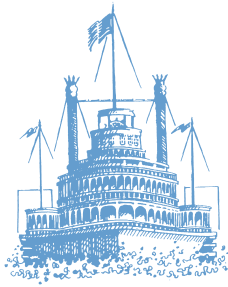


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## STEAMBOAT SPRINGS



### Project passes

City Council unanimously approves new building on Yampa Street

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### Salazar to vote 'no'

Democratic senator will not approve attorney general nomination

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## SPORTS



### Playoff prepping

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## Mounting excitement



BRIAN RAY/STAFF

**Ski technician Michael Paul** fits boots to bindings on a pair of skis at Ski Haus on Wednesday. Business has picked up in the repair shop during recent weeks as patrons get prepared for ski season.

## Where it went wrong

### Rec center may have led to council losses

**Brandon Gee**  
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

#### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Wednesday was a day for second-guessing as Steamboat Springs City Council incumbents pondered their resounding Election Day defeats.

Councilman Towny Anderson wondered whether the council's decision to place a \$34 million recreation center on the ballot cost him and two others reelection. Voters left little doubt about their feelings toward the proposal — the referendums were defeated, 80 percent to 20 percent.

The City Council voted unanimously in September to put the recreation center on the ballot. Anderson said council members were so pressured by a group of recreation center supporters that they decided to let voters make the call. The two recreation center ballot questions, which proposed funding for construction, operation and maintenance of a facility at Ski Town Fields, would have implemented the city's only property tax.

"In retrospect, council should have never let that come to a vote," Anderson said. "I never factored that into the equation, but what that did is bring the conservative vote out en masse.

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## LOTTO



Wednesday night's Powerball numbers: 22-29-35-46-52, 2, 5  
Lotto numbers: 7-16-22-35-36-41  
Cash 5 numbers: 14-19-20-24-32

## WEATHER



Sunny, mild in the afternoon. High of 60.  
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