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Texas Dems see chance to become relevant again

AUSTIN (AP) — It would seem that Texas Republicans have never been stronger. An all-but-certain Republican successor is emerging to follow the departing Gov. Rick Perry. They're jubilant over their victory at the Capitol, where a GOP-heavy legislature plowed through a bill to sharply restrict abortions.

Behind the scenes, however, anxious Republicans and hopeful opponents are poring over data suggesting that the GOP hegemony may end. With the state's Hispanic population growing rapidly and voting overwhelmingly Democratic, Democrats should be able to compete for statewide office again in the next decade after a 20-year eclipse, strategists in both parties agree.

"Republicans have at most one two-term governor left in them. From 2022 on, everything is up for grabs," said Republican pollster David Hill, who runs a firm in suburban Houston. "Numbers don't lie," he added. "We're going to completely undo the alignment."

No one disputes that a huge opportunity is fast approaching for the Democrats. Potential candidates are already waiting in the wings, including the party's telegenic new star, Sen. Wendy Davis, who led a dramatic, if ultimately futile, effort to hold off the latest abortion legislation.

But what actually comes of it, and when, rests on a number of factors in dispute.

Can Democrats turn enough Hispanic residents into Hispanic voters? In the last governor's election in 2010, only 24 percent of Hispanics voted compared to 44 percent of whites.

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Stuffing the bus

Margarita Lisovaya (from front), Emily Dana, Kaitlyn King and Demetrius Mahone load up school supply and other donations into a school bus Saturday morning during a "Stuff the Bus" drive. The items collected will help Mission Brenham and the Jesus and Me (JAM) Academy during the year.



Special to the Banner-Press

Greg Crawford (left), dean of the science department at the University of Notre Dame, is joined by a team on one of the legs of Crawford's 3,476-mile bike ride to raise awareness of an extremely rare disease. Crawford's route brought him through Washington County on Saturday.

Notre Dame dean on 'Road to Discovery'

Journey to help raise awareness, funds for Niemann-Pick Type C disease

By ARTHUR HAHN
Managing Editor

Gregory Crawford has ridden a lot of miles to tell people about a disease they probably didn't even know existed.

Crawford, dean of the University of Notre Dame's College of Science, is in the middle of a fourth bicycle journey across the country, riding into Washington County from Austin on Saturday and out of it on Sunday to Kingwood.

The current trip, called Road to Discovery, began June 27 in Los Angeles. When it ends Aug. 2, he will have ridden 3,476 miles to Baltimore, Md.

Crawford is riding to raise public awareness for Niemann-Pick Type C (NPC) disease and also to raise funds for research which he hopes will ultimately lead to a cure.

"It's a very rare disease — ultra-rare," Crawford said. "There are only about 300

kids in this country with the disease."

It's always fatal, with the child dying by age 12 or 13. NPC took the lives of three grandchildren of legendary Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian. The university and the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation are in partnership to research a cure or treatment.

The research could also prove useful against other cholesterol diseases such as heart diseases.

"In you and I, with the normal process at the cellular level, cholesterol goes in the cell and out of the cell," said Crawford. "But in children with NPC, cholesterol goes into the cell and clogs it up and doesn't allow it to escape."

"Eventually it becomes neuro-degenerative and starts killing nerve endings."

As the condition worsens, victims lose their motor skills like walking and speak-

ing. In the final stages, they're completely bedridden.

Crawford said he was "inspired" to take on cross-country bicycle rides by the children who suffer from NPC — and the strength shown by their families.

"I'm a physicist by trade," he said. "I oversee all the sciences at Notre Dame, but I have no skills in biochemistry. I don't do that type of research."

"But I wanted to contribute in some way and I thought the bike rides would be a way for me in a leadership role to actually create some money. It's my contribution."

Crawford said the purpose of his rides is twofold.

"Number one, it's to raise awareness to the disease and the second is to raise funding," he said.

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Texas gas rises 14 cents in a week

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 14 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.46 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has increased 11.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.62 per gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 22.5 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 7.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 0.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 19.5 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

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Commissioners to look at potential relationships at Tuesday's meeting

By KYLE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Reporter

Two potential relationships could begin at Tuesday's commissioners court meeting, as Washington County leaders find ways to solve current and future problems with Texas A&M graduate students.

