# LSUHSC's Honoré tapped for international honor

Peggy A. Honoré, DHA, the AMeriHEalth Mercy – General Russel Honoré Endowed Professor at the LSUHSC School of Public Health's Health Policy & System Management Program, has been invited to serve on the Editorial Board of the international journal, BMC Public Health, as an Associate Editor.



Dr. Peggy Honoré

BMC Public Health is an open access, peer-reviewed journal that considers articles on the epidemiology of disease and the understanding of all aspects of public health. The journal has a special focus on the social determinants of health, the environmental, behavioral, and occupational correlates of health and disease, and the impact of health policies, practices and interventions on the community.

Dr. Honoré will help guide peer review on research papers on epidemiology, community health, as well as health policy and finance.

## LSUHSC benefits from new fundraising venue

SUHSC leaders joined leadership from the Al Copeland Foundation, the Jefferson Parish Council, the Jefferson Parish President's Office, and Lafreniere Park for a groundbreaking on the new performance stage being built at the park. Funded by the Copeland family, the Copeland Concert Meadows Stage will host a variety of events, including fund-raisers for cancer research at LSU Health Sciences Center.



Al Copeland, Jr., Liz Copeland, Dr. Larry Hollier, Vice Chancellor Ron Gardner

Before the shovels turned and the first pile was driven, Al Copeland, Jr., presented LSUHSC officials with a check for \$50,000. The Al Copeland see Copeland, page 2

### LSUHSC research helps dentists and parents

team of researchers in the Department of Pediatrics at the LSUHSC School of Dentistry conducted a study on a little investigated aspect of children's dental health care. The study, led by Priyanshi Ritwik, DDS, MS, LSUHSC Associate Professor of Pediatric Dentistry, identified a number of side effects of commonly used sedatives as well as the amount of time their effects can linger. The information is important to both pediatric dentists and parents alike.

Published in the current issue of *Anesthesia Progress*, the study found children sedated with meperidine and hydroxyzine experienced vomiting, but not those sedated



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Foundation (ACF) is dedicated to providing resources to stop the disease that took the life of Al Copeland, Sr., and millions of others. The relationship between the Copelands and LSUHSC began with the \$1 million endowed Al Copeland Chair in Neuroendocrine Cancer Research, funded by the ACF and Cancer Crusaders and matched by the Louisiana Board of Regents. The relationship has grown as the ACF continues to raise money to support cancer research at LSUHSC.



Al Copeland, Jr. drove the first pilings for the stage which should be completed in about three months. He's already planning an event which will benefit research at the LSUHSC Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center.

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with midazolam. Prolonged sleep at home was also significantly higher in the children

sedated with meperidine and hydroxyzine. While most of the effects occurred within the first 8 hours, some children continued to experience them for up to 24 hours.

The researchers also found that half of the children who had sedation slept on the way home, and that can pose a risk for airway obstruction as their heads fall forward on their chests. The team suggests bringing another adult along who can keep a close eye on the child on the drive home.

Other members of the LSUHSC research team included Linda T. Cao, DDS, and



Robert J. Musselman, DDS, MSD, along with Ronald Curran, DDS.