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**Business Briefs for Aug. 16, 2009**

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Volunteers In Public Schools plans to host its first Partners in Education luncheon 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 15 at D'Jons Restaurant at 5255 Florida Blvd.

Superintendent Dilworth will discuss his vision for business participation in East Baton Rouge Parish public schools.

The bimonthly meetings are open to the public and will feature a speaker, a question-and-answer period and networking opportunities.

Meetings are aimed at informing business leaders on issues facing public education.

The cost of lunch is \$18. Reservations must be confirmed by Sept. 8 by calling VIPS at (225) 226-4706.

**New office**

Vass Pipe & Steel has opened an office at 12646 Jefferson Highway.

Vass distributes carbon steel line pipe to the chemical, petrochemical, offshore platform and drilling industries.

The phone number is (225) 755-8277 and the Web site is <http://www.vasspipe.com>.

**Real estate seminar**

A seminar on "The State of Real Estate in Louisiana" will be held 1-5 p.m. Aug. 25 at Juban's Restaurant at 3739 Perkins Road.

The Louisiana chapter of the Urban Land Institute and Jones Walker will be sponsoring the seminar.

Keynote speaker is economist and consultant Loren C. Scott, discussing Louisiana real estate markets and the challenges and opportunities for real estate development financing.

A panel presentation on the real estate market and its challenges will include real estate developers Robert W. Daigle, Stephen D. Keller and **Gerald E. Songy**.

Bankers Omer C. Davis, Robert M. Stuart Jr. and David Thompson will discuss financing and their perception of the market.

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Panelists are Jacqueline Beauchamp, chief executive officer of Nerjyzed Entertainment Inc.; David Bondy, chief executive officer of LUBA Workers Comp; Jeff Kleinpeter, president of Kleinpeter Farms Dairy LLC; Matthew McKay, president and chief executive officer of All Star Automotive Group; Jimmy Maurin, chairman of Stirling Properties; Shelley Mockler, training and development manager for Mockler Beverage; Craig Spohn, executive director of the Cyber Innovation Center; and Hans Sternberg, chief executive officer of Starmount Life Insurance Co.

For more information on the event or to register, visit <http://www.bus.lsu.edu/llu>.

## Center renovated

GLSK LLC, owner of Belleview Shopping Center, has recently completed major renovations to the Plaquemine shopping complex off La. 75, which is anchored by LeBlancs Grocery Store.

GLSK purchased the center in 2007 from Hill Consulting.

The company has spent two years focused on updating the exterior and addressing multiple maintenance issues. GLSK now plans to focus on adding additional tenants.

GLSK LLC is a partnership between father and son, Greg and Steven English, and their spouses, Lea and Kelli. Greg and Lea also own Acadian Square Shopping Center at 10466 Airline Highway.

## Private practice

Dr. Michael S. Hanemann Jr. has set up a private practice as Hanemann Plastic Surgery at 5233 Dijon Drive.

He also is joining three others in Plastic Surgery Consultants.

The phone number is (225) 766-2166.

## SU dedication set

Southern University will dedicate its new law center facilities in a ceremony Thursday at the Baton Rouge campus.

The \$4.1 million law center expansion includes 13,400 square feet of classrooms, faculty offices and seminar rooms. Groundbreaking for the expansion of the 85,000-square-foot law school campus took place in February 2008.

Following the ceremony, tours will be conducted of the facility at A.A. Lenoir Hall, 2 Roosevelt Steptoe Drive.

## Conference set

The LSU AgCenter will hold a green building conference Sept. 29 at its Burden Center.

The meeting is being presented to help the forest products industry target new and market and to introduce wood products on the market and provide information on locally available building materials, said Charles Clment, a value-added forest products specialist with the AgCenter.

The conference is aimed at architects, contractors, home builders, interior designers and members of the forest products industry.

Registration fees until Sept. 18 are \$125 for nonstudents and \$25 for students. After Sept. 18, fees are \$150 and \$30, respectively.

More information is available from Clment at (225) 578-4158 or [cclment@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:cclment@agcenter.lsu.edu) and on LSU AgCenter Web site by going to <http://www.lsuagcenter.com> and putting green building conference in the search box.

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