

Eyeing Halloween

Steamboat residents have a few days to complete costumes

STYLE 1D



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ROCKIES FALL AT HOME

Colorado drops to 3-0 against Boston

SPORTS 1C



Benji Amsden, from left, and his family...



BRIAN RAY/STAFF

Parent treks south to help son

Black widow spider bite prompts journey to Mexico

Brandon Gee PILOT & TODAY STAFF

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People will go to great lengths to save their kids...

While Benji Amsden of Steamboat Springs didn't display any feats...

did engage in a weeklong chase straight out of Hollywood...

A black widow spider bit Mike, a Steamboat Springs High School student...

amount of pain. The bites are rarely fatal.

While Mike was being treated for pain at Yampa Valley Medical Center...

The family had heard about an

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LEONARD ORTIZ/ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER Fire fighters with the Orange County Fire Authority...

Now hiring

Search and Rescue seeks assistant to handle workload

Alexis DeLaCruz PILOT & TODAY STAFF

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Routt County Search and Rescue Treasurer Kristia Check-Hill has a Friday tradition.

Check-Hill, who has volunteered with Search and Rescue for six years...

Check-Hill said the time she spends preparing reports doubles in budget season...

"But I enjoy it," she said Friday, cornered by a filing cabinet...

Check-Hill might get a little reprieve from her overload of work...

On Tuesday, Search and Rescue President Randall Hannaway met with the Routt

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MIKE MCCOLLUM/STAFF

Strawberry Park Elementary School ELL teacher Susie Gruben is one of four ELL teachers in the district...

Never a typical day

ELL students learn despite language barrier

SUNDAY FOCUS

STORY BY MIKE MCCOLLUM

At a time when most students are trying to find a sense of self during turbulent "tween" years...

"They have to be somebody completely different at school than they are at home," said Cathy Girard...

"At home, that's their culture, their family. And at school, it's a completely different culture..."

they put on a different face, they put on a different façade...

The ELL population at the middle school is 22, an increase of four students from last year.

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Rain gives relief

Weather improves as wildfires burn

Garance Burke THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE ARROWHEAD, CALIF.

Firefighters battled stubborn wildfires across Southern California on Saturday...

Tropical moisture flowing from the south replaced the hot, dry Santa Ana winds...

The number of deaths directly attributed to the fires officially rose to seven.

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District 1 race for City Council focuses on development issues

Mike Lawrence PILOT & TODAY STAFF

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The race for a District 1 seat on the Steamboat Springs City Council is focusing on which candidate is better suited to manage widespread growth...

Steamboat Springs Planning Commissioner Scott Myller, who is challenging Steamboat Springs City Council President Susan Dellinger...

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Election 2007

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The Steamboat Pilot & Today will publish stories about candidates and ballot issues every Sunday until Election Day...

Where and when to vote early: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Routt County Courthouse Annex in Steamboat Springs

District 2 race pits professional organizer against city manager

Mike Lawrence PILOT & TODAY STAFF

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There is no shortage of administrative and professional experience in the race for a District 2 seat on the Steamboat Springs City Council.

Paul Hughes, 64, served as Steamboat Springs' city manager from 1998 to December 2005...

The Playworks Preschool, a co-owner of Steamboat Aviation, and a former member of the Steamboat Springs Planning Commission...

In forums leading up to Election Day, Bentley has admitted that she is "not a politician" and addressed what Hughes has claimed to be his greatest advantage: experience.

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THIS WEEK: Will you vote for city referendums 2B and 2C, to construct and operate a \$34 million rec center at Ski Town Fields?

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