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THURSDAY



### IN THE STARS

#### EVENTS

##### THUR. NOV. 11 Crosby Football Playoff Game

Crosby vs Houston Madison; football playoffs home game; Cougar Stadium; 7pm. (tickets will go on sale Monday, November 8th on the district athletics page)

##### THUR. NOV. 11 Highlands Chamber Lunch

Join us this Thursday for a pot-luck luncheon! Bring your favorite dish or make a donation to the food basket.

12 noon, Thursday, November 11th  
San Jacinto Community Center, 604 Highlands Woods Drive, \$15 with RSVP or call 713-851-5746

We are collecting goods from the list below and monetary donations for the turkeys. Drop off food items to the San Jacinto Community Center Woodforest National Bank- Highlands Branch Snap Fitness- Highlands location

We are collecting food through November 18th. Boxes of food and pantry items will be prepared for 85 families from our local schools.

##### THUR. NOV. 18 Crosby/Huffman Chamber Lunch

November Monthly Luncheon

You are invited to attend our November Luncheon. The luncheon will take place on Thursday, November 18th at Crosby Church. The address is 5725 Hwy 90, Crosby, Texas 77532. Lunch will be catered by TEAPOT DEPOT and will begin at 11:30am. We will have a traditional turkey and ham dinner. The price for our luncheon is \$20.00.

Please RSVP by November 16th. You can call 281-328-6984, email [chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org](mailto:chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org)

## Memorial Luminaires on display at San Jacinto Monument site on Nov. 13

Drive-thru event honors fallen Veterans



La Porte, TX – The inaugural Texas Memorial Illumination at San Jacinto will take place November 13, 2021, on the grounds of the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. Volunteers will be placing 21,500 luminaries on the battlefield and steps of the San Jacinto Memorial Monument. The luminaries represent Texans who have given their lives in armed conflict from the Texas Revolution through Afghanistan. Each luminary tells the story that freedom is not free.

The Texas Memorial Illumination at San Jacinto will be held on the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site One Monument Circle, La Porte TX. In remembrance of Texans

who have lost their lives in armed conflict 21,500 luminaries will be lit in on the battlefield and monument. On just this one night, come and experience the battleground anew. The park opens to the

public at 6 p.m. and stays open till 12 a.m. You will be led through the battleground with luminaries lighting the way. This event is a free drive-through family event. Come and experience a re-

newed sense of patriotism as the luminaries tell the story that freedom is not free.

The Houston area is proud to be the home of this significant battleground where the results

of a battle in 1836 changed the course of a nation. It is only fitting that such a unique remembrance be held on its grounds. No other battleground in Texas holds such an evening of inspiration. More than 900 volunteers from around the Houston region and beyond will come to honor those who served by serving themselves. On October 30 they will gather and build the 21,500 luminary bags for safekeeping until the sunrise of November 13. At that time teams of volunteers will place them on the battleground ready to be lit just prior to sunset. A Sunset Ceremony for the

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## Crosby ISD hosting pediatric COVID vaccine clinic

Crosby ISD is partnering with Harris County Public Health to offer free COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5 to 11 at an upcoming clinic. Pediatric nurses and technicians will administer the Pfizer vaccine. Pfizer is a two-dose vaccine. The second doses will be scheduled for 21 days later. There is no cost.

The free pediatric vaccine clinic will be open for two days to make it as convenient as possible for families. The dates and times are: Friday, November 12, 10am-6pm and Saturday, November 13, 10am-6pm. The clinic will be located at Crosby Elementary School, 14705 FM 2100, Crosby, TX 77532. Parents/guardians are required to accompany their children to the clinic.

You can make appointments now through the Harris County vaccine portal: <https://vacstrac.hctx.net/landing>. Walk-ins are also welcome, but again, we request parents/guardians accompany their children to the clinic. There will be additional adult-sized doses available for those who are 12 and older who would also like to receive a vaccine. To speed up the sign-in process, please download a waiver and consent form from this webpage. [www.crosbyisd.org/vaccines](http://www.crosbyisd.org/vaccines)



### CROSBY PLAY-OFF BOUND

2021 District Champions! The Crosby Cougars are District 12-5A D2 champs. Undefeated in District play. The road to the playoffs begins now. Cougar Pride!

