



CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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Nursing serves up health

As part of their Community Nursing rotation, a group of senior I LSUHSC nursing students, along with nursing faculty Ellen Beyer, MN, APRN, set up a station at the mid-city Crescent City Farmer's Market Thursday.



Molly Landrieu, Heather Ludwig, Margo Sanders, Emily Williams, & Ellen Beyer, MN, APRN

Shoppers picked up information about high blood pressure along with their farm fresh produce and proteins. The students stressed the importance of knowing your numbers, what they mean, regular BP checks, and how to manage high blood pressure. They screened 75 people, including vendors.



As is often the case, some of the participants said this was the first time their pressure had been taken in ages. ■

Board oks first step to secure UMC financing

The consultants who have been working on the financing for the new University Medical Center presented their information to the UMC Board at its second public meeting yesterday. They indicated it is fairly likely that the project will be approved by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's FHA 242 Mortgage Insurance Program which would generate significant savings on the sale of bonds.



Projects that gain this HUD endorsement are able to sell bonds at a lower rate with lower annual debt payments. After hearing the presentations and questioning the consultants, the UMC Board voted to file a non-binding preliminary application to HUD for this mortgage insurance program for hospitals.

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Ground broken for new LSU Health faculty practice clinics



Dr. John Lombardi, LSU System President, joined us on Wednesday to break ground for the new LSU Health Faculty Practice Clinics at the site of the former St. Charles General Hospital on St. Charles Avenue. The project is a partnership with *See Groundbreaking, page 2*

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The consultants have completed enough work so the Board could file the preliminary application filed by mid-October. It is possible for HUD to review it within a month and grant permission to formally apply. On this time line, the project could go to the bond market by the middle of next year. In the meantime, site preparation could begin sometime in December.

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Touro Infirmary. The 7-floor, 70,000 square-foot facility will house 95 exam rooms and 15 procedure rooms. This facility will serve as the home of our faculty's clinical practice so we can function as a true integrated multispecialty group. Patients will benefit from having a single point of contact for a broad array of academic medical, dental, and allied health specialties, and the neighborhood will enjoy a renovated, re-



Dr. John Lombardi speaks as Touro President Jim Montgomery looks on



Sen. Ed Murray, Drs. Lombardi & Hollier, Jackie Clarkson, Susan Guidry, Jim Montgomery, Allan Bisinger

purposed facility that will once again contribute to the health and economy of the area.

The \$7.8 million renovation project will provide hundreds of local construction jobs, and is expected to be completed by September 2011.

Dental School opens new BR resource

The LSUHSC School of Dentistry Clinic and General Practice Residency Program is now open in Baton Rouge. Under the direction of Dr. Ben Record, the clinic takes patients by referral and manages complex cases, typically done in a hospital setting.



Dr. Ben Record gives Dr. Kevin Reed a tour

The clinic held an open house for community dentists and alumni on Wednesday so the



Dr. Hollier with Rep. Steve Carter

resource has to offer.



The 13-chair clinic is in the LSU Health Surgical Center on Perkins Road. Affiliated with Earl K. Long Medical Center, it will also care for under-served people in greater Baton Rouge.