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## COMPANY NEWS

Block Construction has started construction of a 9,096-square-foot sanctuary for St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 3912 Gus Young Ave. The new facility will have seating for 300 parishioners and a choir area for an additional 50 people. The capacity will be almost double that of the current church. Sauviac + Dang Architectural Design is the architect. Block also began construction of a 27,000-square-foot indoor soccer facility, Premier Soccer Center, on La. 30 in St. Gabriel.

Daily Equipment Company, a Jackson, Miss.-based lift truck dealer, has broken ground on an 11,000-square-foot facility on Rome Drive in north Baton Rouge. The facility, which will have six service bays, will replace the nearby Berlin Drive location. The \$750,000 expansion, which is scheduled to be complete in late summer or early fall, is projected to increase the number of local employees from 15 to 24.

Earl K. Long Medical Center exceeded national and regional averages on an annual basis in the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems survey that summarizes inpatient perspectives on the quality of services. EKLMC excelled in pain management, communication with nurses and doctors, communication about medication, responsiveness of hospital staff, a quiet and clean hospital environment, discharge information, overall patient satisfaction, patients' willingness to recommend the hospital, and overall patient rating of hospital.

eQHealth Solutions has been selected by the Department of Health and Human Services to serve as a regional extension center for Health Information Technology in Mississippi. The selection comes from the nearly \$1 billion in federal Recovery Act awards designed to assist health-care providers adopt electronic medical records in their practices.

EXCEL Maintenance Services has been awarded contracts at Mosaic's Uncle Sam and Faustina production facilities. The agreement consolidates work previously performed by multiple contractors, including all aspects of maintenance, product handling, barge and ship dock operations, and unit operations.

Jones Walker will merge with Walston Wells & Birchall, a Birmingham, Ala.-based law firm, in a deal that is scheduled to take place on May 1. The merger will increase the number of Jones Walker attorneys in Birmingham from eight to 26. Jones Walker also will take over the Walston Wells office.

K-fx2, an Internet design firm, has launched Web sites for risk-strategy firm Louisiana Companies, [lacompanies.com](http://lacompanies.com), and Serta dealer Mattress Direct, [mdserta.com](http://mdserta.com).

La Capitol Federal Credit Union will operate the Credit Union Service Center in Siegen Village Shopping Center effective May 1. The center has been serving credit union members since July 1994. Users of the center will still be able to conduct their credit union business as usual after May 1.

MAPP Construction recently received a reference letter from former president George W. Bush for work the company performed on offices in the recently completed George W. Bush Foundation in Dallas. MAPP worked with Diane Linn of Linn & Associates Inc. to complete offices for the former president, former first lady Laura Bush and staff members within an extremely aggressive time frame while exceeding the expectations of this high-profile client.

## APPOINTMENTS/MEMBERSHIPS

The Baton Rouge Area Convention and Visitors Bureau has announced 2010 officers and members of its board of directors. Officers are: Claude Reynaud, chairman; Otis Washington, vice chairman; Andy Blouin, secretary/treasurer; and Leonard Wyatt, immediate past chairman. Members are: Jack Chapman, Peter Couhig, Maury Drummond, Jeff Holeman, Cherri Keischnick and Scott Wilson.

George Macintyre, managing director of Regent Pacific Management Corporation, has been named to the LSU Stephenson Entrepreneurship Institute's advisory board. San Francisco-based Regent Pacific Management is a 35-year-old professional services firm that specializes in change leadership, problem resolution and maximizing stakeholder value.

Guaranty Corporation has announced its board of directors for 2010. They are: Fran Foster Aslam, James C. Beakey Jr., Marjorie Malone Beakey, A. Bridger Eglin, Flynn D. Foster, Thomas E. Gibbens, Forrest E. Mills Jr., and Ben R. Ogletree Jr. Foster was elected director of Guaranty Income Life Insurance Company.

The Knock Knock Children's Museum has announced its 2010-11 executive officers. They are: Clarice "Cricket" Gordon, chair; Kelli Harton, vice chair; Dennis Blunt, secretary; and Bonnie Hunt, treasurer. Other board members are: Staci Duhé, John O. Hearin, Teresa Kleinhans, Rebecca Nelson, Brenda Perry, Ashley Shelton, Emily Smith and Kelli Stevens.

Perry Franklin, the president of Franklin Industries, a public, governmental, and environmental affairs firm, has been elected to a two-year term on the Baton Rouge General/General Health System's board of trustees.

