

GOVERNMENT: Record \$9.6 million fine for Third Coast after substantial oil spill in Gulf of Mexico » A3

G A L V E S T O N C O U N T Y

The Daily News.

TEXAS' OLDEST NEWSPAPER • PUBLISHING SINCE 1842 • CELEBRATING 183 YEARS

POLICE | ILLEGAL GAMBLING RAIDS

Early-morning gambling raids lead to seizures, arrests

By COREY GREINEISEN
The Daily News

» GALVESTON

Galveston police executed several search warrants early Tuesday as part of an investigation, seizing gaming machines, cash and electronic records and taking several people into custody, officials said.

Warrants were executed simultaneously at five commercial businesses and four private residences, according to

preliminary information from Galveston Police Department.

While police initially declined to name the businesses involved, investigative activity early Tuesday was observed at multiple locations along 61st Street, including suites 101, 104 and 108A at 2115 61st St., as well as at Happy Buddha and A&M Grocery, according to information confirmed by authorities and activity observed at the scenes.

See RAIDS » A7



COREY GREINEISEN/
The Daily News

During the searches, officers seized a significant number of illegal “eight-liner” gaming machines, an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency, and electronic records, the police department said.

EDUCATION | BALL HIGH SCHOOL NORTH CAMPUS

New Ball High brings cutting-edge campus to students



JENNIFER REYNOLDS/The Daily News

Galveston Independent School District Superintendent Matthew Neighbors, center, points out features around the cafeteria to Bert Bagley, left, and School board trustee Ann Masel during a tour of the new Ball High School North campus Tuesday.



JENNIFER REYNOLDS/The Daily News

Construction continues on the exterior of the Ball High School North campus Tuesday as workers push to finish projects before a ribbon cutting Monday and opening to students Tuesday.

By DAVID MERCADO
The Daily News

» GALVESTON

Ball High School North opens Tuesday, replacing decades-old classrooms with flexible spaces built for modern instruction, safety and student collaboration, officials said.

The campus is the first phase of Galveston ISD’s long-term plan to modernize Ball High School, funded by a \$315 million bond voters approved in May 2022. Ball High North — which is north across Avenue O

See BALL HIGH » A6

THIS WEEK

Experts provide insight and possible solutions to Galveston’s downtown parking problems.



TOURISM | ‘SHOULDER SEASON’

Parks Board ramps up shoulder season efforts

By MASON H. LERNER
The Daily News

» GALVESTON

As primetime for the tourism season winds down, the Park Board of Trustees has shifted its focus to the shoulder season — a slower winter stretch during which it hopes to fill hotel rooms

through sports tournaments and corporate groups.

“If we’ve got our responsible tourism hat on, we want to try and spread those visitors around the whole year,” Tony Lyle, executive director of Visit Galveston, said.

See TOURISM » A7



STUART VILLANUEVA/The Daily News

Alvin residents Tony Colangelo, and his son, Miles, 2, play in the sand on the quiet shores of Stewart Beach in Galveston on Tuesday.

LAWSUIT | FREE SPEECH RIGHTS

Union suing Texas’ education agency for investigating teachers over posts about Charlie Kirk

By JOHN HANNA
Associated Press

A Texas teachers union sued the state’s education department on Tuesday, accusing it of an improper “wave of retaliation” against public school employees over their social media comments following the assassination of conservative political activist Charlie Kirk.



CHARLIE KIRK

ath, because they directed local school districts to document

The lawsuit says the free speech rights of teachers and other school staff were violated by the Texas Education Agency and its commissioner, Mike Morath.

what the education agency described as “vile content” posted online after Kirk’s fatal shooting in September.

Despite calls for civility, some people who criticized Kirk after his death have drawn backlash from Republicans seeking to punish anyone they believe dishonored him.

See TEACHERS » A7

GOVERNMENT | CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Texas congresswoman wants legal status for migrant workers in struggling construction industry

By BERENICE GARCIA
The Texas Tribune

U.S. Rep. Monica De La Cruz promised to explore new ways for migrants to work legally in the construction industry.

The Edinburg Republican announced on Monday her plans to meet with the U.S. Department of Labor, after South Texas builders



MONICA DE LA CRUZ

voiced frustration with how immigration arrests at construction sites were negatively impacting their industry. De La Cruz suggested

See WORKERS » A7