## Goose Creek hosts CTE Association luncheon; student chefs prepare Chinese fare

BAYTOWN – Beautifully arranged bamboo plants, created by students from the Stuart Career Technical High School Floral Design program, adorned tables for the November 5th Gulf Coast CTE Association's monthly meeting and luncheon. Students from the Culinary Arts program prepared a spread fit for an avid lover of Chinese food.

CTE administrators from Alvin to Waller ISD and everywhere in between dined on a culinary feast of eggrolls, crab wontons, fried rice, beef and broccoli and orange chicken in traditional Chinese takeout boxes. Culinary Arts teacher, Chef Kylie Sobczak, was extremely proud of her stu-



Superintendent Randal O'Brien welcomes CTE guests, explains Goose Creek CTE program

dents. "Our students have worked hard over the past few days to prepare meals we hope that you all will enjoy," she said. "Chinese food is a staple in the U.S. and we are so excited for you to experience the stu-

dents' cooking skills on National Chinese Takeout Day." Dr. Cap Roder, SCTHS principal proudly boasted about his students, "All of these students that prepared today's menu (Chef 313)

will finish their 41-hour dual-credit certification with Lee College this May," he said. "Some of them are steps away from receiving their degree!"

Dr. Demetrius McCall, Deputy Superintendent, introduced district and campus administrators and welcomed guests to the district. "We are truly serious about our mission on growing giants in our district by providing them opportunities to be successful beyond their high school years," he said. "Dr. O'Brien has made it very clear that he wants our students to have a diploma in one hand and something else in the other. Dual

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### CUIC Christmas Market Saturday

The Christmas spirit is riding high in Crosby at CUIC (Churches United in Caring) Thrift Shop and Assistance Center. Each year the Assistance Center provides Christmas food and toys for clients of the Center. To provide funds for that distribution, there are some annual sales and the fifth annual Christmas Market will be Saturday, November 13, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Crosby United Methodist Church, 1334 Runneburg Rd, Crosby, Texas.

Year-long donations of new and gently used Christmas cards, decorations, trees, lights, you name it, will be sold at garage sale prices and all of the proceeds go to buy food and toys for those in need. Please help the Crosby and Huffman communities by attending this sale.

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COUNTY CONNECTION

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo



## Essential to get our Children vaccinated

So many Harris County residents who have gotten vaccinated still have feelings of anxiety about COVID, and it's understandable. Children under the age of 12 have been ineligible to receive the vaccine and remained unprotected from this pandemic that has taken so many lives. This week finally marks the end of the wait — the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have approved the vaccine for kids ages 5 to 11, an essential piece of our response to COVID-19 that is long overdue.

And, though many parents are eager to get their children vaccinated, others may still be hesitant. Parents should know that the vaccine is safe — the side effects adults have experienced, like a short-lived fever and cold-like symptoms, are less likely to affect kids. It's also effective — it has a 90% effectiveness rate in preventing children ages 5 through 11 from contracting COVID-19. Although younger children are less likely to be hospitalized or lose their lives from the virus, they can still suffer from various long-term effects of COVID-19. If you want to protect your kids from getting sick from COVID-19, there is no reason to delay signing up for this vaccine.

So, let's celebrate all of our hard work to get Harris County vaccinated and last week's downgrade in Harris County's threat level to Level 2: Orange by getting all eligible Harris County children vaccinated. To sign up, check first if your pediatrician is offering appointments. If not, you can check with your local pharmacy or sign up for an appointment through Harris County Public Health by calling 832-927-8787 or registering at ReadyHarris.org.

This is a huge leap in our fight to return to normalcy — let's give our children the protection they deserve and the chance for a childhood where they can go to school without masks, hug their friends, share their toys, and see their teachers and friends' smiling faces, without worries about the virus.

Sincerely,  
Lina Hidalgo



## County funds Summer study programs for 3,480 youths

Children should never stop learning, even over the summer and during a pandemic. In March 2021, Commissioners Court approved \$712,250 from the COVID Response and Recovery Fund to fund the County Connections Youth Summer Initiative under the Harris County Department of Education (HCDE).

