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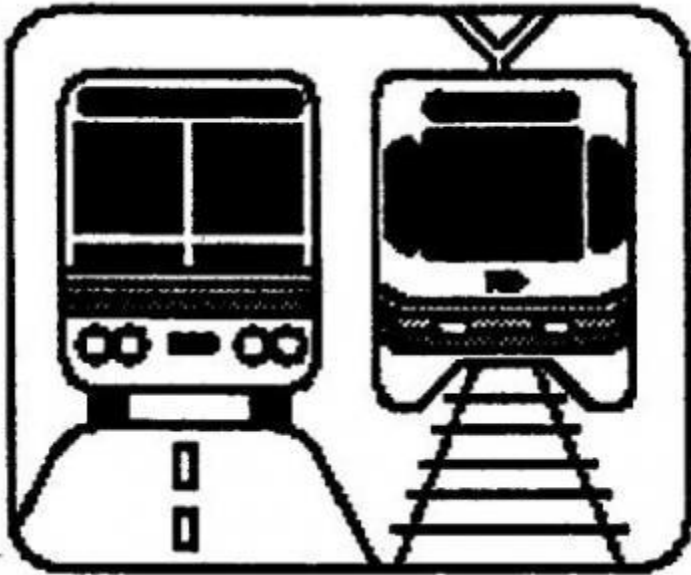
Skyline, Downtown Denver Partnership

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May 16, 2012

By Gateway News



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Electric Hammer is a local Colorado band steeped in the sounds of Rhythm & Blues and Classic Rock music. Its founding members have been playing together for over two decades and pride themselves on playing the music people know and appreciate.

For over 30 years, Coconut the Clown has brought smiles and doses of hilarity to children of all ages, using his special clown magic and a wonderful array of large colorful puppets.

Zumba Fitness is an easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired fitness program which has been moving people towards joy and health since 2001. More than 12 million people in more than 125 countries take weekly Zumba classes.

Roz Brown, a premier autoharpist, singer and Colorado folk legend is a captivating entertainer and recording artist who will regale the crowd with railroad songs and cowboy tunes. Many people know him from his regular performances at the Buckhorn Exchange restaurant in Denver.

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May 17, 2012

By Denver Post

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May 17, 2012

By Dennis Huspeni, Denver Business Journal



Denver-based First Western Financial Inc. is moving its headquarters from the Tabor Center to 1900 16th St., complete with a new sign on top of the tallest building in LoDo.

First Western recently signed a lease for 49,584 square feet — two floors — of office space in the 335,000-square-foot, class AA building.

“It’s just a great building at a great location,” said Scott Wylie, chairman and CEO.

The 10-year-old company started with five employees. It now has about 200 Denver-based employees and 12 offices in four states. In August, Inc. magazine included First Western on its annual Inc. 5000 of the fastest-growing private companies in America, ranking it No. 1562, with 176 percent three-year revenue growth and \$41.3 million in revenue in 2010.

“This is a strategic advantage for us for a couple of reasons. One is that we want to be where our clients and our associates want us to be,” Wylie said. “Clearly, transportation-wise and activity-wise, this is the place to be downtown.”

Redevelopment in the Denver Union Station area has been driving office vacancy in that area down and rents up. The Regional Transportation District’s commuter rail line from that station to Denver International Airport is scheduled to be complete by 2016.

Wylie said the company had been exploring the possibility of a suburban location for its back-office employees.

“But the younger people like the urban buzz,” Wylie said. “This really adds a big premium and value for our associates down there. A big part of our business is attracting great young people and given the opportunity, this is where they want to be.”

The visibility of the signs were important, too, he said.

“This location in LoDo gives us the headquarters we need to expand,” Wylie said.

Cassidy Turley Fuller Real Estate’s Doug Wulf represented First Western. CBRE Group Inc.’s Chris Phenicie and David Hart represented the landlord.

1801 California tenants staying

Brookfield Office Properties Inc. (NYSE, TSX: BPO) has renewed leases for 1801 California totalling 88,510 square feet.

Current tenants staying include: Global law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP leased 36,449 square feet for 10 years. The firm was represented by CBRE’s Greg Holm and Stephen Bay. Handy Networks leased 9,592 square feet for 10 years and was represented by Cushman and Wakefield of Colorado Inc.’s Steve Billigmeier. Citigroup Technology Inc., a subsidiary of Citigroup Inc., leased 14,827 square feet and was represented Cresa’s Rick Door. An additional lease was completed for 27,642 square feet, but the company was not named.

Each company was a subtenant under CenturyLink’s master lease, which is set to expire in June.

Brookfield was represented by Cushman and Wakefield’s Nick Pavlakovich.

CCD adds a building

Community College of Denver (CCD) bought the 15,628 square-foot St. Francis Center building, off Speer Boulevard and St. Francis Way, for \$1.

Ownership of the building was transferred from Auraria Foundation to CCD. Current tenants Confucius Institute and some student support services for Metro State will remain. The building is next to CCD’s main building, the South Classroom Building.

Trimble begins work on Westminster campus

The technology company Trimble (Nasdaq: TRMB) broke ground May 14 on a 125,000 square-foot, four-story campus at 10368 Westmoor Drive, Westminster.

J.E. Dunn Construction Group Inc.’s Denver office was picked to be the general contractor.

“Westminster has proven to be an excellent location for our Trimble Rockies office because of its access to a high-technology workforce,” Steven Berglund, president and CEO, said in a statement.

The company has been in Colorado since 2000.

May 18, 2012

By Your Hub

The Denver Union Station Project Authority and the Regional Transportation District held a grand opening celebration for the Light Rail Plaza at Union Station Friday, May 18, 2012. Entertainment for the event included rock band Electric Hammer, Coconut the Clown, a Zumba presentation and Denver folk legend Roz Brown.



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Zumba demonstration.

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Zumba demonstration and COCONUT the Clown.



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Electric Hammer band



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Roz Brown on the harpsichord