



University of Denver in the News

May 1-31, 2009

NOTE: This report provides representative examples of the media coverage of DU people and programs. Copies or transcripts are available on request. Contact Jim Berscheidt, associate vice chancellor, University Communications, (303)871-3172 or jim.berscheidt@du.edu.

National/International reputation-defining electronic and print media placements

Moment, May/June—Adam Rovner, an assistant professor of English and Jewish literature at the University of Denver and translations editor for *Zeek: A Jewish Journal of Thought and Culture*, contributed an article entitled “Madagascar: An Almost Jewish Homeland” to *Moment*, a national magazine of Jewish politics, culture and religion.

Bark Magazine, May 1—The American Humane Association has created an endowed chair at the University of Denver’s Graduate School of Social Work to focus on research into the human-animal bond and animal-assisted therapies. The professor who will occupy the position is Dr. Frank Ascione, an international leader in researching the bond between people and animals, and also in preventing cruelty to humans and other animals.

InterestAlert.com, May 1—The April Meeting of the American Physical Society will take place from May 2-5, 2009 at the Sheraton Denver Hotel in downtown Denver. In a session, University of Denver physicist Robert C. Amme will describe the effort to use the popular “Second Life” virtual world protocol as a basis for instructing students in the workings and environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

MSNBC.com, May 1—Baby boomers make particularly good employees according to research being conducted at the University of Denver’s Daniels College of Business. Employees in that age group tend to be more loyal to companies, and are less likely to quit unexpectedly, according to Karen Newman, a DU management professor who’s researching baby boomers and is a baby boomer herself. Other media quoting Newman include: **Denver Post, May 3 and Times (Johannesburg, South Africa), May 9.**

USA Today, May 2—Former Colorado Gov. Bill Owens said the U.S. border should be closed and that educated professionals should be given priority to immigrate legally. Owens, a Republican, spoke to a panel at the University of Denver that’s studying immigration. Other media reporting this story include: **Aspen Times, April 30; KDVR-TV (Channel 31), April 30; KRDOtv.com, April 30; Vail Daily, April 30; KMGH-TV (Channel 7), April 30; Grand Junction Sentinel, May 1; Durango Herald, May 1 and Pueblo Chieftain, May 1.**

Associated Content, May 6—There is a little known planetarium located near the University of Denver campus, the Chamberlin Observatory, where you can drop in and have a great evening looking at the stars.

Salford Online (Salford, England), May 6—(Includes video): University of Denver psychology professor Howard Markman, director of the Center for Marital and Family Studies, conducted a study several years ago looking at divorce rates before and after cities got Major League Baseball teams. The study showed that cities

with major league baseball teams had a 28 percent lower divorce rate than cities that wanted major league baseball at the time.

Progressive Railroading, May 8—Continued investments in transportation infrastructure is critical to maintaining worldwide economic growth, Patrick Sherry, a professor and board member of the Intermodal Transportation Institute at the University of Denver told delegates attending the 6th Annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Transportation Ministers Meeting. **Mass Transit, May 8**, also reported this story.

SunbeltSports.org, May 9—Senior Dawn Shockley shot a 4-under par 66 on the final day of competition to pace the No. 14 University of Denver women's golf team to its first-ever regional championship at the NCAA East Regional at the Mark Bostick Golf Course in Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday afternoon. Other media reporting this story include: **Colorado Avid Golfer, May 5; Acc.com, May 9; Denver Post, May 9 and WNCT.com, May 9.**

SFGate.com, May 12—Research shows a baby isn't a quick fix for marital problems—especially for couples looking to have their first kid. A new baby puts a sudden, drastic strain on a marriage, according to a recent study from the University of Denver. Researchers found that 90 percent of marital bliss dies one year after the birth of a first child.

