Economists in demand as markets melt down

Zions Bank's Threshold remains optimistic about America's future

By Chuck Gates Deseret News

Bold the neo-millenials economist. The usually numerophiles from Wall Street is approaching old-school status complete. It's not that economists of diger era didn't have opinions, but they mostly debated among themselves for lack of broader audiences. In fact, the recently passed federal stimulus pack-age is rooted in the theories of John Maynard Keynes, considered among the most influential economists of the first half of the 20th century. But a funny thing has happened in the way the global economic machine. Home-mortgage yearly lows, standard home equity, stimulus pack-age and unemployment up the stairs have everyone seeking southpaw. The result has been many an economist trading their clip-on

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boss tie for clip-on microphone.

Among the hottest economists on the planet right now is Nouriel Roubini, a doomsaying professor of economics at the Stern School of New York University. Roubini's enhanced stature comes from just so happening to be the guy who correctly predicted much of the current financial implosion. Roubini shares his dire warnings in a weekly column for Forbes and regularly cracks Obama's Daily Town of economists, Timothy Geithner, Lawrence Summers and Paul Volcker, as well as other A-listers like New York Times columnist and Nobel laureate in economics Paul Krugman for the spotlight. Just like the trickle-down economists, this is a trickle up.

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When economy bottoms out, how will we know?

By Alan Zibel, Christopher Leonard and Tim Parida Associated Press

When will the weakened economy bottom out? The recession is already in its 15th month, making it longer than all but two downturns since World War II. For now, economists seems to be getting worse. The Dow is in the red, jobs are unravelling and, as usual, there are about 15 million American homeowners in foreclosure or behind on payments. But the economy always recovers. It runs in cycles, and economists are watching as

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Gun play kills teen

A 16-year-old girl was shot to death in Provo Friday when her friend playfully pointed a loaded handgun at her face and it fired.

Running late?

Daylight-saving time returned today, so if you didn't set your clock one hour ahead last night, you're likely running behind.

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Misty clouds today. Highs mid-60s; lows in mid-50s.

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Parents say Israeli shelling found their daughter dead.

Sun and Mary Sudan play with 6-month-old son David inside their HUD-supervised mobile home in Salt Lake City.

The problem, he says, is that HUD-manufactured homes — the millions of low-cost factory-built homes that fall under federal regulations — typically come equipped with foster exhaust vents on the roof that are placed too close to the powered air intake pipe. Under certain conditions — depending on wind direction and snow accumulation on the roof — the exhaust is sucked back in, he argues, and that causes carbon monoxide walls unseem through the house. Rodger, a retired scientist, and his friend Jay Rodger, a retired chemical engineers, areadamant about this. For the past year they have doggedly tried to get the atten-tion of state and local officials, as well as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Develop-ment, which oversees the houses. To Rodger and Bishop, it's al-most a matter of common sense. You would never let a child play 3 feet from a exhaust pipe, they say, and

Jay L. Bishop, left, and Thomas Rodger, center, talk with legislative interns Buchanan Davis at the Capitol on Feb. 4.

Obama says U.S. is losing the war

Reaching out to Taliban in Afghanistan is a possibility

By Helen Cooper and Michael J. Sandleberg

WASHINGTON — President Obama declared in an interview that the United States was not win-ning the war in Afghanistan and opened the door to a reconciliation process, which the U.S. military would reach out to moderate elements of the Taliban, much to the surprise of many analysts. Obama told The New York Times on Thursday that he had not yet made a decision on a broad strategy to end the war. But in a major speech on foreign policy, Obama declared that he was prepared to consider all options. This is a turning point in the war in Afghanistan, Obama said in an interview with The New York Times. Obama is considering a comprehensive strategy to end the war, which he has described as the most important foreign policy challenge of his presidency. He said that he would not rule out the option of a military withdrawal from Afghanistan, a move that would be a significant departure from past U.S. policy. Obama is also considering a diplomatic strategy that would involve a broader engagement with the Taliban, including talks with the group's leaders. This approach would be in line with Obama's broader strategy of engaging with countries in the region to address the root causes of the conflict in Afghanistan. The Times interview is the first major interview of Obama since the war in Afghanistan began in 2001. The interview comes as the U.S. military is facing criticism for its heavy reliance on force in the war and for the failure of its efforts to train and equip the Afghan security forces.
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argued, and yet HBD rule allows the fermenter veteran to be located as close as 3 feet or less (9 feet at 20 feet; 10 feet at 30 feet) from the power and air intake. The 3-foot restriction design for more than 30 years.

It’s no mean feat to make the lack of compliance.

One morning earlier this

week, Rodgers and Bishop were at the state Capitol to testify about the need for their concerns. After their

statement, they met some of the key players in the hearing, including Attorney General Mark Schapiro. They

met them in the hallway, and set up

some friendly faces. Rodgers and Bishop say Wisconsin has a
culture that is growing quickly, and

now is the time to act.

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