

Off to the races



Shoptalk

This year it will be the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure sponsored by Wachovia Securities, thanks to a \$100,000 contribution from the brokerage. It's the first time the St. Louis race has had a named sponsor. In addition, "this is the first significant announcement in terms of our philanthropic support regarding the St. Louis area," said **Justin Gloia**, a Wachovia spokesman. The race, with a goal of \$3 million to fight breast cancer, will be run downtown June 21. "A.G. Edwards had a history of strong support for the race," said **Mary Atkin**, director of staff for Wachovia Securities. Wachovia Securities also has continued A.G. Edwards' support of other organizations, including the American Heart Association, St. Louis Crisis Nursery, the Urban League, Magic House, Forest Park Forever, Focus St. Louis and the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association.

Up with the big boys

Paric Corp., with \$53.2 million in completed projects in 2007, has broken into the top 30 national health-care construction managers, according to Modern Healthcare magazine's annual survey. **Joe McKee III** is owner, president and CEO. The only other St. Louis company on the list is perennial McCarthy Building Cos., with \$1.16 billion in completed projects. **Michael Bolen** is chairman and chief executive there.

Reducing his role

David Westerfield will step down as president of Commercial State Bank of

Waterloo Aug. 29 but remain as CEO.

have a national labor and employment practice and have had successful results in several jurisdictions," said Hunter, a 1977 graduate of the Washington University School of Law. His clients have included State Farm Insurance Co. and General Motors Corp. Bryan Cave had revenue of \$469 million in 2007. He had held both titles 14 years. The new president is **Brian Nobbe**, an owner of the Wm. Nobbe & Co. John Deere dealership in Waterloo and a member of the bank's board since 1999. The bank has \$150 million in assets.

Close to the apex

Tony Novelty, chief executive and majority shareholder of Apex Oil Co., has been named a vice president of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, which honors the achievements of those who have succeeded despite adversity. The association awards more than \$12 million a year in college scholarships. Apex Oil had estimated 2007 revenue of \$5.2 billion.

Sharp pencils

Brown Smith Wallace is one of 14 firms to watch, Accounting Today magazine told its readers recently. Though smaller than the nation's top 100 firms, the 14 were selected for "strong (even explosive) growth." Revenue at Brown Smith Wallace was up 11.4 percent to \$24.7 million in 2007. **Jeffrey Smith** is managing partner.

Spot on

The Economist magazine spotlights **Richard Baron**, chairman and chief executive of developer McCormack Baron Salazar, in its April 5 edition for his work on mixed-income public housing developments, including Murphy Park in St. Louis and Centennial Place in Atlanta. "Centennial Place, which Mr. Baron built with a local developer, has been a particular source of pride," the British magazine said. "It has one of the best schools in Atlanta. A good school, Mr. Baron explains, not only serves local children, but unites families of all incomes."

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Top of the heap