

Gift company's warehouse, store opens in Addison

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Roman Inc. held a grand opening recently for its new 525,000-square-foot warehouse and 42,000-square-foot retail store in Addison.

The inspirational and Christmas-related gift company's new national distribution center is at 600 S. Rohlwing Road. Roman's headquarters is in Roselle.

CE Design Ltd. of Rolling Meadows was the engineer and architect for the energy-efficient project. CE used Solarcrete's energy-conserving system in each building.

Solarcrete is a composite wall system of polystyrene insulation board. The board is sandwiched between two layers of pneumatically applied, structurally reinforced concrete.

The buildings also have special foundation and roof designs, an advanced air-exchange system and geothermal heating and air-conditioning systems, CE said. This helps the Solarcrete system maintain a consistent year-round temperature from the earth below the buildings.

CE said energy savings for Roman will be more than 90 percent from traditional construction.

The buildings also protect and integrate wetlands. They have a storm-water management system with ponds, said Anthony Jedlinski, Roman vice president.



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The project moved more than 100,000 cubic yards of earth, used 40,000 tons of steel and concrete for the buildings and needed 50,000 tons of gravel and stone for the 460 parking spaces.

Shopping center lease

Babies 'R' Us has leased a 36,416-square-foot retail space at High Point Shopping Center on Roosevelt Road in Lombard.

The chain store sells baby and children's furniture, clothes and accessories.

David Bossy and Tim Bossy of Mid-America Real Estate Corp., Oakbrook Terrace, acted for Babies 'R' Us in the transaction.

Lease in West Chicago

Home Music & Cinema leased 2,350 square feet of space at 1275 Roosevelt Road in West Chicago.

The company designs and installs home theater systems. Home Music & Cinema is using the space to store raw materials and as a showroom for one of its home theater designs.

Kevin O'Donnell of Colliers, Bennett & Kahnweiler represented Home Music & Cinema in negotiations. First Industrial Realty Trust Inc. acted for the building's owners.

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