County Connections used this funding to support nonprofit organizations that provide comprehensive summer programs, short term projects, and summer camps hosted in-person or virtually from a variety of locations including schools, community centers, apartment complexes and churches.

In total, 43 organizations received funding to serve 3,480 students at 99 sites across the County. Grants were awarded to several local nonprofits, including FORGE for Families, SHAPE Community Center, the Art League of Houston, and the Houston Tennis Association, and were used to provide program content and materials to youth as well as 54 full or partial scholarships to help families pay for summer services.

For more information visit the Harris County Department of Education's Center for After-school, Summer, and Enrichment here.

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MOST POPULAR HALLOWEEN CANDIES

1. Skittles

2. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

3. M&Ms

4. Snickers

5. Starburst

6. Candy Corn

7. Hot Tamales

8. Tootsie Pops

9. Sour Patch Kids

10. Hershey Bar

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



## State lost 616,000 jobs during the Pandemic

The annual cash report from the state comptroller outlines the economic damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. From August 2019 to August 2020, the state's economy lost 616,600 non-farm jobs, largely from the economic aftershocks of the pandemic and a drop in energy prices. However, sales tax collections, a major part of the state's revenue, increased two-tenths of a percent in 2020 because of increases in retail spending that offset declines in oil and gas-related sectors.

Sales tax collections comprise nearly 60% of the state's total revenues, according to the comptroller's office.

### WORKPLACE INJURIES, ILLNESSES DECLINE IN TEXAS

The incidence rate of nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses reported in Texas for 2020 dropped to its lowest rate in a decade, at 2.0 per 100 full time workers. That compares favorably to the national rate of 2.7 incidence rates per 100 workers.

The report was compiled by the Texas Department of Insurance. In 2020, a total of 178,600 cases of workplace injury or illness were reported by Texas employers. The highest incident rates were reported in the health-care sector, followed by agriculture and other outdoor-related occupations.

### PREVENTING WILDFIRES DURING HUNTING SEASON

Dry weather and increasing drought conditions have prompted Texas A&M Forest Service officials to urge Texans to be mindful of activities that may cause a wildfire during the major hunting seasons now underway.

"Drought or freeze-dried grasses provide a



very receptive medium for an accidental wildfire ignition and dead grass will readily ignite under a wide range of weather conditions," said Brad Smith of the forest service. "An additional factor that will contribute to the difficulty of extinguishing a fire burning in dead grass this year is that there is a lot of grass on the landscape due to above-normal rainfall observed over much of the state during this year's growing season."

Nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by humans. The TFS reports that nearly two-thirds of wildfires that occur during hunting season are caused by debris burning and equipment use, such as parking in dry grass and dragging trailer chains.

### SNAP BENEFITS AGAIN EXTENDED

Once again, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is allowing the state to extend the maximum allowable amount of emergency food benefits in November. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is providing more than \$310 million to the state, allowing all SNAP households to receive a minimum of \$95 in emergency allotments in addition to their regular amount.

SNAP is administered in Texas by the Texas

Health and Human Services Commission. Texans in need of such benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, can apply at Your Texas Benefits.com.

### COMMUNITY COLLEGES RECEIVE STATE GRANTS

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recently awarded \$26 million in grants to 46 community colleges across Texas to support students affected by COVID-19. The grants, a result of a bill passed during the legislative session, can be used to create or expand workforce training programs in occupational areas with high demand.

"The COVID-19 pandemic clearly demonstrated how quickly specific jobs and necessary skills can change. We need to get our Texas students and displaced workers onto a fast track to lasting careers that equip them for greater economic mobility," said Harrison Keller, higher education commissioner.

More than 80% of the state's qualified two-year institutions received funding.

### STATE GETS 1.3 MILLION PEDIATRIC DOSES OF VACCINE

The state is receiving more than 1.3 million doses of Pfizer's pediatric vaccine this week, which is being shipped to more than 900 providers across the state. The doses, which come in a different formulation than the vaccine approved for adults, are intended for children between the ages of 5 and 11. The federal Food and Drug Administration recently approved the emergency use of the pediatric vaccine.