Susanne C. Brenner, a professor in the LSU Department of Mathematics who holds a joint appointment with the LSU Center for Computation & Technology, has been named a Fellow of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. SIAM is the premier scholarly organization for advancing applied mathematics and computational mathematics. It counts mathematicians, computational scientists and engineers from around the world among its members, who together explore new ways of applying mathematics to science, technology and industry.

Tony Ravani, an entrepreneur and former executive of Microsoft and ExxonMobil, has been named to the LSU E.J. Ourso College of Business Dean's Advisory Council. Ravani will serve on the Globalization Committee.

## AWARDS/HONORS

ERA Stirling Properties has honored its top agents from the Baton Rouge market. Diamond Award winners [adjusted gross commission of \$225,000-\$399,999] are Julie Carlisle of Baton Rouge and Ginger Maulden of Ascension. Platinum Award winners [\$175,000-\$224,999] are Nancy Kemske, Jill Slicker, Kindra Fletcher and Cathi Williams, all of Baton Rouge. Gold Award winners [\$125,000-\$174,999] are Dane Daniel, Pat Meyer, David Richardson and Mel Landry, all of Baton Rouge. Silver Award winners [\$75,000-\$124,999] are James Fogle, Angela Jordan and Cindy LeBlanc, all of Baton Rouge. Bronze Award winners [\$50,000-\$74,999] are Kendra DeMars of Baton Rouge and Stacey Boudreaux of Ascension.

ERA Stirling Properties has received national recognition from global real estate leader ERA Franchise Systems for high total Adjusted Gross Commission achievement and for total residential units closed in 2009. With more than \$9.2 million in total AGC, and 1,714 residential units last year, ERA Stirling Properties ranked third in units and second in AGC among Division IV companies of comparable size. Nationally, Stirling Properties ranked sixth in units and fourth in AGC.

Four LSU service-learning faculty, staff and community partners received four awards at the 2010 Gulf-

South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement in Higher Education. Jan Shoemaker, director of LSU's Center for Community Engagement, Learning and Leadership, received the Outstanding Practitioner Contributions to Service-Learning Award; Marsha Cuddeback, co-founder and director of the Office of Community Design and Development in LSU's School of Architecture, was a co-recipient for Outstanding Faculty Contributions to Service-Learning Instruction; Joe Howell from Aramark Corporation in Baton Rouge, received the Outstanding Community Partner Contributions to Service-Learning award for his work with the LSU Community Playground Project along with biological engineering professor Marybeth Lima; and the partnership between LSU CCELL and Jennifer Williams from EveryBody Reads, a program of Volunteers in Public Schools, received the Outstanding Service-Learning Collaboration award for its work over the past nine years involving LSU service-learning students in reading partnerships with elementary school children.

The Louisiana Chapter of the FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association honored four people who promote a safer community through service projects and who educate businesses, labor, media, medical, minority, religious, government, senior citizens and others about law enforcement. They are: Matt Williams, outstanding service in journalism; Harry G. Brignac Sr., outstanding service in law enforcement; David Dugas, outstanding service in prosecution; and Donna Britt, outstanding service in civic activism.

Louisiana Economic Development has received two Internet Advertising Competition awards from the Web Marketing Association, which recognizes excellence in online advertising and marketing. In the government category, LED won in the Best Government Web site category, and its digital media online advertisement won in the Best Government Online ad category.

LSU has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service 2009 Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

LSU's Communication Across the Curriculum program has received the 2010 Program of Excellence Award by the Conference on College Composition and Communication, an association within the National Council of Teachers of English. The honor recognizes higher education programs that "imaginatively address the needs and opportunities of its students" through enhanced writing instruction.

Postlethwaite & Netterville has been named one of the top 100 firms in the U.S. by Accounting Today magazine. With more than \$35 million in net revenue, P&N ranked No. 85 in the country—up from No. 92 in 2009—and No. 7 in the Gulf Coast region. It is the only Louisiana firm on the list.

Stephanie Toups has been named the top sales adviser for lia sophia's Excellent Beginnings Program Achievers. Toups received the honor by attaining specific sales levels in the first 15 weeks.

Tiger TV, LSU's student-run television network, was recently honored by College Media Advisors Inc. with a David L. Adams Apple Award in Television Broadcast for Your Source, a public affairs program that serves as a tool for students and the LSU community to learn about a topic from its beginnings and offers solutions and options to improve or embrace it.