StreetInsider.com, May 12—The NanoBusiness Alliance, the world's leading nanotechnology trade association, and the Colorado Nanotechnology Alliance announced the keynote lineup for the 2nd annual Nano Renewable Energy Summit, which will return to the University of Denver, from June 22 - 23, 2009. Other media reporting this story include: **Yacht Charters Magazine, May 12; Azonano.com, May 12; Digital Producer, May 12; Nanotech Wire, May 13 and Congoo.com, May 13.**

Calgary Herald, May 15—A granddaughter of sharecroppers who grew up in Alabama and whose childhood friend was killed by racists, Condoleezza Rice was once told by a school counselor she wasn't college material. She responded by graduating early from high school and entering the University of Denver at the age of 15.

Charleston Gazette, May 15—The daughter of Josef Korbel, the Czech press attache in Belgrade, Madeleine Albright fled to England with her family after the Nazis occupied Czechoslovakia in 1939. The family immigrated to the United States in 1948 after a Soviet-backed Communist coup seized power in Prague. Her father became dean of the school of international relations at the University of Denver; one of his students, Condoleezza Rice, would later become secretary of state. **Oregon Live, May 15**, also reported this story.

SunBeltSports.org, May 16—The University of Denver men's golf team finished in a tie for ninth place after posting a final round score of 27-over par 315 at the NCAA South Central Regional Championship held at the Karsten Creek Golf Club. For the championship, the Pioneers posted a three-day total of 72-over par 936. **Colorado Avid Golfer, May 5**, also reported this story.

Detroit Free Press, May 17—It might be said that Mia Mulvey has a nose for art. The ceramic sculpture artist, an assistant professor at the University of Denver, has a suite of 12 pieces in a new exhibit that just opened at Pewabic Pottery in Detroit. Her pieces are based on Nobel Prize-winning research that seems to have answered long-held questions of how humans perceive scent.

Broadway World, May 18—Paragon Theatre is proud to present another reading in the 2009 season of The Trench: Paragon's New Play Development Series with Carrie Printz's "Race Relations." Printz is a journalist who took playwriting classes at Brown University and studied locally with playwright/director Terry Dodd and University of Denver Assistant Professor of Theatre Allison Horsley.

Deseret News, May 18—As early settlers moved West, they were determined to take culture and civilization with them. One of the profound and fascinating examples of that is the pioneer cemetery, says art historian Annette Stott. “Before the advent of art museums, public libraries or civic sculpture, the Western cemetery functioned as a repository of art and history,” Stott writes in her recently published book, “Pioneer Cemeteries: Sculpture Gardens of the Old West.” Stott is director of the School of Art and Art History and a professor of art history at the University of Denver.

KPDK-FM “Politics or Pedagogy Show with John Cromshaw” (Los Angeles), May 18—University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work professor Eugene Walls was interviewed about the school’s first Pedagogy of Privilege conference to be held on June 1 and 2. **850 KOA-AM, May 30 and Colorado Higher Ed News, June 1**, also reported this story.

Asian Week, May 20—John Sie sits on the Board of Trustees for the Denver Art Museum and the University of Denver.

University Business, May 20—Students at the University of Denver still have a month of school to go, but when they return in the fall there will be something new to look forward to: a bike library. Students, faculty and staff will be able to use loaner bikes for free to get around campus. Other media reporting this story include: **Denver Post, May 19; KCNC-TV (Channel 4), May 18; KMGH-TV (Channel 7), May 18; KUSA-TV (Channel 9), May 18; KDVR-TV (Channel 13), May 18 and Colorado Higher Ed News, May 26.**

Brownsville Herald (Brownsville, TX), May 19—Catherine O’Donnell of North Carolina and Stephanie Sherlock of the University of Denver both shot a 2-under-par 70 on Tuesday to share the lead after the opening round of the NCAA Division I women’s golf tournament. Other media reporting on the tournament include: **Sporting News, May 19; CBS4Denver.com, May 19; Chattanooga Times Free Press, May 20; WJZ.com, May 20; Winston-Salem Journal, May 20; Denver Post, May 20; Theeagle.com, May 20; Colorado Avid Golfer, May 20; Capital (Annapolis, Md.), May 21; SunBeltSports.org, May 21; UWire.com, May 21; Arizona Republic, May 22; VirginiaSports.com, May 24 and Congoo.com, May 25.**

