

Positive Perspective

Highlighting the Upside of the Economy in a Challenging Market



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Forbes: Denver is America's Best City to Buy a Home: Denver is America's best city to buy a home, Forbes magazine says in a new ranking of U.S. metro areas." While the majority of the nation's housing markets are still working toward a bottom, some cities are boasting fundamentals that make them good places to buy a home now," Forbes reported last week. <http://tinyurl.com/nbd6wh>

MetroList: Denver's Resale Housing Market Showing Hopeful Signs: Metro Denver's resale housing market appeared to start returning to normalcy in June, according to sales data Tuesday from MetroList Inc. Single-family home sales in June, for example, were equally split between the lower price ranges that appeal to first-time homebuyers and pricier houses that attract homebuyers moving up to larger and/or more expensive homes. <http://tinyurl.com/kmgcyw>

Colorado Wind Farm to Supply Tri-State Power Customers: A new wind-power project by Duke Energy Corp. on Colorado's Eastern Plains will supply electricity to customers of Tri-State Generation and Transmission, the state's second-largest power supplier. The wind farm is to be built by Charlotte, N.C.-based Duke Energy (NYSE: DUK), with power supplied to Westminster-based Tri-State under a 20-year power-purchase agreement, Duke said. <http://tinyurl.com/knmq6t>

Denver Unemployment Numbers Drop: After a steady climb in the unemployment rate for Denver County earlier this year, the percentage of people without jobs has fallen for two consecutive months. The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics said Tuesday the county's jobless rate for May fell to 8 percent. That's the lowest percentage so far in 2009. <http://tinyurl.com/mo9fmt>

Study: Colorado Clean-energy Jobs Growing Twice as Fast as Other Industries: Colorado gained jobs in "clean energy" industries twice as fast as the state's job-growth rate as a whole in the 10 years ending in 2007, a study released Wednesday by the Pew Charitable Trusts reports. <http://tinyurl.com/nroq85>

Colorado Cities Rank as Best Places for Young Professionals; Ft. Collins named #1: Colorado cities rank high in "Next Cities" rankings - the best places to live and work for young professionals - in three population categories. Denver, Colorado Springs, Ft. Collins and Pueblo all made the lists with Ft. Collins named the #1 city in the category for population of 100,000 - 200,000. <http://tinyurl.com/kudyui>