

# Rains take toll: homes flooded, person missing

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — Floodwaters that surged through northwest Harris County Thursday, swamped expensive homes and swallowed a car that veered off a rain-slick road into a swollen bayou, leaving at least one person missing.  
The vehicle struck another then plunged into the 40-foot-deep Brays Bayou, where floodwaters carried it downstream, police said.  
"It was involved in an accident, went off a levee," Officer W.T. Johnson said. "Whoever it was, they went off in the bayou. We couldn't get it out."  
It was not known how many people were in the car, but Johnson said witnesses believed the driver, who was presumed dead, was the only occupant.  
The flooding was caused by relentless thunderstorms that added 9.32 inches of rain to an area that was already saturating from a week of rain.  
The National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning for Harris County and southern Montgomery County and called it "a significant and dangerous flood situation."  
Homes ranging from \$80,000 to \$1 million in northwest Houston were hit hardest by the flooding.  
"I've had calls from people wading knee deep in the houses," said

Harris County constable's Sgt. Ron Hickman.  
Rescue workers used six airboats from the city fire department and county dump trucks to reach people trapped in their homes, Hickman said.  
"Every bayou out here is out of its banks," he said.  
Red Cross spokesman Bobby Allred said 50 to 75 homes in the Greenfield and Briarcreek subdivisions had from 2 inches to a foot of water inside.  
Police Officer Greg Michon said vehicles on U.S. Highway 59 were stalled in window-high water.  
"It's bad, no doubt about it," he said. "The north side of town is getting hit the worst."  
All Houston Independent School District schools closed at 1 p.m. because of the threat of flooding, and northwest schools closed earlier in the day.  
Many roads leading to Houston Intercontinental Airport were flooded, causing severe traffic problems and flight delays.  
"The flights are being delayed not by the weather, but mainly because they (airlines) know passengers are being delayed," said airport spokeswoman Sissy Cooper. "The airport is open and still operating."

# Flu vaccine project uses A&M subjects

**By Brittany Millholland**  
Reporter  
Many of the almost 3,000 Texas A&M students who gave blood samples a month ago have the option of participating in a government virus vaccine research project this winter.  
Dr. John M. Quarles, the microbiologist in charge of the project, said.  
The test, which was approved by A&M's Institutional Review Board, will compare the effectiveness provided by a live vaccination administered through nose drops to that provided by conventional inactivated flu vaccine given by shot.  
Students who showed a lack of immunities in their blood were eligible to take part in the study. Those still participating in the study must give another blood sample before receiving a shot in the arm and drops in the nose this week.  
The vaccinations should stimulate an antibody response that will protect the body from two separate

strains of the virus. If a flu epidemic develops at A&M this winter, students will be asked to check in once a week with a medical student who will question students about illness and obtain a nasal wash or throat swab specimen.  
Students participating in the program are paid \$10 for each blood specimen donated, \$5 for each vaccination and \$2 for each questionnaire completed. They could earn up to \$100 dollars and they receive a free flu vaccine, Quarles said.  
Quarles said that through previous testing, he's learned a lot about flu on this campus.  
"Last year was the worst flu epidemic I've seen in the 8 years I've been here," Quarles said.  
"Although bacterial diseases are treatable, viruses haven't been treatable until lately," Quarles said. He reports that in a similar project that was conducted 2 years ago, about a 75 percent protection rate occurred.

# Students visit A&M

**University News Service**  
Nearly 2,000 high school students become "Aggies for a day" Saturday during a visit to Texas A&M for a campus tour, orientation program and the A&M-Rice football game.  
The students are junior ROTC cadets and are the guests of the Corps of Cadets. Thirty-one Texas high schools and one from Shreveport, La., are represented.  
Each of the junior ROTC units will be given a tour of the campus beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday

conducted by current corps members who attended that high school or by former members of the Texas A&M Fish Drill Team.  
At 11 a.m. the students will be introduced to Texas A&M traditions including a yell practice led by Head Yell Leader Kelly Joseph.  
The ROTC students will be in Kyle Field at 12:30 p.m. to observe the traditional march-in ceremonies and will be guests of the athletic department for the football game at 2 p.m.

