Value of permits up 13.7%
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The value of construction permits in Baton Rouge jumped 13.7 percent to $10.32 million in April from $9.07 million a year ago.

A $2.11 million increase in residential construction was offset by a $1.28 million decline in commercial construction. There was no new commercial construction during the month, just remodeling and finish-outs of existing facilities.

Meantime, year-to-date activity hit $51.88 million and is running 7 percent ahead of 1988's four-month total of $48.45 million.

During April, the Department of Public Works' Inspection Division issued 81 permits valued at $6.94 million for single-family residential construction. That compares with 59 permits last year valued at $4.9 million. Residential additions and remodeling accounted for 103 permits valued at $1,000,295 vs. 108 permits last year valued at $928,756.

Accessory construction - house moving, swimming pools, signs and fences - increased from 130 permits valued at $262,433 a year ago to 172 permits valued at $688,444 last month.

Commercial construction was confined in April to commercial additions totaling 54 permits worth $1.71 million. Last year, five permits were issued for new commercial construction, valued at $1.47 million. Additions totaled 39 permits worth $5.51 million in April 1988.

The two largest permits issued last month were both valued at $250,000.

The Gatlin Berger Joint Venture was issued a permit for renovations and an addition to make way for Sound Warehouse at the former Photon location at 4580 Constitution. Commercial Renovations is the contractor on the 13,704-square-foot-foot project.

The second permit was issued to Vasken Kaltakdjian for a renovation and expansion of Serop's Restaurant at 4675 Government St. Daryl Didier is the builder.

Other commercial permits, some of which are for finish-outs for new office or retail tenants, included:

• Kentwood Spring Water Co. - 11465 Rieder Road; addition to office/warehouse; 1,250 square feet; $30,000; Salco Construction Inc., builder.
• Fior Line Enterprises - Motherland Maternity - 9361 Cortina Place; renovations to tenant lease F-9 and F-12; for retail sales; $33,700; 1,237 square feet; Freeman Construction Co., builder.
• First Baptist Church - 329 Convention St.; renovations to pulpit, choir platform, balcony and bride's room; $50,000; 1,500 square feet; Jabon Watson Lumbar Co., builder.
• Holmes-Richard Properties Inc. - pecan Alley-152 Sherwood Forest; interior to Apartment F-2 of duplex; $29,500; 1,464 square feet; HRK Construction Co., builder.
• West Patch Corp. - 11775 Scenic Hwy.; open air fruit stand with bathroom; $20,784; 2,400 square feet; Mike Naquira, builder.
• Shear Radiance Inc. - 3708 Government St.; Renaisance Place; remodel building for office use; $30,000; 1,670 square feet; Radiance Inc., builder.
• Jim Colbert Golf Inc. - 13209 Airline; Briarwood Country Club; construction for golf cart storage; $79,230; 5,156 square feet; Guy Hopkins Construction Co., builder.
• Community Coffee Co. - 4000 S. Sherwood Forest; renovations to office/lease space, Suite 403 for Chrysler III Credit; $55,000; 5,413 square feet; Buquet & LeBlanc, builder.
• First Statewide Realty - Texas Instruments - 2900 Westfork; remodel and non-bearing partitions for business office; $42,000; 2,025 square feet; Statewide Maintenance, builder.
• C.C. & P Asset Management - Kean, Miller - One American Place; renovations to 21st floor for office; $22,950; 1,350 square feet; CC & P, builder.
• Run Life of Canada - PSI Building; 12301 Coursey Blvd.; addition of non-bearing walls; $30,000; 2,880 square feet; interior Systems of Louisiana, builder.
• Riverside Partnership - 236 Riverside Mall; Suite 100; renovations to tenant space for office; $34,500; 1,350 square feet; Miromont-Schoonmaker, builder.
• Court Plaza Partnership - Troy & Nicholas - 10500 Coursey Blvd.; complete Suite 103 for office lease; $34,015; 1,888 square feet; Southco Construction Co., builder.
• Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center - 5000 Hennessy; renovations to administrative and therapy for rehabilitation center for third floor; $180,000; 7,200 square feet; Milton Womack Construction Co., builder.
• James Meyer - Meyer Clothes - 5025 S. Sherwood Forest; complete interior for retail sales lease; $46,750; 2,545 square feet; G.A. Jeffries III Inc., builder.
• Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology - 11622 Sunbelt Court; parking lot addition; $22,270; 8,000 square feet; Bronco Construction Corp., builder.
• Community Coffee Co. - Shelby Saller, CPA - 4000 S. Sherwood Forest; remodel Suite 502; for office; $34,880; 2,180 square feet; Buquet & LeBlanc, builder.
• Darryl Hayman - Roosevelt Apartments - 246 West Street - repair fire damage to Apartment 1; $55,000; First General Services, builder.
• Louisiana Board of Cosmetology - 9122 Sunbelt Court; for office lease, Suite 103; for office lease; $31,000; 2,800 square feet; Bridlewood Country Club; construction for golf cart storage; $79,230; 5,156 square feet; Guy Hopkins Construction Co., builder.
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