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Open space review

City's trails master plan draft to be discussed by the Planning Commission

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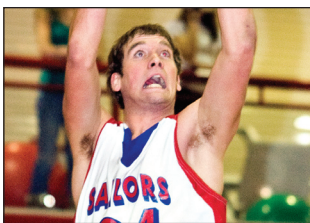
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Children's challenges



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Kindergartners Caleb Sharp and Lilian Stevens talk about a class project titled "Dear World," a book that explains the children's views about our world and the environmental challenges their generation may be facing in the future. **For story, see page 4.**

The snow struggle

Officials: Residents, contractors frustrate removal efforts

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Jim Weber wishes some people would admit that it's winter.

Weber, of the Steamboat Springs Public Works Department, said recent snowfall and

freezing temperatures have done little to dissuade some of Steamboat's many builders. In some cases, Weber has had to disappoint those who want to dig across city streets.

"They want to dig across the pavement," Weber said. "People seem to forget that we don't allow open cuts after

Nov. 1. I would have to assume their management and training skills need some improvement."

Weber said construction projects have impeded the city's ability to keep some streets clear, especially when materials are stored in the public right-of-way.

"We have a number of things that are ongoing with aspects of construction that are in the right-of-way," Weber said. "The plows will tend to stay away from that, which decreases the travel width."

Weber said stacking materi-
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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT



Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	4 in.	Total snow†	78 in.
New snow — Summit	2.5 in.	Trails open	53/165
Base — Mid-mountain	31 in.	Lifts open	8/18
Base — Summit	32 in.	Conditions	Powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 18 as measured at mid-mountain



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