First will be an agreement between Washington County and the Texas A&M University System Agrilife Extension Service, which could provide the county with graduate students to aid in the planning of a new justice center.

A&M contacted County Judge John Brieden, and mentioned that certain graduate students needed to work with local governments

to solve problems. The professors would put together teams that would solve the problems given to them.

Brieden said that he noticed how big of a need a new center with courtrooms was when the county went through strategic planning last year. Brieden said he wasn't expecting it to be the top concern, but that it was "far and away" the biggest need by the end of the planning session.

"Last Tuesday, we had three rooms being used for courtrooms," Brieden said. "Then, when we got out of commissioners court, that room was about to be used as a courtroom."

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Blinn to discuss budget

Blinn College trustees will get a preliminary look Tuesday at the college's 2013-14 budget.

Trustees will meet at noon in the board room of the administration building, 802 Green Street.

A committee has been working on the budget, which is expected to total around \$89 million.

The board will also consider authorizing the removal of bleachers at Spencer Stadium.

Spencer Stadium has not been used for the last few years; the Blinn football team now plays its home games at the Brenham school district's Cub Stadium.

Also on the agenda are:

- Adoption of staff salary adjustments as a result of a compensation study.
- A cost of living salary adjustment for fulltime faculty and staff.

Executive session items include faculty/professional staff contracts and performance objectives of Blinn president Harold Nolte, along with real estate items concerning campuses here and in Bryan, Schulenburg and Sealy.

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WEATHER

Tonight: Overcast with a chance of rain. Low of 73. Winds from the south southeast at 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40%. **Tuesday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. High of 95. Winds from the east at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%. Readings for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Sunday: high 102, low 75. Readings for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today: **high 88, low 71, rain .25"**



BRENHAM BEAT

The Brenham Police Department call numbers for the 72-hour period ending 7 a.m. today were: Responded to 131 calls and two automobile accidents.

There were 3,373 radio transmissions on the central communications system and 229 calls to the 911 emergency phone system during the 48-hour period ending at midnight Sunday.

A breakdown of the 911 calls: Brenham Police Department, 18; Washington County Sheriff's Office, 21; Washington County Emergency Medical Services, 13; fire departments, three; hang-ups or abandoned calls, 54; non-emergency calls, 38; outbound checks on abandoned calls, 72; and nine calls transferred to an agency in another county.

Police are investigating a scam in which the victim lost \$1,800 sent to supposedly help his nephew in Mexico.

The victim received a phone call from someone pretending to be his nephew, who claimed he had been involved in an automobile accident in Mexico and needed \$3,000 to pay for damages or he would be jailed.

The victim made a \$1,800 transfer.

Assorted hand and power tools were stolen from a storage unit in the 2500 block of South Market Street. The theft was reported Saturday to police.

A lock to the unit was cut off.

Two vehicle burglaries are also under investigation.

Police said a canopy was stolen from the back of a truck Saturday night at Fireman's Park. Witnesses reported seeing a suspect looking into vehicles at the park.

A navigation aid, power converter and a blanket were stolen from a vehicle in the 300 block of West Vulcan. The break-in occurred sometime between 9 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday.

A thief stole \$100 from a residence in the 400 block of Vulcan Street. That burglary occurred between 8-8:30 p.m. Saturday, police were told.

Brenham Fire Department had two calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

BFD and the Berlin-Mill Creek-Zionsville Volunteer Fire Department responded at 1:08 p.m. Saturday to a grass fire at the intersection of FM 389 and Farmers Road.

The departments found approximately three acres burning. Salem VFD units also helped extinguish the fire and supply water to the fire trucks.

Damage was contained to the grass. The cause of the fire appears to be accidental.

BFD at 9:28 p.m. Saturday responded to a carbon monoxide detector sounding in a residence in the 2900 block of Twisted Oaks Drive.

BFD personnel could not find any source of carbon monoxide and advised the resident to replace the detector.

Washington County Emergency Medical Services during the 72-hour period ending at midnight Sunday were:

- Responded to 25 medical emergencies.
- Made six out of county transfers.
- Responded to one automobile accident.

