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CHANCELLOR'S *Notes*



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Porche among select few
Our own Dr. Demetrius Porche, Dean of the LSUHSC School of Nursing, is



Dr. Demetrius Porche

one of 37 nurse educators from 25 states competitively selected as the inaugural class of the AACN-Wharton Executive Leadership Program. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing partnered with the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania to offer the only executive leadership program focused exclusively on the needs of top nursing education leaders.

Scheduled for August 14-17 at the Wharton School in Philadelphia, this world-class enrichment program will help participants succeed in an environment of volatility, uncertainty, and ambiguity and better meet the greater challenges facing leaders in academic institutions today. ■

Intricate process orchestrated to bring building down safely

In a matter of 14 seconds, 40,000 tons of concrete and steel came down in spectacular fashion Sunday morning. The 400 tons of explosives were divided among 600 individual charges, deliberately placed throughout the structure to



produce a progressive collapse, away from I-10. A single push of a button triggered 100 separate detonations of small amounts of explosives in a carefully orchestrated sequence.

The implosion, which drew crowds of spectators, began on time and went off without a hitch, exactly as planned.

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Budget reduction to spare LSUHSC patient care & GME

The LSU System is working to manage an announced \$329 million reduction to the budget of the public hospitals and clinics. The reduction resulted from a change in the state's federal Medicaid funding rate. We have been meeting with DHH, the Division of Administration, Legislators and others to find solutions that preserve our patient care activities and our teaching mission. Our leadership participated in a number of legislative hearings as well.

After extensive discussions and negotiations, it seems we will be able to manage the budget reduction without any hospital closures and without any significant negative impact to our GME programs.

We have weathered adversity and emerged stronger and better than before and, together, we will triumph over this challenge, too. ■

Implosion, *from page 1*

The small, sequenced explosions minimized the vibration and protected nearby buildings. But there was nothing small about the sound. The booms could be



heard well into Jefferson Parish.

When it was all over, the 17-story structure was reduced to about 4 stories of debris which will be removed over the next several months. After the roadways were cleared, checked, and reopened, crews began dismantling the debris pile Sunday.

Meanwhile, construction on the hospital is really moving along. You can follow its progress at <http://www.earthcam.com/client/skanskamapp/umc/>. A live camera and a number of new views have been added. ■

CPSC sues over hazardous magnet toys

The Consumer Product Safety Commission took legal action this week against a company selling a product that can pose a significant danger to children. After seeing several cases himself of children swallowing tiny balls made of rare earth magnets – one who lost most of his small intestine – LSUHSC's Dr. Adam Noel brought the issue to the attention of his colleagues and parents nationally, as well as to the CPSC where he presented more than 80 recent cases.



Dr. R. Adam Noel

Dr. Noel is also the principal investigator of a study to gather detailed information about the prevalence, characteristics, and outcome of cases. The data will be used to educate physicians and the public in order to prevent or better recognize cases because by the time there are symptoms, tissue is already dying. ■

Library announces new digital collections

Two new collections are now available from the library's digital archives:

U.S. Army 64th General Hospital, organized by LSU Medical School (aka the WWII collection)

<http://www.louisianadigitallibrary.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/p15140coll50>



LSUHSC New Orleans Libraries

This collection contains items related to the 64th General Hospital, a World War II medical unit organized by LSU Medical School which served predominantly in Africa and Italy.



The Lindy Boggs Collection

<http://www.louisianadigitallibrary.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/p16313coll19>

includes her handwritten address on congressional stationery, from her 1991 Commencement Address to LSU Medical Center. ■