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•• Group 1 Automotive announced the appointment of Mark Ippenlatz as vice president of corporate development and the promotion of Kim Craig to vice president and treasurer.

•• Geert Visser, consul of the Netherlands and president of Global Marine Transport, has been named regional director for the USA to the Port of Rotterdam.

•• Robert Saltiel has been elected president and chief executive officer of Atwood Oceanics.

•• Lorrie Foreman is head of Venturi Outcomes, a new construction and real estate consulting firm in Houston. The firm consults on troubled construction projects and works to resolve issues using cost verification, schedule analysis, dispute resolution and negotiation.

•• Steve Mostyn of the Mostyn Law Firm in Houston has been announced as the 2010 president-elect of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association.

•• Wesley Middleton has been named managing partner of the accounting firm of MaloneBailey to expand the firm's focus on private companies and tax services. The firm also named founding partner John Malone as its SEC practice leader.

•• Dave Maxey has joined Opportune as managing director of its tax consultancy service line.

•• Holly Mosby and Linda Rodekohr have joined Sallie Kindrick as partners at Kindrick & Luther, an accounting placement firm.

•• The Coalition for Space Exploration announced a new public affairs team for 2010. Glenn Mahone, executive director of strategic communications for Aerojet, has been named chair, and Jeannie Kranz, director of strategic relations at Jacobs Technology, was named deputy chair.

•• Brad Whalen and Stephen Lee have joined Porter & Hedges as partners in the firm's litigation group.

•• David Higley has been named president of Westwood College's Houston South campus.

•• The Houston Food Bank announces the election of new members to the board of directors for the 2009-2010 term: Scott McClelland, president of the Houston Division of H-E-B, was elected as the board chair; Bill Breetz, president of Kroger Co.'s Southwest Division; Janet Bryan-Matura, a partner in the Audit & Accounting division for TR Moore & Co.; Rebecca King, the consumer affairs manager for Kroger Co.'s southwest division; and Samantha Murray, a manager in the petroleum services group for Deloitte.

•• Marcie Zlotnik of StarTex Power will join the 2010 board of directors of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

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