

WEATHER



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

TONIGHT: Some clouds this evening will give way to mainly clear skies overnight. Low 63. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Thursday: Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 86. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.

SPORTS, 4A

Local youths to compete in state rodeo finals.



BUSINESS, 5A

Ribbon-cutting celebrations held for three businesses, one organization.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Police: Woman killed by officer not pregnant

BAYTOWN (AP) — Police say a woman who was shot and killed by a Texas officer was not pregnant.

Pamela Turner can be heard yelling “I’m pregnant” at a Baytown police officer in a video that captured the Monday night shooting. Baytown Lt. Steve Dorris says the department has confirmed the 44-year-old Turner was not pregnant.

Dorris didn’t elaborate on how police learned she was not pregnant. Autopsy results have not been released.

HERE & THERE

Happy birthday wishes today go to ISAAC POWELL, 12; and RUBY PROCTOR ...

Happy anniversary today to LISA and CHAD WRIGHT ...

TODAY’S VERSE

“Naked a man comes from his mother’s womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand.”

Ecclesiastes 5:15

WATER USAGE

Lake Somerville full stage: 238.0.
Lake level at 7 a.m. today: 253.29.
City of Brenham water usage:
May 14: 1.981 million gallons
Rainfall this month: 5.54”
Rainfall this year: 20.32”
Average annual rainfall: 45.34”.

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Camp For All’s amphitheater (above) and canoeing area were renovated to provide even greater access to campers with special needs.

Camp For All dedicates new amphitheater, canoe dock

By Lydia Hill

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Camp For All held a dedication ceremony Tuesday to celebrate completion of its newly renovated amphitheater and canoe dock, which will help the organization continue to fulfill its mission of offering a camping experience for people of all abilities.

The new facilities are completely barrier-free and address maintenance and drainage issues that had previously presented a problem to these areas, said Camp For All CEO Pat Sorrells.

“The area has become difficult for the staff to take care of. It was not barrier-free, which was key to us. It’s one of our values,” said Sorrells. “It was not at our level of what we want to provide to our campers, so we took a fresh look at it.”

The new amphitheater can seat up to 300 people and is



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Camp For All president and CEO Pat Prior Sorrells shows donors Rogers Crain of the Crain Family Foundation and Tom Brown of The Hamill Foundation some of the newest features that helps the hearing impaired during a dedication of a new amphitheater and improved canoe facilities.

completely accessible to wheelchairs and walkers. It also contains a sound system for those with hearing impairments and lighting to assist people with low vision. It features a campfire and a stage for skits and other programming.

The canoe area is also accessible for people of all abilities

and contains storage for equipment, including new support equipment that will allow the camp to offer an upgraded canoe program.

“We do all kinds of programming that we’ve always done, but now we’re doing it in a

DEDICATION continued on A3

Man indicted for aggravated assault of public servant

Grand jury returns
34 indictments

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A Houston man was indicted Tuesday by the Washington County 21st Grand Jury on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against a public servant.

Ruchy John Arilagos, 35, was also indicted for evading arrest with a vehicle stemming from a March 9 incident.

The charges against Arilagos were among 34 indictments returned by the grand jury. Others included:

- Deandre Devane Allen, 23, Houston, possession of a controlled substance (less than one gram).
- Robert Lee Brown Jr., 51, Washington, Texas, driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

- Maria Cristina Chavez, 30, Brenham, assault of a family member with a previous conviction.
- Wilbert Crathers, 37, Lewisville, Texas, driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

- Shacarrie Latrice Dixon,



Arilagos

22, Brenham, burglary of a habitation.

- Andy Jolee Doolan, 34, Brenham, assault of a family member by impeding breath or

circulation.

- Dillon Keith Foerster, 32, Brenham, assault of a family member with a previous conviction.

- Jakevis Deontrell Gaines, 20, Brenham, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- Zachary Thomas Gore, 28, Brenham, possession of a controlled substance (less than one gram).

- Jocristian Holmes, 27, of Hungerford, Texas, forgery of a government instrument or money.
- Jessie Jaramillo, 24, Brenham, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- Rene Juarez, 21, of Brenham, two counts of possession of a controlled

- substance.

INDICTMENTS continued on A2

Bill raising tobacco age limit moves forward

Legislation would raise legal purchasing age to 21

From Staff Reports

AUSTIN — The Texas House has joined the Senate in raising the legal age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21, except for military personnel.

The House on Tuesday approved a slightly-modified Senate Bill 21, which was adopted last month by the Senate.

The Senate must vote to either appoint a conference committee to iron out differences in the bill or accept the House’s changes and send the legislation to Gov. Greg Abbott.

Rep. Ben Leman, whose 13th District includes Washington County, voted in favor of raising the age limit to 21.

Rep. John Zerwas, a physician who sponsored the legislation, said it will protect young adults who are “highly susceptible” to becoming addicted to tobacco products.

“The idea behind this bill is essentially to move that risk away from those people that are most susceptible to it,” said Zerwas (R-Richmond).

If the bill becomes law, Texas would become the 14th state to raise the legal tobacco purchasing age to 21 and the third to include military exemptions. The stricter age restriction would apply to tobacco products such as cigarettes, as well as e-cigarette products.

State Rep. Matt Schaefer (R-Tyler, added a floor amendment Tuesday that broadens the bill’s military exception to allow all members of the military over the age of 18 with a valid military ID to purchase tobacco. The bill previously only allowed members of the military on active duty with a valid ID.

State Rep. Briscoe Cain, R-Deer Park, also added an amendment that would preempt any changes to the Texas law by a local government, such as raising the minimum age.

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Honoring those who served

Members of the Brenham High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC program presented the flags in front of residents and guests of Argent Court on Tuesday. A special event was held there in honor of veterans and fallen soldiers who served in WWII, the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf wars, as well as in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Burton council swears in members

By Lydia Hill

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BURTON — Burton City Council administered oaths of office to several of its members Tuesday during their monthly meeting at city hall here.

Mayor David Zajicek and council members Jerry Martin and Nathan Kalkhake were each sworn in for a two-year term. In February, council canceled its election because the incumbents were the only candidates who filed.

In the mayor’s report, Za-

jicek reflected on his previous two years on the council and thanked the citizens and everyone involved with the city.

“We have seen much progress in the last two years in Burton,” he said. “We began our city park and have received generous donations.

“We have removed several abandoned cars (and seen the) replacement and repair of water lines and meters and removal of the fence around city hall.

“South Brazos and Colorado streets have been repaved,

and we reduced the unpaid water utility bills from over \$10,000 to just over \$3,000.

“We also started accounts specifically for road repair and for a backup well.

“There are other items to be accomplished. We still have a long ways to go, but I feel that we are on the right track to get many more things accomplished in the coming years.”

Items unanimously approved by council were:

- Accepted an audit of the seizure funds as required by

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