SunBeltSports.org, May 21—University of Denver senior Mallory Voelker defeated Washington’s Venise Chan 6-4, 6-3, at the NCAA Singles Championships in College Station, Texas. With the win, Voelker improves to 21-1 overall and advances to the round of 32 against Cal’s Jana Juricova.

Insider Higher Ed, May 22—Dr. Gregory Anderson, a researcher who has dedicated his career to improving the education system, was named by University of Denver Chancellor Robert Coombe as dean of the Morgridge College of Education. Anderson’s appointment is effective July 27. Other media reporting this story include: **Colorado Higher Ed News, May 21 and Your Hub, May 22.**

Wired Hotelier, May 27—Understanding consumers’ needs and paying attention to customer service were two themes that consistently emerged during the four-part Virtual Resort Conference webinar series presented by the Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International and the University of Denver’s School of Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management. Other media reporting this story include: **HSMIA Econnect, May 27; Hotelmag.com, May 27; Hotel News Resource, May 28 and Hotel-online, May 28.**

Times Higher Education (London), May 28—A project being spearheaded by two professors is making electronic versions of expensive textbooks available for free to students in developing nations, with content donated by academics from 50 universities around the world. The Global Text Project was co-founded by Don McCubbrey a professor of information technology and electronic commerce at the University of Denver.

Slam! Sports, May 30—Joe Colborne of the University of Denver Pioneers has been invited to Hockey Canada’s summer development camp, the first stage of building a squad for the 2010 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship.

Local reputation-defining electronic and print media placements

Colorado Higher Ed News, May 1—With two confirmed cases of Swine Flu now in Colorado, the state’s colleges and universities are taking all necessary precautions and keeping their faculty, staff and students apprised of the situation. At the University of Denver, a trained administrative team was activated and began early implementation of a plan that has been in development for several years to deal with any possible outbreak of communicable illness.

Colorado Higher Ed News, May 1—University of Denver students, staff, faculty, alumni and community members will explore diversity and inclusion at the 8th Annual Diversity Summit. The summit, “Great Hope, Major Changes: Building Engaged and Inclusive Communities” will focus on embedding inclusiveness into all aspects of the institution, examining the building and engaging of inclusive communities, and the role we have individually and collectively to keep hope alive and make positive change.

Denver Post, May 1—Denver defenseman Dillon Roy earned first-team honors in the Great Western Lacrosse League after a vote of the league’s head coaches.

Denver Post, May 6—University of Denver student Jordan DeHerrera was honored as a member of the USA Today All-USA College Academic Second Team. This marks the seventh consecutive year that DU students have been named to one of the USA Today All-USA College Academic Teams. **USA Today, April 24 and Colorado Higher Ed News, May 4** also reported this story.

Colorado Higher Ed News, May 5—Dick Kelly, chairman, president and CEO of Xcel Energy, will be the featured speaker at the next installment of the Voices of Experience lecture series, sponsored by the University of Denver’s Daniels College of Business, May 7. **Denver Business Journal, May 15**, also reported this story.

Colorado Higher Ed News, May 7—Lodi Gyari, special envoy to the Dalai Lama, will speak at the University of Denver, May 8. The address, “Is a Negotiated Settlement for Tibet still Viable?,” is sponsored by DU’s Center for China-U.S. Cooperation in the Josef Korbel School of International Studies.

YourHub.com, May 7—The University of Denver’s Institute for the Study of Israel in the Middle East received a \$7,000 grant from the Rose Youth Foundation for the Student Interfaith Peace Project.

