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## WEATHER



95  
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Readings for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today:

**TONIGHT:** Mainly clear skies. Low near 75. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph. Friday: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High around 95. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.

## DEATHS, 3A

- Bobbie Carmen
- Marcus Rogers
- Ronnie Williams

## SPORTS, 4A

Local baseball players named to all-tournament teams in Florida.



## AGRICULTURE, 5A

Local exhibitors take part in Santa Getrudis competition.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Pentagon: 2,100 more troops going to border

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon says an additional 2,100 troops will be sent to the U.S.-Mexican border to help with security.

Among them are 1,100 active-duty troops who will perform a variety of missions, including aerial surveillance and logistical and administrative support. The Pentagon says the new acting defense secretary, Richard V. Spencer, approved the deployment.

Also deploying are 1,000 members of the Texas National Guard. They will be under state control.

## HERE & THERE

Happy birthday wishes today go to ESSE LEE FRICKE; BARBARA WATTS; and BRANT BENDER ...

## TODAY'S VERSE

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Ephesians 4:29

## WATER USAGE

Lake Somerville full stage: 238.0. Lake level at 7 a.m. today: 247.08. City of Brenham water usage: July 17: 3,959 million gallons. Rainfall this month: .32". Rainfall this year: 27.15". Average annual rainfall: 45.34".

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Brenham's antique carousel has been providing happiness for more than 80 years.

## Free carousel rides Friday

Brenham's antique carousel in Fireman's Park will be giving free rides Friday in memory of one of its longtime supporters.

The carousel will be open from 6-8 p.m., honoring Wilfred Dietrich.

Dietrich, who died in June, was the organizer and president of the Arts Council of Washington County, which has sponsored free carousel rides as one of its programs.

The "flying horses" carousel was acquired by the city after it was abandoned by a traveling carnival in Clay, about 20 miles

northeast of Brenham.

Brenham's carousel is believed to be almost 100 years old.

The wooden horses, which hang from rods rather than being mounted on platforms, were restored and placed in Fireman's Park in a 16-sided building constructed through the Works Progress Administration in 1935.

Wooden carousels date back to the early 1900s. Brenham's is one of only five still in existence in Texas.

## Gasoline prices jump 7¢

State average increases from last week

The statewide gas price average today in Texas is \$2.54 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch.

That price is seven cents more than on this day last week and is nine cents less per gallon compared to this day last year.

Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in Midland are paying the most on average at \$2.70 while drivers in McAllen are paying the least at \$2.39 per gallon.

The national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$2.79, which is four cents more than this day last week and seven cents less than the price per gallon at this same time last year.

Gas prices have increased because of a number of factors. Summer driving season is in full swing, and as the weather warms up more people are hitting the roads for vacations and quick getaways.

While drivers are paying more at the pump compared to

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## Police: Four found with drug-laced sweet treat

Officers arrest Brenham men after finding Rice Krispies with THC oil in vehicle

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Brenham police said four people were arrested Wednesday after an officer reported finding Rice Krispies marshmallow treats laced with THC oil in their vehicle.

Officer Andrew Adams stopped a vehicle at 1:45 p.m. in the 1600 block of South Market Street. According to Adams' report, he found almost 2 1/2 pounds of the treats laced with THC oil, THC vape pen cartridges and marijuana.

THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, is the principal psychoactive component of marijuana.

Samuel Keim, 17; Justin Galvis Santiago, 17; Jamarcus McGruder, 20; and Benjamin Simmons, 17, all of Brenham, were charged with possession of a controlled substance (2-400 grams) and possession of marijuana.

All of the charges are first-degree felonies.

Justice of the Peace Douglas Zwiener set bond on the four at \$50,000 each on the possession of a controlled substance charge.



Keim



Santiago



McGruder



Simmons



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## Summer means snake time

Patti Parks, an emergency medicine nurse at Baylor Scott and White Hospital-Brenham, discusses the characteristics of copperheads during a venomous snake program Wednesday. Parks went over each of the venomous snakes found in Texas, with copperheads being number one in terms of bite cases seen at the hospital. The program included identification of each and advice on how to avoid dangerous encounters.