Conference Center  
Use names George Bush from TABU (Use Careful)  
(409) 731-1230  
Email: [mark-d@tamu.edu](mailto:mark-d@tamu.edu) or [mwm@tamu.edu](mailto:mwm@tamu.edu)

All majors invited!

Join us at the Co-op Career Fair  
Oct. 4 & 5, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Zachry Lobby

(We promise you'll never be called an intern.)

### Monday, October 4

Ingersoll Rand  
ABB Vetco Gray  
Hewlett-Packard  
Alcatel USA

Raytheon

Texas Instruments  
Advanced Micro Devices

Freese & Nichols  
Delta Airlines

Nortel Networks  
Cirrus Logic  
Dow Chemical  
Intervoice Brite  
Trane Company  
HEB Grocery Company  
Celanese  
Vetrotex America  
Tivoli Systems  
LinCom Corporation  
BICCGeneral  
FMC  
SMI-Texas  
Parker Hannifin  
UFE, Inc.  
Kimberly-Clark  
Hovensa, L.L.C.

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### Tuesday, Oct. 4

Granite Construction  
Traulsen & Company  
Pratt & Whitney  
Flow Products, Inc.  
Ericsson  
Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC  
Alcoa Fujikura

Union Pacific Railroad  
National Instruments  
Elk Corporation  
Eastman Chemical  
United States Gypsum  
3M Corporation  
Union Carbide  
Bayer Corporation  
Lyondell-Citgo  
Mobil Corporation  
IBM  
Sperry Sun Drilling  
DuPont  
American Airlines  
Lockheed Martin  
Nokia Mobile Phones  
Heat Transfer Research  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Entergy Corporation  
Flowtronex International  
NASA-JSC

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