New cases of COVID-19 continue to drop statewide, with 22,023 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in the past week. New deaths stood at 775, also a marked decrease.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations dropped to 2,949, down by more than half from a month ago, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Meanwhile, 15.54 million Texans are fully vaccinated, which is 53.3% of the state's population. In addition, 1.76 million Texans have received an additional dose of the vaccine.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

## Holiday Rumors

I have been studying up on frightening holiday rumors and found some surprises.

There is apparently no evidence that any child has ever been poisoned by a Halloween treat.

This is according to the New York Times, which investigated it. There was one case of a dentist in California who handed out laxative pills as Halloween candy. That was certainly a terrible thing to do, but not life threatening. There was a single case of a razor blade found in Halloween candy, but it was later discovered to have been put there by the mother who reported it.

Thanksgiving turkey does not make us terribly sleepy. There is no more tryptophan in turkey than there is in chicken or beef. Nuts and cheese have more.

Christmas poinsettias do not poison dogs or cats.

This one I already knew because, years ago, I had a botanist friend, Diane, who owned a greenhouse and she would read the annual Christmas poinsettia warnings and soothe. Over the years, a number of dogs have been brought into the vet with reported cases of poinsettia poisoning but, in every case, the dog apparently ate something other than poinsettias that made them ill.

Every year, Diane would write to the newspapers that printed the warnings, and every year the warnings would reappear. I'm not sure which bothered Diane more—the spread of false botanical information or the subsequent loss of poinsettia sales.

I'm sure there are many more of these troubling seasonal rumors. We like traditions over the holidays and, along with our traditional foods and traditional fun, we need a few traditional fears.

We need to worry about sticking our tongue on a frozen flagpole (who does this?) or eating lead tinsel, or consuming raw eggs in our eggnog. Peace on Earth is all well and good, but there has to be something to worry about.

This year, everyone is worried about the supply chain. Maybe we won't get all the Christmas stuff we need when we need it. Maybe there'll be a blizzard or a rare winter hurricane. Maybe we'll get stuck in the airport or on the highway or in bed. There's a lot to worry about.

I'd like to start a new tradition and give up a few of my worries.

I'm not going to worry if there will be enough stuff to buy or how many calories are in the Christmas cookies (they're so small, after all!) I'm even going to let go of some of my worries for the country and the world—not because there aren't real things to worry about, but because my worrying is unlikely to make anything any better.

Instead, while my newsfeed continues to fill with doom and gloom and rumors that things are bad and getting worse by the day, I'm going to spread holiday rumors of widespread goodwill and contentment.

I'm going to surprise myself every day with the assurance that I have enough. I'm going to pamper myself with long conversations with my sister and treat myself to extra time with my parents. I'm going to lavish the people I care about with thoughtful words and generous smiles. I'm going to hand out kindness to strangers I meet on the street. I'm going to try to remember that my presence can be a present—if I choose to make it so.

I can't stop dire rumors from spreading, but maybe I can counteract some of them with positive news and kind actions and happy thoughts. I know it's not newsworthy, but it might make for a very nice holiday tradition.

Till next time,  
Carrie  
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## ON THE HILL

### Barbers Hill High School FOOD DRIVE

BHISD Fall Food Drive  
November 1-11

Little by little, a little becomes a lot!

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

vienna sausage  
tuna  
cereal  
peanut butter  
ravioli  
soup  
instant potatoes  
canned fruit  
carrots  
corn bread mix  
pancake mix  
syrup  
chips  
mac and cheese  
Snack size: cookies, chips, crackers, granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.  
The pantry is thankful for all donations but currently does not need green beans or corn.

Drop off items in front of the library.  
All donations help stock the West Chambers County Food Pantry located at the Mont Belvieu First United Methodist Church.

### Flu shots available in Chambers

Get your flu vaccine through Chambers County Public Health FOR \$15.

Vaccines are available throughout the County on the following schedule.

**WINNIE**  
108 E Fear RdWinnie, TX  
77665 409-267-2651  
October 6, 2021:8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
October 20, 2021:8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
November 3, 2021:8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
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Due to the high rate of COVID-19 transmission in Chambers County, patients and family members are strongly encouraged to social distance, wear face coverings and follow other safety measures.

