

Soldier Visits Home

This past July 18-24, Joey, Amy and baby Natalie Sommerlatte made a visit to Eagle Lake to visit Joey's parents and sister, Pedro, Hortencia and Stephanie while on a two-week leave from Iraq.

A party was held in their honor at Mentz Hall on the 22nd. On the 23rd, Grandpa Pedro treated them to Natalie's first Ringling Brother's Circus at Reliant Stadium. On the 24th, they flew back to Seattle and Joey left back to Iraq on August 1. His tour should be ending in October. Keep him and all our service personnel in your prayers.

Ulrich Celebrates 90th Birthday

Pearl Meitzen Ulrich is having a lot of fun celebrating her 90th birthday.

The real date is Aug. 19, but on Tuesday, Aug. 8, a special birthday luncheon and afternoon of bridge was held for Pearl at the home of Anna Lee Higgins.

One of Pearl's favorite activities is playing bridge. She has been a member of the Thursday Afternoon Club, that plays every Thursday and the Tuesday Afternoon Club that plays every other Tuesday for many, many years.

She is still a very talented and competitive card player and a famous quote, "It is in the book". Very little argument.

The two clubs joined together and gave the luncheon, and presented Pearl with a beautiful beaded purse that she can take with her when she and Chuck go dancing.



Pearl Meitzen Ulrich

Pearl is a very active and pretty lady at the age of 90. We wish her a good and healthy year to come.

WCJC Now Enrolling For Computer Networking

Enrollment is now open at Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) for classes that prepare students to work in computer support and computer networking — jobs which federal analysts predict will grow rapidly through 2014.

As a prestigious member of the Cisco Networking Academy® Program, WCJC teaches students how to design, install and maintain computer networks and prepares them for industry standard certifications. Upon completion of the Cisco Router Network Certificate program — which can be completed in as little as one year — students are eligible to take the national Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certification test and the Network + Certification test.

Students who desire to increase their employability can apply their Cisco courses to an Associate of Applied Science in Computer Science: Network Administrator degree according to WCJC Engineering Technol-

ogy Program Director Donna Schilling.

Regardless of which training students pursue, they receive instruction via classroom teachings, online simulations, hands-on exercises and optional internships. Training enables students to support LAN, WAN, Internet and Intranet systems.

"Our classes are better than a boot camp because they're more affordable and students spend more time working on real Cisco routers in functional labs with the newest technologies," said Schilling.

Hurley Johnson owns Rosenberg-based All-Tex Networking Solutions. He employs WCJC graduates and students from both the Cisco and network administrator programs because "they get good basic training at the college."

Johnson, whose company works predominantly with smaller Gulf Coast area school districts, echoes the federal analysts' prediction of rapid job growth for

computer support specialists and network administrators.

"Back when schools had a computer lab and they weren't connected to the Internet and didn't have to worry about viruses, it was okay for the librarian or computer teacher to oversee the computers. As technologies have grown and speeds have increased, the smaller school districts have had to outsource."

Typical jobs for All-Tex include the design, installation and maintenance of complete computer networks with servers, security and voice IP/phones. Cisco certifications, representing increasing levels of expertise, are available in each of these specialty areas. Generally, more certifications mean increased pay.

According to Robert Half International, starting salaries for computer support specialists in 2005 ranged from \$26,250 to \$53,750 for help-desk and technical support staff and from \$44,500 to \$63,250 for more senior technical support specialists. For systems administrators, starting salaries ranged from \$47,250 to \$70,500.

The Texas Workforce Commission reports the statewide average hourly wage in 2004 for computer support specialists as \$20.27 per hour. This is slightly below the average of \$20.52 per hour for the Gulf Coast area, a

figure that Schilling said is typical for WCJC graduates with experience.

The WCJC classes for the Cisco Router Network Certificate and the AAS degree in computer science are offered at the college's Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond. Walk-in registration is available weekdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. or anytime at www.wcjc.edu. Classes begin Monday, Aug. 28.

For additional information about the Cisco Networking Academy, or the AAS degree that focuses on computer networking, contact Donna Schilling at 281.239.1567 or 1.800.561.9252, ext. 1567 or WCJC Division Chair for Technology & Business Stephanie Dees at 979.532.6334 or 1.800.561.9252, ext. 6334. Schilling and Dees may also be reached via email at dschilling@wcjc.edu or stephanied@wcjc.edu.

