

Windmill-blade firm to bring 650 jobs to Brighton: Brighton's City Council scored a big victory on 7/22 in its quest to bring primary jobs to the city: Vestas Blades America is bringing 650 of those jobs – and potentially up to 1,500 – with a manufacturing plant. (The Daily Post)

Fort Collins named the Second – Best Place to live in the USA: Money magazine named Fort Collins the second-best place to live in America. Highlands Ranch also came in 12th out of the top 100 small cities nationwide as rated by Money. This is great news for Colorado - and it follows on the heels of last week's ranking by CNBC of Colorado as one of the Top Five Best States to do Business in America.

Colorado sixth for VC investments during Q2: Colorado ranked sixth in the nation for an infusion of venture capital investments during the second quarter, according to a new report. (Denver Business Journal)

Denver spared worst of record home-price plunge: Home prices in metro Denver fell 4.8 percent for the 12 months ending in May. The decline was the third-smallest among the 20 cities tracked by the Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city index, after Charlotte, N.C., and Dallas. Between March and May, prices actually rose 1 percent in metro Denver, which could point to more stable home prices here in the months ahead. (Denver Post)

Help for Troubled Homeowners: The Senate on Saturday overwhelmingly passed a landmark housing bill that will offer up to \$300 billion in loans for troubled homeowners and establish a government rescue plan for mortgage finance giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. (CNN Money)

Denver's Home Prices Inch Up: Metro Denver home prices moved higher for the second month in a row in May, raising hopes that the region's long suffering housing market could be stabilizing. (Denver Post)

Home Sales Up 2.6% in Metro for Week of July 7th Over Same Period in 2007:

By the Sold Numbers			
Average metro - area home sales prices			Week of July 7, 2008
County	Sales Closed	Average Sale Price	Same Week a Year Ago
Adams	174	\$202,375	171
Arapahoe	191	\$281,709	210
Boulder	165	\$349,394	140
Broomfield	20	\$328,630	45
Denver	367	\$270,680	234
Douglas	197	\$369,036	180
Jefferson	115	\$284,528	218
TOTAL	1229		1198

Men make history, and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better. ~ Harry Truman