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LOCAL NEWS

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Tointon named Downtowner of the Year

DENVER - Robert Tointon, chairman of the Greeley Downtown Development Authority, has been named Downtowner of the Year by Downtown Colorado Inc.

Tointon, president of Phelps-Tointon Inc., retired CEO of Hensel Phelps Construction and longtime advocate for the revitalization of downtown Greeley, was the recipient of the *Northern Colorado Business Report's* Bravo! Entrepreneur Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002. He was inducted into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame in 2003 and also served as co-chair of Gov. Bill Ritter's blue-ribbon Colorado Transportation Finance and Implementation Panel, among many other civic activities.

DCI, a nonprofit membership organization that coordinates the Colorado Main Street Program, also selected Greeley's Kress Cinema and Lounge as the winner of the Governor's Award for Downtown Excellence in the Colorful Colorado category. The city of Brighton's Downtown Initiative facade improvement program was named Best Facade when the dozen award winners were announced Thursday in Denver.

All 2009 nominated projects were completed between Sept. 1, 2007, and June 30, 2009.

The Governor's Awards will be presented during DCI's annual conference in Colorado Springs, Sept. 23 through 25. All nominees will be featured at the Eggs & Excellence Presentation on Sept. 24 at 8:15 a.m. at Antlers Hilton in Colorado Springs. Tickets are \$20. Winners will be honored at a gala dinner and reception at the Cornerstone Fine Arts Center that evening at 6:30 p.m.; cost to attend is \$80.

Individual Eggs & Excellence and Governor's Awards Gala tickets can be purchased at www.downtowncoloradoinc.org. Conference registration, which included tickets to both events, is also available online.

Ultimate Escapes to become publicly traded company

FORT COLLINS - Ultimate Escapes Holdings LLC, a luxury destination club that offers its members access to multimillion-dollar private homes and luxury hotels, is going public.

The privately held company, headquartered in Orlando, Fla., with operational offices in Fort Collins and Kansas City, Mo., has signed a definitive agreement to enter into a business combination with publicly

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traded Secure America Acquisition Corp. (NYSE Amex: HLD). Upon completion of the business combination, Secure America will change its name to Ultimate Escapes Inc. to become the only organization in the industry with full, public financial disclosure.

Ultimate Escapes was formed by the 2007 merger of Fort Collins-based Private Escapes and Orlando-based Ultimate Resort.

According to information provided by the companies, the planned combination will provide Ultimate Escapes with significant new equity capital to grow the business, including expanding the global property portfolio, infrastructure, operations and staff. The company plans to add properties throughout North America, Hawaii, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean and Europe, and begin to expand into Asia.

Ultimate Escapes' current membership fees start at \$70,000 and range up to \$450,000, with annual dues between \$8,000 and \$49,000, for access to nearly three dozen exclusive destinations from the West Indies and Baja California to Jackson Hole and Tuscany.

The existing Ultimate Escapes leadership team will remain at the helm of the public company, with former Ultimate Resort CEO Jim Tousignant as president and CEO, and Private Escapes founder Rich Keith as chairman.

Secure America's stock was trading at \$7.89 at noon, up 1 cent from the opening bell.

Poudre Canyon closed by second asphalt spill

LARIMER COUNTY - Officials with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had hoped to have the asphalt from an Aug. 25 tanker truck crash into the Poudre River cleaned up in time for the Labor Day weekend. But a second crash on Colorado Highway 14 spilled an additional 5,000 gallons of asphalt and 200 gallons of diesel fuel into the river Thursday morning. As a result, recreation activity is prohibited in the river from mile-marker 113 through 119, and downstream anglers should release any fish they catch, according to the EPA.

Both spills were of asphalt being delivered to a Colorado Department of Transportation paving project at Cameron Pass. CDOT has ordered a temporary halt to the project while it assesses how to avoid another spill.

The safety of drinking water for Fort Collins and Greeley has not been affected, since the cities have been drawing water from other sources, including Horsetooth Reservoir and Boyd Lake, since the first incident and intakes on the river had not been reopened.

Agricultural users working with Water Supply and Storage and North Poudre Irrigation agreed to shut off irrigation water in storage reservoirs in the upper Poudre Canyon while the initial cleanup was under way. They have been without water for about a week.

National unemployment at 9.7 percent in August

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. unemployment rose to 9.7 percent in August, up 0.3 percentage points from July to a 26-year high, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Friday.