



Dr. Beth Dennard of Bright Futures Consulting, explains her college guidance services to the members of the Nicholas family during her new office grand opening. They are, from left, Teka Nicholas, Jasmine Nicholas, Dennard, Kyena Nicholas and Frederick Nicholas

Bright Futures in new office

Dr. Beth Dennard of Bright Futures Consulting, the Bay Area's first college consulting practice, has opened her new office in Clear Lake and expanded her consulting practice by adding two highly qualified associates to serve more students and their families.

For the past seven years she has offered personalized college planning services to nearly 300 students.

Now, with a larger office and experienced assistants, more students can receive high-quality personalized college planning at the new location at 940 Gemini in Suite 250.

"The goals of Bright Futures Consulting remain the same: 100 percent client satisfaction and 100 percent completed college

applications by the deadline or earlier," she said. "I've visited over 200 colleges and universities and I have a sense of where a particular student will fit and succeed. I simplify the search, structure the application process and try to find 'best buy' colleges that families can afford. I also provide personalized guidance throughout the high school years to ensure students are prepared for college."

Students working one-on-one with her feel more confident and stay on track during the overwhelming, complicated college admissions process, she explained. "Parents are relieved and can relax without the stress that usually accompanies the application process."

Dennard started Bright



During the grand opening of Bright Futures Consulting in Clear Lake, Dr. Beth Dennard thanks University of Texas student Julie Davis, who painted the canvases for Dennard's new office.

Futures Consulting to give the personalized help that families need. She specializes in finding the right college at the right price and streamlines the process, guiding students from start to finish.

Pennington-Chen earns Coldwell Banker Kudos

Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corp. recently notified local real estate broker Nancy Chen, president of Coldwell Banker Pennington-Chen that her firm earned a spot in their Top 20 nationally for the months of March and for April.

"An accomplishment of this nature distinguishes Coldwell Banker Pennington-Chen as a shining example of dedication and exceptional performance for the 2,678 offices of the Coldwell Banker family," says Jim Gillespie, president of Coldwell Banker Real Estate.

Says Mrs. Chen, "We strive

to meet our client's needs, and we are also driven to meet our internal productivity standards. We are proud of this achievement, and we are equally proud of our Quality Service Certification customer satisfaction rating.

"The productivity rating says we are a significant player. The quality service rating says we do it well. That's what we are all about!"

Coldwell Banker Real Estate has 758 companies in the same size category competing for the Top 20 list.



NANCY CHEN

Citizen joining ad partnership

Suburban newspapers across the United States, including The Citizen, have created an advertising partnership developed to serve both readers and national businesses.

The Suburban Newspaper Association and 10 newspaper companies across the country have responded to requests from national advertisers in developing a network that allows advertisers to reach the highly desirable markets served by community newspapers.

The network, set to launch in August 2007, is designed to meet the needs of advertisers who, in the past, have had no single source through which they can place advertising in suburban newspapers.

"Media buyers have been telling us for years that our industry is difficult to buy; now we are removing that barrier," said Nancy Lane, president of SNA. "This alliance marks the first time that the community newspaper industry has collaborated on a project of this significance..."

ASP Westward, L.P., owner of The Citizen, along with 34 other newspapers in the Greater Houston area, 14 newspapers in the Denver suburbs and 16 rural community newspapers in East Texas, is one of the 10 founding members of the advertising network.

"We are pleased and proud to be a charter investor in this exciting venture," said Kevin Barry, CEO of ASP Westward. "It will make available to national advertisers great value through community newspapers, and do so in an efficient manner."

"We have been gratified at the response we have received from national retail advertisers regarding the effectiveness of our advertising programs, and look forward to reaching out to national customers and introducing them to our readers."

James Pollard, vice president of advertising and marketing for ASP Westward, believes this network of suburban newspapers will allow national advertisers an even easier method to reach their desired demographics.

"The importance of this network is significant," Pollard said. "It will provide national advertisers the ability to efficiently and effectively place advertising in these critically important suburban markets."



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26 Harris County cities that he serves."

Spacehab unit wins contracts

Spacehab commercial space services announced Thursday that its Astrotech Space Operations subsidiary has been awarded several satellite processing contracts, in both the commercial and government sectors, for a value of \$4.7 million.

The contracts involve several missions Astrotech is supporting – through the provision of such products and services as state of the art facilities, spacecraft fueling operations, and flight hardware transportation.

Area man takes part in event

With more stellar wines, delicious foods and outstanding chefs, Wine & Food Week at The Woodlands is quickly reaching national status.

Bob Vriend of Clear Lake, district manager for Constellation Wine, will be one of the participants in Wine Walk, Value Wines and Wine Rendezvous.

He also will introduce winemaker Ray McKee, who will be leading a seminar. Some 40 events are planned.

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For the safety of our patients and their families, all hospital visitors will be required to present a photo identification which will be scanned and checked against law enforcement lists and the Harris County Police Department's database. A SafePass photo ID card will then be issued to each visitor to wear while in the hospital. Bayshore will be the first Houston area hospital and the second hospital in Texas to implement this new system.

Our new visitation policy has been established to protect our patients and visitors against the spread of infections. Patients may receive only two visitors at a time, and children 12 years of age or younger will not be permitted above the first floor.

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