Denver Business Journal, May 8—Daniels College of Business students Julie DeHague, Curt Ophaug-Johansen, Stephanie Brooks and Kristen Lawson conducted a study of the Bank of Denver for their “Marketing Planning” graduate class, taught by Peter Lathrop at Daniels. The 2-year-old class teams four-student groups with businesses that either are based in Colorado, or are national companies with national or regional headquarters here.

Denver Urban Spectrum, May 8—The Center for New Policy and Politics (formerly Center for African American Policy) at the University of Denver will host its annual Summer College Workshop: Advantage Point, Making Informed Choices For Your Educational Future, Friday, July 31 through Sunday, August 2.

Colorado Higher Ed News, May 11—The nationally and internationally ranked University of Denver’s Daniels College of Business has launched a new, a highly focused Professional MBA (PMBA) program that allows participants to work full-time while finishing their degree in two years.

Denver Post, May 12—230 people gathered at Invesco Field’s West Club Lounge for Mi Casa’s annual fundraising luncheon. Lynn Gangone, dean of the University of Denver Women’s College was one of the attendees.

Denver Post, May 14—(Photo Caption) Above, Ashleigh Butler, 13, a Kepner Middle School student, works on decorating a Tolerance Truck on Wednesday. Kepner students made a recent trip to Washington, D.C., where they visited the Holocaust Memorial Museum. At left, Hernan Luna, 12, puts finishing touches on his trunk. The trunks will be displayed at the Remembrance & Hope Art Auction and Dinner at the University of Denver June 2.

KUSA-TV (Channel 9), May 14—They draw the best and brightest in the country and have facilities to rival anyone. The University of Denver's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management graduates students who come here with strong educational backgrounds and leave to run resorts and restaurants around the country.

Colorado Higher Ed News, May 15—The University of Denver Strategic Issues Program today, May 14, will feature speakers bringing a variety of perspectives on the way global immigration affects global finance and politics.

Your Hub, May 15—The Rotary Club of Englewood will induct four new members into its Circle of Heroes on Saturday, May 30. The Rotary event also will be a fund-raiser for a major international service project in Bangladesh. Mohammad Matin, a University of Denver professor who is a native of the area, led a delegation from the club on a visit to Kandopasha in December.

Steamboat Pilot, May 16—Although the questions surrounding global warming — its existence, causes and effects — were not settled Friday, two former Colorado governors took the opportunity to discuss the issues in front of an audience deeply invested in the debate. Democrat Richard Lamm served from 1975 to 1987 and now is the co-director of the University of Denver Institute for Public Policy Studies. Republican Bill Owens, who served from 1999 to 2007, is a senior fellow at the institute Lamm helps lead. **Craig Daily Press, May 16**, also reported this story.

Denver Post, May 19—Ved Nanda, director of International Legal Studies at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, contributed an op-ed about the global economic downturn.

YourHub.com, May 19—The 20th annual Aesthetic Education Institute of Colorado is a seven-day institute conducted in partnership with Morgridge College of Education at the University of Denver that empowers educators of any discipline to integrate the arts into classroom curricula, enriching learning in reading, writing, social studies and other subjects.

Colorado Higher Ed News, May 20—Two hundred and ninety two new lawyers joined an estimated 12,000 living alumni as University of Denver law school's May 16 commencement set them on a path that speaker Terrance Carroll warned comes with deep responsibilities.

KUSA-TV (Channel 9), May 20—Two University of Denver Anthropology students were interviewed on Colorado and Company about their current exhibit at DU's Museum of Anthropology featuring the children of Amache, the Japanese-American internment camp in Colorado. The exhibit is open until June 5.

Steamboat Pilot & Today, May 20—Going to the University of Denver to swim competitively could be one of the best things that has ever happened to Blake Worsley. Worsley, who helped lead DU to its first Sun Belt Conference Swimming and Diving Championship and was named the Conference's Men's Swimmer of the Year for the second straight year, has his sights set on making the Canadian World Championship Team.