Farm Bureau Slates Leadership Program

Instilling desirable leadership traits in those who will guide Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) and the agriculture industry is the purpose of organization's AgLead program, unveiled in August 1992, according to Gerald Heintschel of Columbus, president of Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB).

According to Gerald, the two-year AgLead program is designed to groom future agricultural leaders by providing them with valuable information, leadership

tools and the unique opportunity to view agriculture from a global perspective.

The AgLead program is open to FB members between the ages of 25 and 40 who derive their primary income from production agriculture. Eligible members may apply through their county FB, Gerald said.

Financing is primarily provided by TFB with the participant's county FB and the participant, or sponsor, contributing \$1,000 each.

HEB To Hold Meet The Stars Contest

Who hasn't dreamed of meeting their favorite sports icon?

H-E-B is giving its customers that chance with the H-E-B Grill Team Party Sweepstakes, running Aug. 9 through Sept. 6, 2006.

H-E-B customers can enter by simply heading to their participating neighborhood H-E-B store, or visiting www.heb.com.

The grand prize is a BBQ Grill Party hosted by H-E-B for one lucky customer and up to 20 of his/her closest friends. Featuring a grand appearance by one or more of H-E-B's Grill Team,

Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and David Carr, the party will include food and beverages selected by H-E-B.

The much-anticipated announcement of the winner will be made on Friday, Sept. 15, 2006.

"H-E-B is known for serving up Texas traditions, and what better way to do that than a BBQ party with three Texas sports icons — Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and David Carr," said Winell Heron, group vice president of public affairs and diversity for H-E-B. "This promotion is just another way H-E-B is saying thank you to its customers and the communities it serves."

Customers can register by picking up an official entry form at any participating H-E-B store in the Market Department and mailing it to: H-E-B Grill Team Contest, P.O. Box 839999, San Antonio, Texas 78283-3999, or entering online at www.heb.com. Limit one entry per person during the promotional period.

Participating H-E-B stores are located in Houston, South Texas, Gulf Coast area and Central Texas.

The grand prize Grill Party will be held in Houston, Texas, with the date to be decided by H-E-B.

The winner will be picked in a random drawing conducted by H-E-B.

The winner need not be present at the drawing. The contest details are also available online.



The 46th Annual Vocational Nursing Graduation ceremonies were held at The Victoria College on Friday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Victoria College Auditorium. Among those graduates was Kimberly Nicole Denley who graduated Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors) and she was also the Valedictorian of the class.

Congratulations Kimberly on a job well done.

Community Softball League Schedule

The following is the Community Softball Schedule. All dates and times are contingent and may change at any time. Contact team managers for any changes.

Games will take place at 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. The same times follow for the five weeks of action.

The following are the dates and teams set to face each other:

Aug. 12, All-Dat vs. Energy; 6 Deep vs. Blue Eagles; and E.G. Posse vs. ROJK.

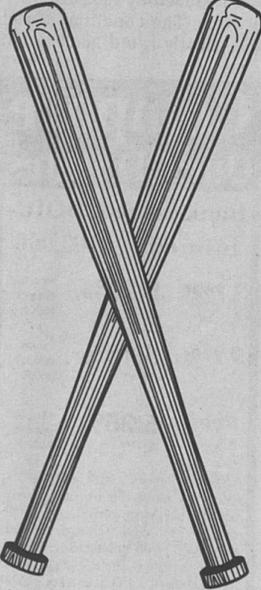
Aug. 19, Blue Eagles vs. E.G. Posse; ROJK vs. Energy; All-Dat vs. 6 Deep.

Aug. 26, 6 Deep vs. ROJK; E.G. Posse vs. All-Dat; Energy vs. Blue Eagles.

Sept. 2, All-Dat vs. Blue Eagles; 6 Deep vs. Energy; and E.G. Posse vs. ROKJ.

Sept. 16, ROKJ vs. Blue Eagles; E.G. Posse vs. 6 Deep; and All-Dat vs. Energy.

The Play-offs will be held Sept. 29-30. Teams and times will be announced at a later date.



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