## Aspen Institute Names Lee College Eligible for 2023 Aspen Prize

*\$1 Million Prize Recognizes Excellence in Equitable Outcomes*

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 2, 2021 — Today, the Aspen Institute named Lee College one of the 150 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. The colleges selected for this honor stand out among more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide as having high and improving levels of student success as well as equitable outcomes for Black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income backgrounds.

The 150 eligible colleges have been invited to submit data and narratives as the next steps in an intensive data and practice review process, culminating in the announcement of the Prize winner in spring 2023.

"We are honored to be named to this prestigious list of remarkable institutions throughout the United States who are dedicated to serving all students regardless of their background," said

Lee College President Dr. Lynda Villanueva. "To be recognized for our focus on student success and equity by the Aspen Institute is a testament to our strategic vision, and the substantial effort our college has invested in making that vision a reality."

The Aspen Prize spotlights exemplary community colleges in order to elevate the sector, drive attention to colleges doing the best work, and discover and share highly effective student success and equity strategies. Since 2010, Aspen has chosen to focus intensively on community colleges because they are—as First Lady Dr. Jill Biden stated at the 2021 Aspen Prize ceremony—"a powerful engine of prosperity."

But student outcomes vary enormously among community colleges, and improving those outcomes is essential to securing our nation's economic future, strengthening communities, and ensuring that diverse populations experience economic mobility and prosperity. With these goals in mind, the Aspen Prize honors colleges with outstanding

achievement in five critical areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce success, and equity for students of color and students from low-income backgrounds.

"In an era of persistent inequity and workforce talent gaps, our nation's best community colleges are stepping up to deliver more degrees to increasingly diverse students so they are prepared for the good jobs waiting to be filled," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "Leaders of exceptional community colleges understand that achieving excellence requires expanding college access and increasing degree completion, but it doesn't stop there. They are committed to ensuring that all students—including students of color and those from low-income backgrounds—graduate with the skills needed to secure a job with family-sustaining wages or successfully transfer to and graduate from a university. That same commitment that stands at the center of

the Aspen Prize: to advance the goals of social mobility and equitable talent development."

The eligible colleges represent the diversity and depth of the community college sector. Located in urban, rural, and suburban areas across 34 states, these colleges serve as few as 230 students and as many as 57,000. Winning colleges have ranged from smaller institutions serving rural community and smaller towns—including Lake Area Technical Institute (SD, 2017 Prize winner) and Walla Walla Community College (WA, 2013)—to large community colleges serving major metropolitan areas, including Miami Dade College (FL, 2019) and San Antonio College (TX, 2021).

For a full list of the top 150 eligible institutions and to read more on the selection process, visit [www.highered.aspeninstitute.org/aspen-prize](http://www.highered.aspeninstitute.org/aspen-prize).

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The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program aims to advance higher education practices, policies, and leadership that significantly improve student outcomes, especially for the growing population of low-income students and students of color on American campuses. For more information, visit [www.highered.aspeninstitute.org](http://www.highered.aspeninstitute.org) and [www.linkedin.com/showcase/aspenhighered](http://www.linkedin.com/showcase/aspenhighered), and follow @AspenHigherEd on Twitter. The Aspen Prize hashtag is #AspenPrize.

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### Houston Methodist Baytown

## Diabetes Education Prevents Serious Conditions

BAYTOWN — (October 29, 2021) — With an estimated 30 million children and adults in the U.S. diagnosed with diabetes among the 415 million adults worldwide affected by the disease, Jennifer Litaker, RD, LD, CDCES, diabetes educator at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, said learning your risk factors is vital.

"Early diagnosis is critical to successful treatment and delaying or preventing some of the complications of type 2 diabetes, including heart disease, blindness, kidney disease, stroke, amputation and death," Litaker said.

With November designated as National Diabetes Month, Litaker says there's no better time to gain more information on the possible causes and risk factors of diabetes, as well as prevention and treatment options.

Houston Methodist Baytown's Diabetes Education Program is recognized by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) for quality self-management education. It is designed to individualize a treatment plan that diabetes patients can use to manage the disease and improve their health.