Colorado Higher Ed News, May 22—Commitments to the University of Denver from accepted first-year students are up compared to this time last year, according to Tom Willoughby, vice chancellor of Enrollment.

DU's total is 1,240 as of May 18. Colleges and universities closely monitor enrollment deposits in early May to determine the size of the incoming class. Candidates reply date for most colleges and universities is May 1.

Denver Post, May 25—University of Denver junior golfer Stephanie Sherlock, who helped the Pioneers finish fifth at the NCAA championships, was named to the All-America second team by the National Golf Coaches Association. It is Sherlock's third consecutive All-America honor. Sherlock and DU seniors Katie Kempter and Dawn Shockley made the NGCA's all-East Region team.

Aspen Daily News, May 26—Trustees have agreed to authorize Colorado Mountain College President Stan Jensen to sign the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. Twelve other Colorado colleges and universities have already signed on, including the University of Denver.

Your Hub, May 26—On Sunday, May 24, eighty young women, ages 12-18, participated in "Each One, Teach One," a girls' empowerment workshop. The clinic, sponsored by Athletics and Beyond, Red Shield Boxing, the University of Denver's Center for Multicultural Excellence, and Hard Nutrition, was designed to empower and challenge young women to take control of their own lives.

850 KOA-AM, May 27—Morning news anchor Robbyn Hart interviewed Ginger Maloney, director of the University of Denver's Marsico Institute for Early Learning and Literacy, about the Early Childhood Colorado Information Clearinghouse Web site.

Colorado Higher Ed News, May 28—Four students from the Law and Society program of The Women's College of the University of Denver have been invited to present a roundtable discussion at the annual conference of the national Law and Society Association, May 28-31 in Denver.

Denver Post, May 30—Smoking will be snuffed out just about everywhere inside and out at the University of Denver starting Jan. 1. Chancellor Robert Coombe said the decision was based on a recommendation by DU's Tobacco Task Force, headed by Sam Alexander, executive director of University Health Services. The task force has been studying the issue for more than a year. Other media reporting this story include: **850 KOA-AM, May 29; Colorado Public Radio, KCFR-FM, May 29; 2thedeuce.com, May 29; TheDenverChannel.com, May 29; KDVR.com, May 29; Grand Junction Sentinel, May 29; Tobacco.org, May 29; HeraldSun.com (Durham, NC), May 29; KCNC-TV, May 30 and Colorado Higher Ed News, June 2.**

National/International expert comment in electronic and print media placements

BizEd, May/June 2009—Companies with strong reputations or celebrity status benefit more when they report positive earnings surprises and are punished less for negative earnings surprises, say Michael Pfarrer, assistant professor at the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business in Colorado.

Financial Times, May 5—We know, from many witnesses, that former General Electric CEO Jack Welch could be a formidable, even terrifying, boss, demanding that the numbers be hit. James O'Toole from the University of Denver remembers one former GE executive confessing to him that one of his boss' attacks "caused me to soil my pants."

Montgomery Advertiser, May 5—Paul Olk, professor of management at the University of Denver, contributed to a story applying Captain Kirk's management skills to real-world business situations. Other media reporting this story include: **State (Columbia, SC), May 5; Mercury (Pottstown, P.A.), May 5; Canoe.ca, May 7; York Daily Record (York, Pa.), May 8; Alaska Journal of Commerce, May 8; Fosters.com, May 11; Ithaca Journal, May 15 and Mail Tribune (Medford, Ore.), May 17.**

National Post, May 15—Lynn Clark, who teaches about religion and pop culture at the University of Denver, said stories such as *The Da Vinci Code* and *Angels & Demons* resonate because many people already hold deep suspicions about religion and the Catholic Church, especially over issues like sexuality and the role of women.

