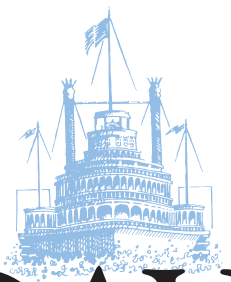




**LATE GOAL GETS THE GAME**

Sailors win against Bears  
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**COUPLE CRAFTS BEER TO PERFECTION**

Former locals tout good ale, small breweries  
STYLE 1E



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Demolition continues at SkiTime Square, but some wonder whether a sluggish economy will bring redevelopment to a halt.

**Base area could stall**

Officials fear a halt to public, private improvements

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Tightening credit markets are set to bring public improvement projects at the base of Steamboat Ski Area to a halt, and some fear the same for private redevelopments in the area.

The city's finance staff is recommending that the city's urban

renewal authority — created in 2005 to finance and build public improvements that would in turn encourage private redevelopment of the aging ski base — not seek a \$20 million bond this year. Without the debt, 2009 financial projections for the URA show it having only \$200,000, at best, to spend next year.

“Quite frankly, nothing will

happen next year if we don't pass the bond issue,” interim City Manager Wendy DuBord said. “And I can't imagine we would want to issue more debt right now, under these circumstances.”

Steamboat Springs City Council President Loui Antonacci fears private redevelop-

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**Rivals share cause**

DA candidates push domestic violence 'fast track' program

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Although Republican Elizabeth Oldham and Democrat Tammy Stewart are locked in a contested race for District Attorney of the 14th Judicial District, they see eye-to-eye on a need to speed up prosecution of domestic violence cases.

Frequently termed “domestic violence fast-track,” such a program aims to bring alleged offenders to court quickly, even sentencing them the day after an alleged offense. Proponents of fast-tracking domestic violence cases cite benefits for the perpetrators and the victims — both get access to services they need faster than if their cases work their way through the court system in the standard process.

“If you bring the offenders to court quickly, you get them into treatment quickly,” Oldham said.

Domestic violence cases also have a tendency to become more difficult to prosecute as time goes on because of family dynamics and the cycle of violence, said Diane Moore, executive director of Advocates Against Battering and Abuse.

“You have a better chance of prosecuting successfully (when you fast-track), because you don't have a victim who's recanting yet,” Stewart said.

Oldham was involved in setting up a fast-track program in Summit County, during her stint as a deputy district attorney in the 5th Judicial District. She returned to Grand County, where she began her seven-year career as a prosecutor, in 2007. She became Assistant District Attorney earlier this year.

Stewart emphasized that establishing a domestic violence fast-track program in the 14th Judicial District does not cost

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**A Wall Street teacher**

Business students learn real-life lesson from bad economy

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THE DENVER POST

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Every hour Wall Street is open, the school of hard knocks delivers body blows to the nation's future financial leaders.

With a professor speaking quietly and reassuringly in one ear, and Mad Money Man James Cramer shouting from cable TV into the other, students at the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business are short and long in the market, as they say.

Long-term, they know they will be the ones handling the next worldwide financial crisis as they take jobs in finance, industry and government.

Short-term, they're losing a pile of money like everybody else. And it's not fun.

“It's our duty to learn from our mistakes,” said undergraduate Aaron Moore. “The average consumer may have a very low understanding of what's going on. People who do understand have a duty.”

At business schools such as Daniels, and at the University of Colorado at Boulder's Leeds School, students find themselves immersed in a rare academic opportunity. Their textbook classroom experience suddenly segues — with alarm and fascination — into the real-time economic crisis.

Professors have adjusted their curriculum or offered outside seminars to address it. Students feel unusually engaged by the intersection of theory and practice. Serendipity gave some traveling CU undergrads a front-row seat — literally — to the calamity on Wall Street.

At DU, students looked a little queasy as current events triggered real-life consequences. Moore belongs to a team of Daniels College students that manages \$600,000 in very real

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MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

Third-grader Miles Buchan uses a magnifier to assist him with completing an assignment at Strawberry Park Elementary School. The magnifier is one of the adaptive devices used for children with disabilities at the school.

**Opening up doors**

Assistive technology helps students with disabilities keep up in school

SUNDAYFOCUS

STORY BY ZACH FRIDELL

A child with limited sight would have been excluded from many learning activities just 15 years ago. Relegated to large-print books and unable to read classroom handouts, unless specially printed, children

with low vision often were left in the dark.

But for students such as local third-grader Miles Buchan, technology now

exists — and is present in the Steamboat Springs School District — to help children with disabilities read and write every line of their curriculum.

Gov. Bill Ritter has declared this week “Assistive Technology Awareness Week” for the state, bringing attention to devices that are used to “increase, maintain, or

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**Jobless rate goes up in Routt**

Layoffs could be coming to locals amid economic downturn

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Some local businesses might pare down their ranks as the economic crisis roils industries nationwide.

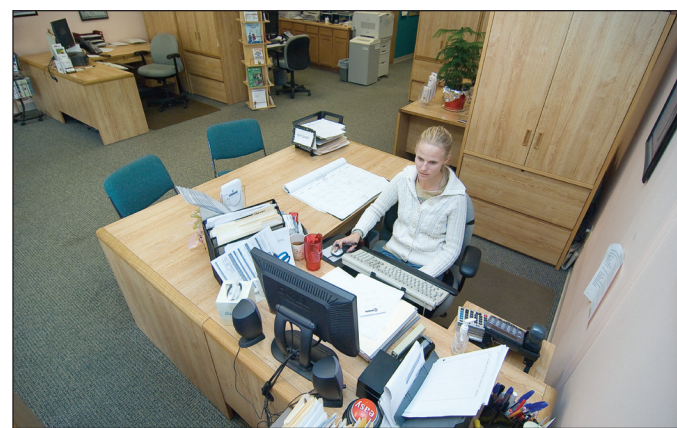
Brian Bradbury, an employment specialist at the Steamboat

Springs Workforce Center, said he sees the effects. Routt County's unemployment rate stood at about 3.1 percent in August, up from 2.4 percent the same month in 2007, he said. Colorado's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent for the month, compared with 3.8 percent for August 2007.

“We're getting a lot more people

coming in (from) the construction industry, where some of the projects have been shut down or slowed down,” Bradbury said. “That is definitely a trend we're seeing. Also, unemployment questions are definitely rising. We spend a lot of time explaining it to people.”

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Jackie Mitchell, an employment specialist with Colorado Work Force, recently has been busy as the employment market continues to tighten.

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