One person was treated at the scene of an accident Saturday at the 3500 block of Brown College Road. EMS responded to that accident at 11:23 p.m.

The breakdown of calls to the **Washington County Sheriff's Office** during the 72-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today:

- Responded to 132 calls.
- Filed 11 case reports.

Justice of the Peace Doug Zwiener supplies daily reports coming through his office, which handles charges recorded against subjects taken to the Washington County jail. Charges and activities for today were:

- Possession of a controlled substance — State jail felony (Washington County warrant)
- Possession of marijuana — Class B (Harris County warrant)
- Failure to stop and render aid — Class B (Bexar County warrant)
- Theft — Class B (two cases)
- Total of bonds set: \$20,500.

Relevant

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Democrats have set up a massive new voter targeting effort aimed at pushing the Hispanic rate beyond 30 percent, potentially enough to close the party's vote gap in elections.

Can Republicans attract a larger share of the Hispanic vote and neutralize the demographic bulge? Republican strategists believe future GOP candidates can stretch the meager 38 percent Perry got in his last race into the 40s by working harder to appeal to this group. But how to do it — by stressing the GOP's self-help economics or conservative social values — is a matter of debate.

"There clearly is a wave out there. It's up to the each one of the parties to figure out how to ride it," said Todd Olsen, a Republican strategist and key adviser to Texas Sen. John Cornyn.

The consequences of what happens extend far beyond Texas. No other state except California, which has the nation's largest population, carries as much weight in national elections. A shift by Texas from a GOP stronghold to a two-party battleground would seriously complicate the GOP's plan for winning presidential elections.

Few foresee any changes in the short term. Even without three-term incumbent Perry on the ballot, leading Democrats have not rushed to replace him. Texas' Republican attorney general, Greg Abbott, who already has a \$20 million campaign treasury, appears to be a strong favorite to win the governor's race.

The era of Republican dominance in Texas came about when conservative whites began moving en masse to the party two decades ago—a phenomenon felt across the South. The Democratic political organization began to atrophy, leaving the party ill equipped to capitalize on the growing Hispanic immigration.

Now, Democrats insist, a change is at hand.

By 2020, Hispanics are projected to reach more than 42 percent of the state population, up from 38 percent in 2010. They will be the state's largest racial or ethnic group. Whites will rank second at 39 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau projections. Newly eligible Hispanic voters will outnumber newly eligible whites four to one.

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Chamberlain

Dr. Charles Devere Chamberlain Jr. was born April 26, 1928 in San Antonio to Charles D. Chamberlain Sr. and Opal Scott Chamberlain. Charley grew up in San Antonio and graduated from Jefferson High School. After graduation from the University of Texas, he attended medical school in Galveston and later served his internship and residency in general and vascular surgery at the Philadelphia Graduate Hospital. After serving as a military physician in the Korean War, he practiced surgery in Houston for over 40 years. He continued his surgical practice in Brenham, retired there, then later to La Manzanilla, Mexico, where he passed away peacefully at the age of 85.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Anne Chamberlain and sisters Mazie Barnett and Edwina Ehrler. He is survived by his loving wife of over 25 years, Johnna; brother John Chamberlain; children, Charles Chamberlain, Keeton Chamberlain, Katy and Chris Abel, Kate and Tim Abel, Laura and Mark Wright, Mary and Glen Marecek, Kate Chamberlain, and Jennifer and Todd LaRue; 12 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Charley was known by his family and dear friends to be patient and kind, a master storyteller, eager conversationalist, and wildflower expert. He was a passionate Texas historian and horseman, partially demonstrated through his membership in the Tejas Vaqueros and the



board of directors for the Texas Ranger Association Foundation of Waco.

A memorial service will be held in Brenham at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, with reception following. Burial will be at Glenwood Cemetery in Houston at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 19, with reception following.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Texas Ranger Foundation Association of Waco or St. Peter's Church in Brenham.

Riddle

Jean P. Riddle, 92, widow of Clayton Edward Riddle, passed away July 10, 2013 in Brenham.

Jean was born Sept. 28, 1920 in Little Rock, Ark. to Kenneth W. and Jewel Eugenia Batemen Powell. After completing her education, she served her country in the U.S. Army from Aug. 20, 1943 to Jan. 24, 1946, as a First Lieutenant Registered Nurse, receiving the following accolades: the American Theater Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze Service Star. On Nov. 26, 1947, she married Clayton Riddle in Galveston.