Business Week, May 20—While the shareholder maximization model gathered steam, business schools began fighting for top spots in media rankings, such as the biennial BusinessWeek list of top business schools. Some educators are asking business media to take a look in the mirror before pointing the finger at business schools alone for today’s problems. James O’Toole, a professor of business ethics at University of Denver’s Daniels College of Business, says business school rankings have helped to turn students into consumers and business schools into businesses.

MSNBC.com, May 20—By issuing rules aimed at sharply boosting vehicle gasoline mileage and slashing greenhouse gas emissions, experts say the Obama plan is just what carmakers need given the prospect of higher gas prices and worries about global warming. “If you look toward the future, these standards will put carmakers in a more competitive position as they address future requirements and trends,” said Douglas Allen, associate professor of management at the University of Denver’s Daniels College of Business. **Newsvine.com, May 20**, also reported this story.

New York Times, May 24—Budget cuts and the cost of maintaining an overcrowded jail forced Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden to begin releasing inmates accused of lesser crimes without bond. Officials insist they’re reaping savings by placing released inmates into less-costly supervision programs. The bail industry argues that extreme supervision is akin to penalizing defendants who haven’t been convicted. “I really don’t think it violates any due process,” said Kris Miccio, an associate professor at the University of Denver and a former New York City prosecutor. Other media reporting this story include: **CNBC.com, May 24; TheDenverChannel.com, May 24; KDVR.com, May 24; NewsMax.com, May 24; Salon.com, May 24; Reporter Herald, May 25; 3News (New Zealand), May 25; Greeley Tribune, May 25 and Atlanta Journal Constitution, May 26.**

Washington Examiner, May 26—While Obama came to office offering to talk with the North Koreans about their nuclear program, the only answer has been belligerence — in the form of missile and nuclear tests. That would seem to make it clear that, at this point, Pyongyang does not feel the United States has anything to offer. China does and North Korea, one of the most heavily sanctioned and isolated nations on the globe, knows it. “The North must feel now that they have overplayed their hand, given the reaction of the Russians and Chinese,” said Ved Nanda, a professor at the University of Denver. Other media reporting this story include: **Free Republic, May 26; 2TheDeuce.com, May 26; TheDenverChannel.com, May 26; KDVR.com, May 26; Salon.com, May 26; MaximumEdge.com, May 26; Southern Ledger, May 26; SanDiego.Cox.Net, May 26; GoldSea.com, May 26; Mainichi Daily News (Japan), May 26; Pantagraph.com, May 26; Japan Today, May 27; Winston-Salem Journal, May 27; Bennington Banner (Vermont), May 27; Tribune (San Gabriel Valley), May 27; Post-Bulletin (Rochester, MN), May 27; Hawk Eye, May 28 and Saudi Gazette, May 28.**

Toronto Star, May 31—On Thursday Barack Obama will be in Egypt to deliver his much-anticipated address to Muslims. “There’s a real irony in the leader of the free world delivering a major speech to Muslims in one of the most repressive parts of the world,” said Nader Hashemi, author of “Islam, Secularism and Liberal Democracy” and a professor at the University of Denver.

Local expert comment in electronic and print media placements

KUSA-TV (Channel 9), May 1—Shepard Fairey, the artist of Barack Obama’s “Hope” poster, has filed suit against the Associated Press. He’s claiming that his use of an AP photograph of Obama should fall under the “fair use” doctrine. The Associated Press initially was trying to settle out of court and wanted to claim credit and compensation for Fairey’s popular poster. “Copyright infringement is essentially a claim of stealing, not

stealing a thing, but stealing somebody's idea, or in copyright terms, taking their original expression," said Viva Moffat, an assistant professor of law at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law.