Patients at HMB receive extensive education on diabetes management in one-on-one appointments that educate them on how to manage the disease through blood glucose monitoring, healthy eating, being active, taking medications (as applicable) and healthy coping. Diabetes risk factors include being overweight, over the age of 45, and leading a sedentary lifestyle. African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and people who have a family history of the disease are at highest risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

"Working with your diabetes team helps you effectively manage the disease, keep up with advances in care and prevent serious complications," Litaker said. "You should collaborate to tailor a pro-

gram you can follow throughout the year."

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital serves as a sponsor of the annual JDRF Gala, "Wild About a Cure," scheduled for January 15, 2022 at Houston's Royal Sonesta Hotel. Featuring dinner, a silent auction and dancing, the event benefits the JDRF's mission of supporting diabetes patients and their families by funding research into new therapies and community programs. This year's honoree is Shane Clausen. For information on sponsorship opportunities and tickets, contact Laurie Terry, Houston Methodist Baytown director of business development, at 281-420-8459, or [laterry@houstonmethodist.org](mailto:laterry@houstonmethodist.org).

For more information on the full range of services provided by Houston Methodist Baytown's Diabetes Education Program, call 281-420-8525.

Houston Methodist Baytown is designated as a COVID-19 vaccine hub and provides first dose shots as well as boosters for those meeting FDA and CDC guidelines. Vaccines are open to everyone age 16 and older. Walk-ins are welcome, but you may also schedule an appointment by visiting [houstonmethodist.org/vaccine](http://houstonmethodist.org/vaccine).



### Close the Gate

Gates are a reality in Texas. They protect neighborhoods and our many industrial plants, of course, and anyone who has driven anywhere around here knows they help keep things running right on a ranch. Fences keep the livestock from roaming where they don't need to be, and gates make the way for us to move through those fences. We maintain our gates so they open and close with ease. We ensure they're stable. We may even lock them to keep out people who have no right to come on our property.

Ranching tradition says the person riding shotgun opens and closes the gate. As a kid this can seem like a high honor; and it is, because it's a great responsibility. Opening that gate so a truck can drive through is important, but even more important than opening the gate is shutting it securely. No one wants to discover that half his herd has changed pastures due to an open gate, so even if he lets his young son handle the gate, the driver will surely have one eye on it to confirm it's closed before pulling away.

We also have gates in our lives. We set up boundaries like fences to keep evil out, but in those fences there are gates that we have to keep closed. Sometimes we forget, and bad thoughts slip in. That's when the Word's command to cast down "arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5) comes into play. We must capture those thoughts, cast them out of our mental pasture, and shut the gate.

The same holds true for temptation of any kind. Leave a gate open, and temptation will proudly walk through it. Give it free range in your mental pasture for a while, and you'll find it growing increasingly strong. Fail to kick out the first temptation, firmly closing the gate behind it, and more will surely follow. James 1:14-15 says "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."

Temptation uncontrolled leads to sin, and sin is insidious. No matter how much we might like to excuse ourselves with ridiculous statements like "The Devil made me do it," we don't just fall into sin; we let it creep in, we entertain it, and we allow it to grow, foolishly thinking that it's no big deal. It is a big deal, and it's a deal that will get bigger.

Like the thoughtful rancher, we must be vigilant, keeping constant watch on our own spiritual conditions, and we must be quick to repent when we catch ourselves going the wrong way. We have the power to do it when we walk in the Spirit! "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish." Galatians 5:16-17.

We must be like that careful rancher. Walk in the Spirit and keep the gate closed.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT  
FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010831001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Galena Park, P.O. Box 46, Galena Park, Texas 77547, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010831001, to authorize less stringent effluent limitations for metals limits in the permit. The current permit authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at an annual average flow not to exceed 1,250,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on September 28, 2020.

The facility is located at 1107 5th Street, Galena Park, in Harris County, Texas 77547. The treated effluent is discharged to the Panther Creek portion of the Houston Ship Channel/Buffalo Bayou Tidal in Segment No. 1007 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 1007 are navigation and industrial water supply. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.  
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The TCEQ Executive Director has reviewed this action for consistency with the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) goals and policies in accordance with the regulations of the Texas General Land Office and has determined that the action is consistent with the applicable CMP goals and policies.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Galena Park City Hall, 2000 Clinton Drive, Galena Park, Texas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application.** The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:** your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/) within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.**

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE.** For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid). Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.