Dedicated to her church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Woodville, Texas, Jean took great pride in creating crafts to benefit the church. She was especially known for her pine cone wreaths, crafted from natural elements, including pine cones, acorns, and local plant life. She provided a loving and nurturing home for her family.

Survivors include her daughter, Sandy Wade and husband Larry; grandchildren Jason B Wade, and Tiffany Harrington, Lisa L. Wade and husband Jason, Greg Haffington and wife

Tiffany, and great-grandchildren Julia and Jessica Wade. She was predeceased by her parents, Kenneth W. and Jewel E. Powell, her husband, Clayton Riddle, and a sister, Agnes Brasher.

The family will receive friends and relatives at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Memorial Oaks Chapel, and a private graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral arrangements for Jean P. Riddle are entrusted to Memorial Oaks Chapel, 1306 W. Main, Brenham. To post a tribute to the family, visit www.memorialoakschapel.com.

Steele

Dora Fuelberg Steele, 91, of

Brenham, passed away July 10, 2013 at the Hospice Brazos Valley Inpatient Facility in Bryan. The funeral service and interment was held July 13, 2013 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wiedeville.

Dora was born Dec. 24, 1921 in the Wiedeville Community, the daughter of Oscar and Bertha (Burmeister) Fuelberg. She was raised in the Wiedeville Community and attended grade school there and Old Washington and Brenham High Schools in Brenham. Dora married Charles Wesley Steele shortly after he returned from serving in WWII. While living in Houston, Dora attended



nursing school at Jefferson Davis Hospital becoming a registered nurse. Growing up in Wiedeville, Dora was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and became a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Houston, finally renewing her membership at Immanuel Lutheran Church when she moved back to Brenham.

Dora was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Wesley Steele in 2009; her parents, Oscar and Bertha Fuelberg; sister, Hilda and Herbert Wellmann; brothers, Otto Fuelberg, Reinhard and Mabel Fuelberg, Edward and Carol Fuelberg, Robert and Mary Fuelberg; sister-in-law, Lydia Fuelberg; and her parents-in-law, Edward and Mary Steele.

Survivors include her brothers, Arthur Fuelberg and Oscar Fuelberg Jr. both of Brenham; sisters, Bertha and her husband Elmo Emshoff of Austin, Annie Marie and her husband Joel Lovell of Bryan; nephews, Vernon and Katherine Wellmann, Ralph and Patsy Wellmann, Tommie Wellmann and Yolanda Amaya, Gene Arthur and Nancy Fuelberg, David and Pam Emshoff, Dale and Patti Moore, Gene and Laurel Lovell, Ronnie Lovell and Lacy Wesolick; nieces, Merle and Ronny Kyzar, Pauline and Mike Hodges, Joyce Moore and Matt Comaitos, and Tina and Robert Russ, Mary Dale and Billy Richardson.

The family would like to thank the staff at Argent Court Assisted Living and her loyal sitters. Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4529 Wiedeville Church Rd, Brenham, Texas 77833; Hospice Brazos Valley, 502 W 26th St., Bryan, TX 77803; or the charity of your choice.

Expressions of sympathy can be made at www.memorialfuneralchapelbryan.com.

— Relationships — 'Despicable Me 2' holds top spot

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"As we look at addressing it, we'll look at all options and see what's best moving forward. This is something that will not be entered into lightly, and we need to look at it to move forward."

Washington County could also pass a service agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources/Communications Technology (DIR/CTS) to help with the county's mental health services. If passed, this would continue a plan with the A&M health science center.

In the plan, A&M graduate students for psychiatry would be able to administer therapy with a patient through telemedicine, which could be through Skype or over the phone. The student would not be alone, as there would be a supervising professor.

A&M would pay for the equipment, except for a fast and secure T1 internet line, which the county can get through the DIR/CTS at a discounted rate.

The commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. in the courthouse and will also present the Washington County Historical Commission with the 2012 Distinguished Service Award. The award is given in the Texas Historical Commission.

Since his first ride in 2010, Crawford has raised almost \$300,000 to fund NPC research.