Denver Business Journal, May 1—Building owners, property managers and other professionals in the local rental market say job growth is the most influential factor affecting the vacancy rate. "An increase in the vacancy rate is keyed directly to unemployment," said Gordon Von Stroh, business professor at the University of Denver and author of the Denver Metro Apartment Vacancy and Rent Survey quarterly report. Other media quoting Von Stroh include: **Grand Junction Sentinel, May 21; Denver Business Journal, May 21; Northern Colorado Business Report, May 21; Gazette, May 21; Greeley Tribune, May 21 and Denver Post, May 22.**

KMGH-TV (Channel 7), May 4—Congress is debating a bill that could boost sales for auto dealers and possibly improve the environment. If a person is willing to literally scrap his or her car, the owner would be given a voucher—valued up to \$5,000—to be used toward the purchase of a more fuel efficient car. "If it is to control pollution, it won't be very effective," said Dr. Don Stedman, a University of Denver professor who established the ozone reading vans seen on onramps across the metro area.

KCNC-TV (Channel 4), May 5—The recession has hit experienced workers hard. "First you have to help the employer understand what overqualified doesn't mean. It doesn't mean that you are going to leave the job. You've got to let them know you want to stay, you're dedicated, you've got something that you can offer them," said Dr. Karen Dowd, executive director of Graduate Career Services at University of Denver's Daniels College of Business.

Denver Post, May 9—A vote to authorize a strike would not mean that the Safeway's union workers will leave their posts in the deli or from behind the registers at the grocery chain, said Cindi Fukami, professor of management at the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver. "It's a tool to have in their back pocket," she said. Other media quoting Fukami include: **Daily Times (Farmington, N.M.), May 11; Denver Post, May 15 and TheDenverChannel.com, May 19.**

Law Week Colorado, May 11—University of Denver Sturm College of Law professor Tom Russell discussed the recent drop in the amount of jury verdicts in Colorado.

Denver Post, May 12—Colorado casinos are turning to Las Vegas gambling veterans in preparation for an anticipated influx of higher-stakes players and savvier cheaters when bet limits rise statewide this summer. "They're not used to players coming in and winning the kinds of money they might win with the increased limits," said Bob Hannum, a University of Denver statistics professor who will co-host a training seminar for casino officials in June. **Poker News Hub, May 17**, also quoted Hannum.

KMGH-TV (Channel 7), May 12—The chief investment strategist for Charles Schwab told Good Morning America's Diane Sawyer that the recession is over. But local economists paint a different picture. "I think the recession will last through all of this year and maybe even into the first quarter of next year," said Dr. Ron Rizzuto of the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver.

Denver Post, May 20—When the recession passes, unemployment will decrease, the stock market will rebound, real estate sales will pick up — and a whole bunch of people will have lost the best excuse they've had in a long time for weaseling out of things. "The recession is being used as a way to lie to people, by people who are too cowardly to face a problem directly," says Martha Wadsworth, an associate professor in the University of Denver's Department of Psychology.

KDVR.com, May 20—There may be a light at the end of the tunnel when it comes to the housing crisis. Denver was recently named America's first city on the verge of rebounding from the slump. In real estate it's location, location and location. And a series of factors point to Denver as the top location, set to lead the nation

in a rebound of the housing market. “Based on the economics and Denver as a quality city to live in and ability for jobs, population growth etc, yes it’s at the top of the list,” said Dr. Ron Throupe of the University of Denver’s Daniels College of Business

KCNC-TV (Channel 4), May 25—Political leaders pay a lot of attention to the middle class because a lot of people consider themselves in the middle. Core American values are believed to reside in the middle class. “That may be a cliché and that may be one of those romantic notions but there’s something to it,” said University of Denver associate professor of economics Dr. Tracy Mott.

Denver Post, May 28—As talk radio and the blogosphere blew up with claims that Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor is a racist, scholars of ethnicity and politics called for a quick truce. “I think the brouhaha over it is a total red herring. And it’s a brouhaha that comes from a perspective of privilege, particularly white-male privilege,” said Nancy Wadsworth, a professor at the University of Denver who teaches courses on race and religion in politics.