

DISMEMBERMENT OF DBSI BEGINS IN BANKRUPTCY COURT

A part of DBSI Inc. has been sold as the Meridian real-estate investment company's bankruptcy case proceeds.

DBSI's property management business was put on the auction block last month. This week, a 7-year-old South Carolina company, TIC Properties Management LLC of Greenville, won the court-approved auction.

That means DBSI is surrendering 44 properties it managed for tenants in common — investors around the nation who each owned pieces of the buildings DBSI managed. DBSI is giving up management of 1.6 million square feet of retail space, 1.8 million square feet of office space, 92,000 square feet of multifamily buildings and 179,000 square feet of industrial buildings.

TIC declined to disclose what it paid.

Before it filed for bankruptcy in November, DBSI controlled 248 commercial properties around the nation and had more than 8,500 investors.

DBSI laid off workers last June and September amid worsening conditions in the commercial real-estate markets, was sued by investors in October after it stopped paying them, filed for bankruptcy in November, and was sued for fraud by Idaho securities regulators this month.

See **INSIDE BUSINESS, BUSINESS 2**

bear market in

DIVERSIFY

Investing in different types of stocks, as well as bonds, commodities and real estate is supposed to protect you because investments shouldn't move in tandem. But lately, everything has moved in the same direction — down. Still, as the data shows, over the long-term, diversity results in solid gains, and experts say that will hold true again.

So
hav
sel
wir
doe
bea
Sto
Sta
ind
wir
say
or i
sho

Annualized return*

Small stocks	12.1%
Real estate investment trusts	10.6
Large-cap stocks	9.2
Long-term government bonds	8.8
Long-term corporate bonds	8.3
Short-term government bonds	5.9

*Jan. 1972 to Jan. 2009

SOURCES: Federal Reserve, Morningstar, S&P

On
be

THE WEEK IN BUSINESS

MONDAY, FEB. 9

Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce 2009 Idaho Chamber Day at the Legislature: 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at The Grove Hotel, 245 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise. Cost is \$49. Register at www.boisechamber.org.

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

Idaho Department of Labor Employer Association: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Salmon Room, Meridian School District Office, 1303 E. Central Drive. Ron Price, founder of Price Associates in Nampa, will discuss strategies for maximizing employee potential. Cost is \$15, includes continental breakfast. RSVP with Alisa Bondurant at 332-3575, Ext. 3545, or e-mail alisa.bondurant@labor.idaho.gov.

How to Write a Newsletter Seminar: 9 a.m. to noon at Quick Classes Learning Center, 2100 E. Fairview Ave., Suite 12, Meridian. Learn the strategy and purpose behind a great newsletter. Cost is \$99. Register at www.idahosbdc.org or call 895-0800.

Inc.: Learn the record keeping requirements for small and medium sized businesses and how to comply with regulations using ECM (Electronic Content Management) at a free webinar, 11:30 a.m. either from your PC or at Integra in Downtown Boise. Free lunch. Contact Courtney at croeber@integrainfotech.com or call 336-2720, Ext. 212.

Business Basics Workshop: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the SBA Boise District Office, 380 E. Park Center Blvd. Free workshop on starting and financing your small business. For more information or reservations, call 334-9004, Ext. 336.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

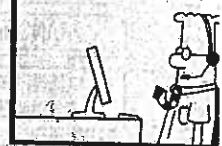
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Leaders: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 11-12 at The Watercooler, 1401 W. Idaho St., Boise. Learn to manage yourself, lead others and unleash potential you never knew existed in your business. Cost is \$395. Register at www.idahosbdc.org or call 426-3875.

Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP): 11:45 a.m.

DILBERT Scott Ad

DILBERT WC COLLECT!

MY WIFE HATE
I LIVE BETW
ARCHERY RANG
NEST OF RABID



tel, 1109 Main St., Boise meeting with education This month's program is E-mail via Ham Radio p Rob Spofford. Cost of lu members and \$12 for ne For information or reser tact Denton Hopkins at e-mail denton.hopkins@valu.com.

THURSDAY, F

S.W. Idaho Chapter of National Association of Real Estate Property Managers: 8 Powerhouse Event Cent St., Boise. Nationally kn