

Group offers training session on recruiting

The Rocky Mountain Association of Recruiters is offering a full- or half-day training session Aug. 26 at Jobing.com, 1391 Speer Blvd., Suite 850, in Denver. The session's keynote speaker will be **Barb Bruno**, a national recruiting expert and CEO of HR Search Inc. of Crown Point, Ind.

The sessions will be from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m.

The cost is \$49 per session for members (\$79 for both sessions) or \$79 per session (\$139 for both) for nonmembers. For details about the session topics or to register, go to www.rmar.org.

AWARDS: Dr. **Brett Kessler** of Town Center Dentistry & Orthodontics in Denver received the 2010 Golden Apple Award from the **American Dental Association**. It's the highest honor given to a dentist by the ADA. He was honored for leadership in mentoring and for working with recent students and recent graduates of dental schools.



Dr. Brett Kessler

The 2010 AlwaysOn Global 250 Top Private Companies list of emerging tech companies includes three firms from Colorado. They were selected from among thousands of domestic and international companies nominated by investors, bankers, journalists and industry insiders. The local winners of the honor are:

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BroadHop Inc. of Denver, in the Enabling Tools and Devices category; and, in the GreenTech category, **Porous Power Technologies** of Lafayette and **ZeaChem** of Lakewood. **AlwaysOn** is a business media brand that offers industry events and online content for the tech community and venture capitalists.

9News won 23 Heartland Regional Emmy Awards for outstanding achievement in broadcast and digital news — more than any other Denver news station. Among the awards was the inaugural award for News Excellence and Station Excellence. **9News** also won the Emmy for Outstanding Evening Newscast and the Emmy in Community Service for "Hero Central," which matches people in need with those who can offer help. Named outstanding news anchor was **9NEWS** weekend anchor **Kyle Clark**.

Marcie LaPorte, director of the Denver Multifamily Hub of the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**, received the Distinguished Industry Award from the **National Affordable Housing Management Association**.

DONE DEALS: **Greenmont Capital Partners**, a Boulder venture capital firm focused on the natural products industry, completed a \$3 million equity investment in **Madhava Honey Ltd.**, a sweetener company based in Boulder County near Lyons.

The investment will help the 37-year-old company expand into new alternative sweeteners and grow distribution channels. The company is adding a manufacturing facility in Mead to keep pace with growing demand. Industry veteran **Hass Hassan** will join Madhava as lead director. Hassan, a co-founder of the former Alfalfa's Market, has been a director of Whole Foods Market Inc. since 2005 and a general partner of Greenmont Capital since 2006.

A Denver-based brokerage for bank-owned real estate (REOs) and short sales, the **Mercury Alliance** has affiliated with **Keller Williams Preferred Realty** in Westminster. The Mercury Alliance was founded by **Tom DiMercurio** in 2005. It was recently ranked No. 20 among Denver-area real estate firms with sales of \$59 million last year. The REO company has moved into the Keller Williams' office at 11859 Pecos St. It will keep offices in Basalt and Avon.

Special Olympics Colorado formed a partnership with **Comfort Dental** at the Comfort Dental Amphitheatre. The partnership, which runs through 2011, is expected to generate thousands of dollars for Special Olympics Colorado. At selected shows, Special Olympics Colorado will receive 50 cents for each ticket sold

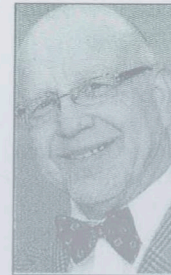
at the Comfort Dental Amphitheatre (formerly Fiddler's Green Amphitheatre) in Greenwood Village. Comfort Dental Amphitheatre is owned by the **Museum of Outdoor Arts** and operated by **Live Nation**.

Linhart Public Relations, based in Denver, was selected by **Old Chicago**, a Rock Bottom Restaurant, as its agency of record. It will handle media relations in Old Chicago markets nationwide.

Design Workshop was selected to update the **City of Branson's** (Mo.) Comprehensive Plan. The plan will set guidelines for growth management, economic development and redevelopment projects.

NAME CHANGE: **361° Capital**, an investment firm based in Denver, changed its name from Trailridge Capital. The firm manages assets for financial advisory firms, high-net-worth investors, family offices, foundations and institutions.

OPENINGS: **CSI Financial LLC**, a commercial lending firm offering asset-based lending and factoring products, has been launched in Denver by its CEO, **Christopher Smith**. He has more than 20 years of commercial lending and capital markets experience, and most recently was executive vice president and Colorado president for Hillcrest Bank.



Tom DiMercurio

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