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**JOBS** Dozens of Acadiana's top employers will be recruiting and screening candidates at the Cajundome Convention Center Wednesday. Now in its 15th year, the LEDA Job Fair is the largest recruitment event in Acadiana. More than 80 companies have registered for the event, which will also include seminars on résumé writing, interviewing and following up on job leads. The job fair is free and no registration is required. For more information, visit [www.lafayette.org/jobfair](http://www.lafayette.org/jobfair).

**REAL ESTATE** There were 1,785 homes sold in the Acadiana market in first half of 2010, up 20 percent from the first half of 2009, according to a real estate report issued last week by ERA Stirling Properties. Newly built homes accounted for 28 percent of sales, with the average price of new construction at \$189,909. The report predicts the market will continue to be driven by the need for affordable housing. To view the report, visit [www.erastirling.com/research](http://www.erastirling.com/research).

**OIL AND GAS** A \$100 million grant fund has been set up for rig workers impacted by the BP oil spill and deepwater moratorium. Workers on the 33 rigs shut down by the drilling ban are eligible for payments of \$3,000-\$30,000, based on financial hardship. Deepwater rigs employed an estimated 9,000 people when the ban was enacted. The application period begins Sept. 1 and ends Sept. 30. For more information, call (866) 577-8141 or visit [rigreliefgrants.org](http://rigreliefgrants.org).

**TOURISM** The Juliet Hotel in Lafayette was named Best Small Hotel in the South in the July/August issue of AAA's Southern Traveler. The publication also listed Lafayette as the Best Small City for a Weekend Getaway. The 20-room Juliet is part of the Ascend Collection from Choice Hotels International, a network of 33 historic and boutique hotels in North America and the Caribbean. The Juliet is in the historic La Parisienne building on Jefferson Street.