Crawford rides every mile on his trip, accompanied by a team of other riders who switch in and out and sometimes being joined along the way by a Notre Dame alumni who pedals along for a stretch.

Under the blistering heat, he usually begins his day at 5 a.m., riding until early afternoon to the next stop.

Crawford said that some days are more difficult than others, but "you have to find a way" to complete that day's ride.

Crawford said he is continually amazed by the generosity of people — and of the number of Notre Dame alumni he finds in Texas.

Local alumni chapters hold events at many of the stopovers, including Dallas, Austin and

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Universal's minions ran away with the box office for the second week in a row.

With \$44.8 million in domestic ticket sales Friday through Sunday, the animated sequel "Despicable Me 2" outdid the debuts of the Adam Sandler comedy "Grown Ups 2" and director Guillermo del Toro's monsters-versus-robots action flick "Pacific Rim."

The weekend's No. 1 movie featuring Steve Carell as ex-supervillain Gru made another \$55.5 million overseas. That brought its global two-week total to \$472.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"This has become the July film to beat right now," said Paul Dergarabedian, pres-

ident of the box office tracking division of Hollywood.com. "There's something about the minions that audiences just love."

Sony was pleased with Sandler's second-best movie opening of his career with \$42.5 million in sales in the U.S. and Canada (His best domestic opening was "The Longest Yard" from 2005 with \$58.6 million over four days). Overseas, the comedy brought in \$1.7 million.

The movie brings together former NBA star Shaquille O'Neal as a bumbling police officer with a host of comedy All-Stars including Chris Rock and David Spade playing awkward partners.

The third-place finish of "Pacific Rim," with \$38.3 million.

Gas

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"Nationally, gasoline prices have begun moving upward yet again. I suspect that the unrest in Egypt is playing a significant role in pushing crude values higher, and thus retail gasoline prices higher as well," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy.com senior petroleum analyst.

"The market is seemingly quite sensitive to the situation in Egypt as the Energy Information Administration has reported two consecutive weeks of large declines in crude oil inventories, drawing concern that a loss in Middle Eastern crude would mean continued declines in inventories stateside."

Discovery

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Houston.

"There are a lot of (Notre Dame) grads who have come back to Texas and have embraced this cause," he said.

People are willing to help any way they can, Crawford added.

As the trip took Crawford and his entourage through Brady, Texas, "One of the ladies from the chamber of commerce chased us down and brought us dinner and a six-pack of beer," he said with a laugh.

There is hope on the horizon that the research is beginning to pay off.

A compound has been identified that shows promise in battling the disease and funds are being raised for clinical trials.

"We're working toward that, and we certainly hope to get it done. But there's a long road ahead," said Crawford.

A long road, literally and figuratively.

Donations can be mailed to University of Notre Dame, College of Science, Office of the Dean, 215 Jordan Hall, Notre Dame, Ind. 46556 or given online at roadtodiscovery.nd.edu.

Crawford's ride can be followed at <http://roadtodiscovery.nd.edu>. He writes a daily blog.

DAILY BRIEFS

FRIENDSHIP QUILT GUILD MEETING

The Friendship Quilt Guild will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Brenham Church of Christ at 2800 Victory Lane. The program for the July meeting will be Nancy Conner, who will present a program on Vietnam quilts.

PINT SIZED POLKAS AT ROUND TOP LIBRARY

Nationally known accordion player and children's polka musician Mike Schneider will be performing his Pint Size Polkas program (www.pintsizepolkas.com) Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Round Top Family Library, 206 W. Mill St. For more information, visit www.ilovetoread.org or call 979-249-2700.

UNITY THEATRE TO PRESENT 'CINDERELLA'

Unity Theater will present "Cinderella" for one week only: July 25– July 28, at 300 Church St. here. Performances are July 25, and 26 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; July 27 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and July 28 at 4 p.m. The show is recommended for ages four and up. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and group rates available for parties of 10 and more. Reservations can be made by calling the Unity Theatre Box Office at 830-8358, open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Water Usage

Lake Somerville full stage: 238.0.
Lake level at 7 a.m. today: 233.05.
City of Brenham water usage:
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July 14: 3.644 million gallons.
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