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Astros win



Roy Oswalt shut down Florida's offense and led the Houston Astros over the Marlins, 8-2, on Friday night/A8.

Dad turns to congressman for help finding teen

The father of a Nassau Bay teen who's been missing since June 23 has enlisted the help of U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson/A2.

Body dumper gets 3 years in prison

A man convicted of dumping a body off the Galveston Causeway gets three years in prison and a \$5,000 fine, but no one has ever been charged in the homicide/B1.

Religion meets science



A former NASA engineer is on a mission to teach the world that God is responsible for the creation of the universe and that evolution can't explain everything/B4.

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Weather



Today's Forecast: Storms possible
High: 90
Low: 80
Details: A10

Pit bull attacks 6-year-old, mom

LEAGUE CITY: Both hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries

By SARA McDONALD
The Daily News

A 6-year-old boy and his mother were hospitalized Friday morning after a pit-bull terrier attacked them at a League City home, police said.

Police and ambulances arrived at the 300 block of Colony Creek Drive just after

10 a.m., League City police Sgt. Dan Krieger said.

Witnesses told police that the dog attacked the child as soon as he walked in the door of his aunt's home, Krieger said.

When his mother tried to intervene, the dog bit her leg.

The boy had injuries on his face, ear and leg.

Krieger said they both went

to an unknown hospital for treatment. Their conditions were unknown, but Krieger said their injuries were not life threatening.

The pit bull was a dog that the homeowner had been watching for a friend for about two weeks, Krieger said.

See PIT BULL/A2

COMPETITIVE CRITTERS

Chuck Redding doesn't bother hunting with a gun or knife; instead, he uses Cisco, a red-tailed hawk that loves scaring up prey/A8.



COMING SUNDAY

No. 1462's job as a professional homing pigeon means he must outfly hawks like Cisco in his race to the finish line.

ENVIRONMENT

Pollution watershed



FILE PHOTO/The Daily News

A Texas Commission on Environmental Quality official says Dickinson Bayou fails to meet federal clean-water standards.

Dickinson Bayou pollution exceeds federal standards, but runoff from Lago Mar development may not require state regulation

Subdivision brings big concerns

By CHRIS PASCHENKO
The Daily News



SOURCE: ESRI, TeleAtlas

DICKINSON — With fish dying from depleted oxygen levels and increased bacteria counts posing public-health concerns, advocates for a healthier Dickinson Bayou say development along its watershed won't help the tidal-water body meet federal clean-water standards.

But former rice fields and farmland along the bayou's 100-square-mile watershed make the area ripe for development.

Enter Lago Mar, a proposed commercial and residential development that could add 7,000 homes on 3,350 acres in Texas City. A portion of the development's storm water could, based on preliminary drawings, flow into the bayou's watershed.

The development's boundaries fit like a jigsaw puzzle against federally designated urban areas.

"Depending on whether or not it is in an urbanized area, as defined by storm-water regulations, they may or may not be a

See POLLUTION/A2

Cops turn up heat on island BBQ joint

GALVESTON: Restaurant owner jailed after police find drugs, credit cards during raid

By SCOTT E. WILLIAMS
The Daily News

A raid of an island business that ended with two men jailed was not the end of a police investigation into the place, Galveston narcotics-division commander Sgt. Gilbert Gomez said Friday.

Lucille's Barbecue, at 2601 Winnie, has been the source of hundreds of complaint calls to police during the past 10 years, according to department reports.

A report of a burglary at Yaga's Tropical Cafe, 2417 The Strand, last week led investigators on a trail that took them to Lucille's, Gomez said.

There, officers found items reported stolen from the Strand club, as well as cocaine and prescription pills.

"The pills aren't necessarily illegal, but

See BARBECUE/A2

Tax-free holiday will be 2 weeks later this year

BUSINESS: Backpacks make list of tax-exempt back-to-school merchandise for the first time

By GRANT SLATER
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — State lawmakers on Friday reminded back-to-school shoppers expecting a discount this weekend that the sales tax man is taking his Texas vacation a little later this summer.

Because the state mandated a later start date for public schools, the annual tax-free holiday that has become popular with Texans will be the third weekend of August instead of the first. This year's break from the 8.25 percent sales tax will be Aug. 17-19, with school starting Aug. 27.

Rep. Dora Olivo, D-Fort Bend, said the new date will allow more families across the economic spectrum to take advantage of the holiday in a state where tax breaks often

See SHOPPING/A2

Alvin man, daughter die in 4-car collision

HITCHCOCK: Son survives, along with suspect driver

By CHRIS PASCHENKO
The Daily News

An Alvin man and his daughter died Friday in a four-car collision while his son and a man suspected of causing the wreck remained in critical condition, state troopers said.

Jimmy Gomez Jr., 22, and his 5-year-old daughter, Avril Gomez, died in the 5:46 a.m. head-on collision on FM 2004 near Hitchcock.

Trooper David Thomas said Gomez's 7-year-old son, Jimmy Gomez III, and Balcliff resident Matthew Patterson, 35, remained in critical condition late Friday at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.



CHRIS PASCHENKO/The Daily News

Two people died and others were injured Friday in a four-car wreck on FM 2004, one mile west of the Galveston County line.

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