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HOSPICE HOME: Construction continues on The Carpenter House, a \$4.5 million facility at 10615 Jefferson Hwy., that will offer in-patient hospice service as well as serve as the new offices for St. Joseph Hospice. The two-story, 16,400-square-foot building is scheduled to open by the end of the year. Stuart Construction is the contractor.

COMPANY NEWS

Happy anniversary

Starmount Life Insurance Company is celebrating its 25th anniversary with more than 370,000 lives covered. A family-owned business founded in 1983, Starmount underwrites and administers individual life and accident insurance, individual dental, as well as group dental, vision and hearing employee benefit plans. This month, the company will expand its group product portfolio to include group life as well as short-term and long-term disability coverage.

Fighting cancer

Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, Terrebonne General Medical Center and Cancer Care Specialists announced that a new cancer alliance has been formed to provide the most comprehensive and state-of-the-art cancer care available to patients in the greater Houma region.

Teaming up

A.R.E. Real Estate Services, a locally owned residential appraisal and consulting firm, has joined IRR-Residential, the second-largest appraisal firm in the country. A.R.E., which has served southeast Louisiana for more than 50 years, met IRR-Residential's standards of leadership, quality and experience. IRR-Residential has 45 offices in 40 markets and 20 states.

CVB unveils new location

The Baton Rouge Area Convention & Visitors Bureau held a ribbon-cutting

ceremony for its new location on July 17. BRACVB moved into a Third Street building that was constructed in 1922 and has had numerous occupancies. The exterior features a 12-foot aluminum red stick sign that reads "Visit Baton Rouge." BRACVB contracted with Post Architects, Block Construction and Leslie Herpin Interior Design to give the office a makeover.

Mental space

University Medical Center has created a Mental Health Emergency Room Extension adjacent to its existing emergency department. The unit, licensed for 10 beds, is to provide a short-term environment for patients experiencing acute behavioral health emergencies to be evaluated, stabilized and managed. ER physicians, nurses and counselors will evaluate and treat patients with behavioral health emergencies and refer them to appropriate agencies and providers when necessary.

High news

WBZ-TV's morning show *2une In* and its noon, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts can now be viewed in high-definition. The ABC affiliate has added state-of-the-art studio cameras, though viewers will need a high-definition television set to view the high-definition telecasts.

Flood protection

Cajun Constructors has received a \$48.5 million floodwall contract from the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of nearly 4,000 feet of floodwall along Peters Road in front of

Boomtown Casino. The floodwall will have an elevation of 14 feet and will include nine floodgates and nine drainage structures.

Taking inventory

SSA Consultants played host to the Hogan Assessment Systems leadership team over a three-day span, which included two seminars and a workshop. Participants learned to use, administer and interpret three Hogan inventories that are internationally recognized as certified instruments for predicting workplace behavior, developing leadership and identifying talent.

AWARDS/HONORS

LSU will receive \$642,512 in sea grant funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to be used by researchers to conduct surveys to better understand the impacts of changes to fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico.

Hancock Bank has been named among America's strongest, safest institutions for the 75th consecutive quarter by BauerFinancial, an independent bank rating and research firm. The rating places Hancock in the top 25th percentile of 8,500 institutions rated for financial soundness. The Gulfport, Miss.-based bank has been in existence for 109 years.

Kean Miller is one of three firms in the nation to receive the Chevron Law Function Diversity Recognition Award, which recognizes Chevron's law part-

ners who have distinguished themselves by devotion to diversity in the legal profession and an inclusive work environment.

The Baton Rouge Association of Health Underwriters has elected its new board to serve through July 2009. Among the new officers are President Trish Freeman, President Elect Dennis Rodgers, Secretary Krista Dettman and Treasurer Dale Ducote.

Paperless Environments has been selected as one of 16 "Hottest Companies" in the nation by *Constructech* magazine. The award is based on significant accomplishments, growth, noteworthy customer wins and new products, among other criteria. Paperless Environments is a content management and workflow automation solutions provider to the construction industry.

Adams and Reese has been named by the American Lawyer Media as a go-to firm in litigation and leading financial services for 2008. The ALM research department gathered data from general counsel, court dockets and security filings and legal and business publications.

Convergys has been recognized by the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation for leadership in hiring people with disabilities. A partnership between Convergys and CSAVR led to 60 new hires last year.

Mickey Christensen, president of TQM Systems, has been selected by the