**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep). Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Galena Park at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Mark Havran, P.E., LJA Engineering, Inc., at 713-657-6014.


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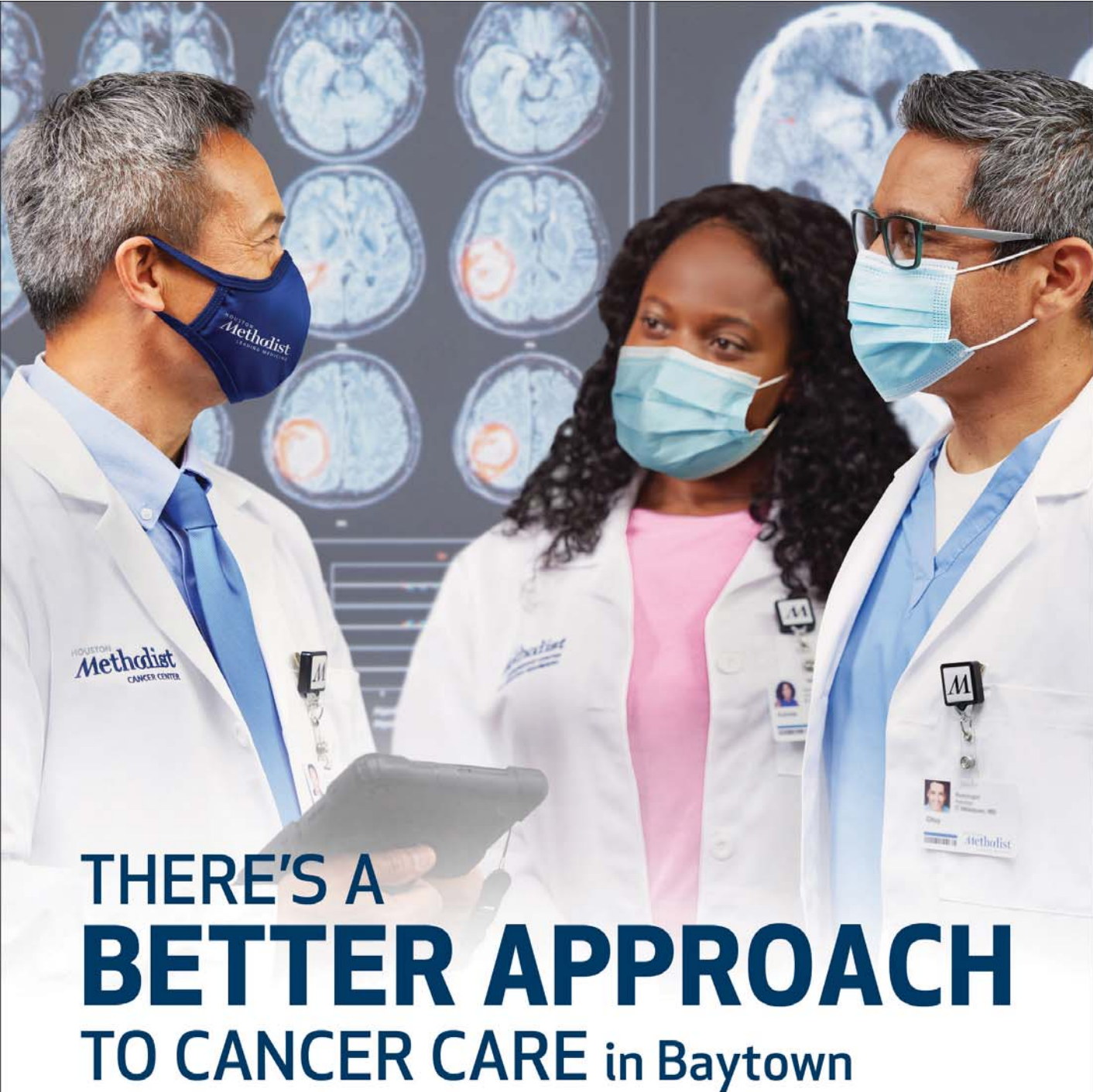
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