# Study shows incomes alter family lifestyles

**By TRACY PROBST**  
Reporter  
Dual-income families who have children can expect to have lifestyles that differ greatly from families that don't have children, a Texas A&M home economist says.  
Diane T. Welch, a specialist in family life education with the Agricultural Extension Service, said the Public Issues and Consumer Products Department of J.C. Penney Co. Inc. has studied families with no children, families with young children and families with older children.  
According to the research, work and spousal relationships are important to families with no children. Financially, these families usually spend more on material goods and their savings are targeted toward short-term goals, Welch said.  
On the other hand, the research shows that dual-income families with young children are under great financial stress. Welch said many women work only to provide additional income.  
"Much of the time, the main reason to work is not for self-satisfaction, but for economic necessity," she said.  
Dual-income families with young children also have completely different lifestyles from those with no chil-

dren. In this situation, Welch said, the children dominate the lifestyle.  
At this stage, women care primarily for the children and the home, while the men still consider their work a priority, Welch said.  
Since both spouses are working, the question of "What happens to the children?" often arises, Welch said.  
"Eighty — 90 percent of the kids are kept in family care situations," Welch said. This includes relatives and sitters. Day care centers are also another option available, she said.  
Where the child is placed when the parents are working is extremely important, Welch said. Children need to be placed under quality care because children develop the most between birth and three years of age, she said.  
According to the study, personal time is important to working men and women at this stage. Financially, the older families are more concerned with college expenses and saving for retirement.  
"Having children is probably not the only factor that affects the lifestyle of these families," Welch said. "The motivations for both spouses working, whether it be fulfilling a financial or self-satisfying need, also will affect the family's lifestyle and attitudes."

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# Richard Smith

## State Representative

When the students of Texas A&M needed a friend, Richard Smith was there.

Last Spring, **the Democrats** (led by Gov. Mark White) called a **Special Election for State Representative during Spring Break**. When the Aggies would not be in town to vote. The Battalion Editorial Board called the scheduling of the election by the Democrats 'an attack on Texas A&M students, staff and faculty members,' as reported Friday, Jan. 26, 1984. The Bryan/College Station Eagle Editorial Board said 'Let's face it, this whole thing smacks of partisan politics at its most petty level.', Sunday, Jan. 29, 1984.

Richard Smith, George Strake (Chairman, Republican Party of Texas) and local Republicans worked to change the election date as did Student Government leaders. Not only would the Democrats not change the date but they would not even meet with Student Government.

George Strake said, 'Mark White, probably in consultation with the Democratic candidate in Brazos County, undoubtedly looked at the high Republican vote totals in Texas A&M precincts and decided to give an edge to his candidate over Republican Richard Smith...', as reported in The Eagle Thursday, Jan. 26, 1984.

Richard Smith said, 'This act of political expediency is another sign of the lack of sensitivity of the state Democratic party and our state Democratic elected officials for Texas A&M University', as reported in The Eagle, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1984.

Then Richard Smith went one step further to make sure as many students would be allowed to vote as possible, despite Neeley Lewis and the Democrats. **Richard Smith personally provided for a shuttle bus system to take Aggies to the polls to vote absentee.** Students who wanted a ride were taken to the polls, with no regard to party affiliation or who they were voting for. When Texas A&M and it's students come under attack, Aggies stick together.

When the students of Texas A&M needed a friend, Richard Smith was there. Where was Neeley-Lewis?



- Richard Then:**
- Member, Squadron 22
  - Varsity Swimming Team
  - Distinguished Student
  - BS Mechanical Engineering, Class of '59
  - 4 Years Active Duty U.S. Air Force
  - Captain, USAF Reserve

- Richard Now:**
- Former Mayor, Bryan (5 years)
  - City Council Member (3 years)
  - Founding President, Brazos Animal Shelter, Inc.
  - Member, Century Club, Association of Former Students
  - Varsity Donor, The Aggie Club

