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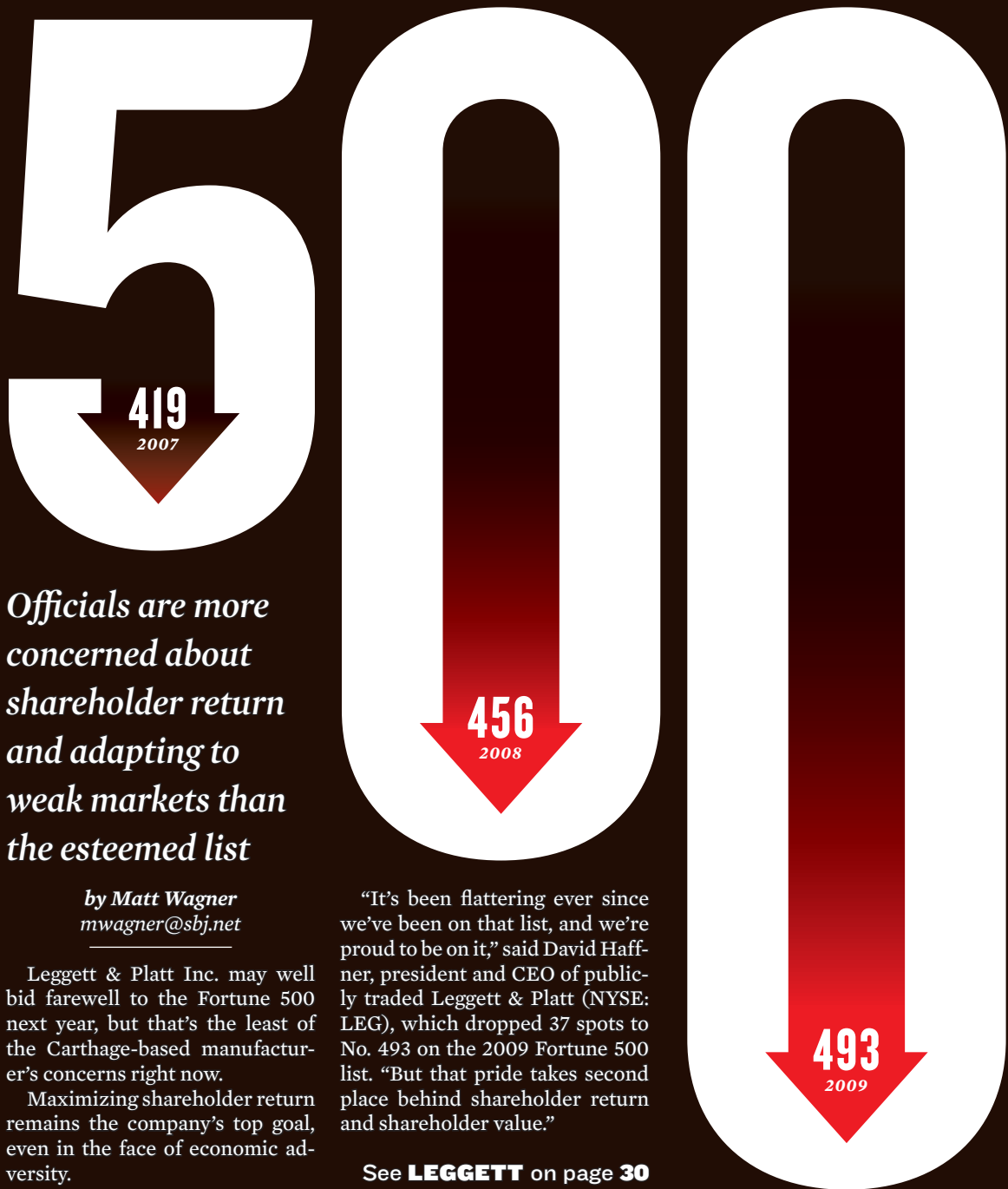
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Leggett & Platt's Slide on the FORTUNE



Officials are more concerned about shareholder return and adapting to weak markets than the esteemed list

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Leggett & Platt Inc. may well bid farewell to the Fortune 500 next year, but that's the least of the Carthage-based manufacturer's concerns right now.

Maximizing shareholder return remains the company's top goal, even in the face of economic adversity.

"It's been flattering ever since we've been on that list, and we're proud to be on it," said David Haffner, president and CEO of publicly traded Leggett & Platt (NYSE: LEG), which dropped 37 spots to No. 493 on the 2009 Fortune 500 list. "But that pride takes second place behind shareholder return and shareholder value."

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Arts council, symphony hire consultant

Chicago expert is reviewing the financial condition and governance structure for both organizations

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Chicago-based consultant Drew McManus says Springfield is experiencing a "cultural renaissance," which is all the more reason for local arts organizations to assess their strategic and financial goals.

McManus, owner of Drew McManus LLC, specializes in orchestra consulting, but he's working with both the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Springfield Regional Arts Council to help the groups prepare for inevitable growing pains and sustained success.

"It's undeniable that they are going to continue to grow," he said. "There will be expanded artistic activity, which will require expanded fundraising activity."

That statement resonates with symphony Music Director Ron Spigelman, who personally recommended McManus for the job. Spigelman was acquainted with the consultant through the blogging community at www.insidethearts.com, which offers a behind-the-scenes perspective to the

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Consultant Drew McManus – who symphony Director Ron Spigelman calls a "truth-seeker" – is digging in to the operations of the symphony and regional arts council to position them for growth.

In Focus Health Care

A rooftop view from CoxHealth's south campus shows Springfield's medical mile. Beyond payroll and benefits, area health systems contribute a combined \$205 million to the community in five key areas. Page 11



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