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Responsible message

Window decals aim to deter adults from buying alcohol for kids

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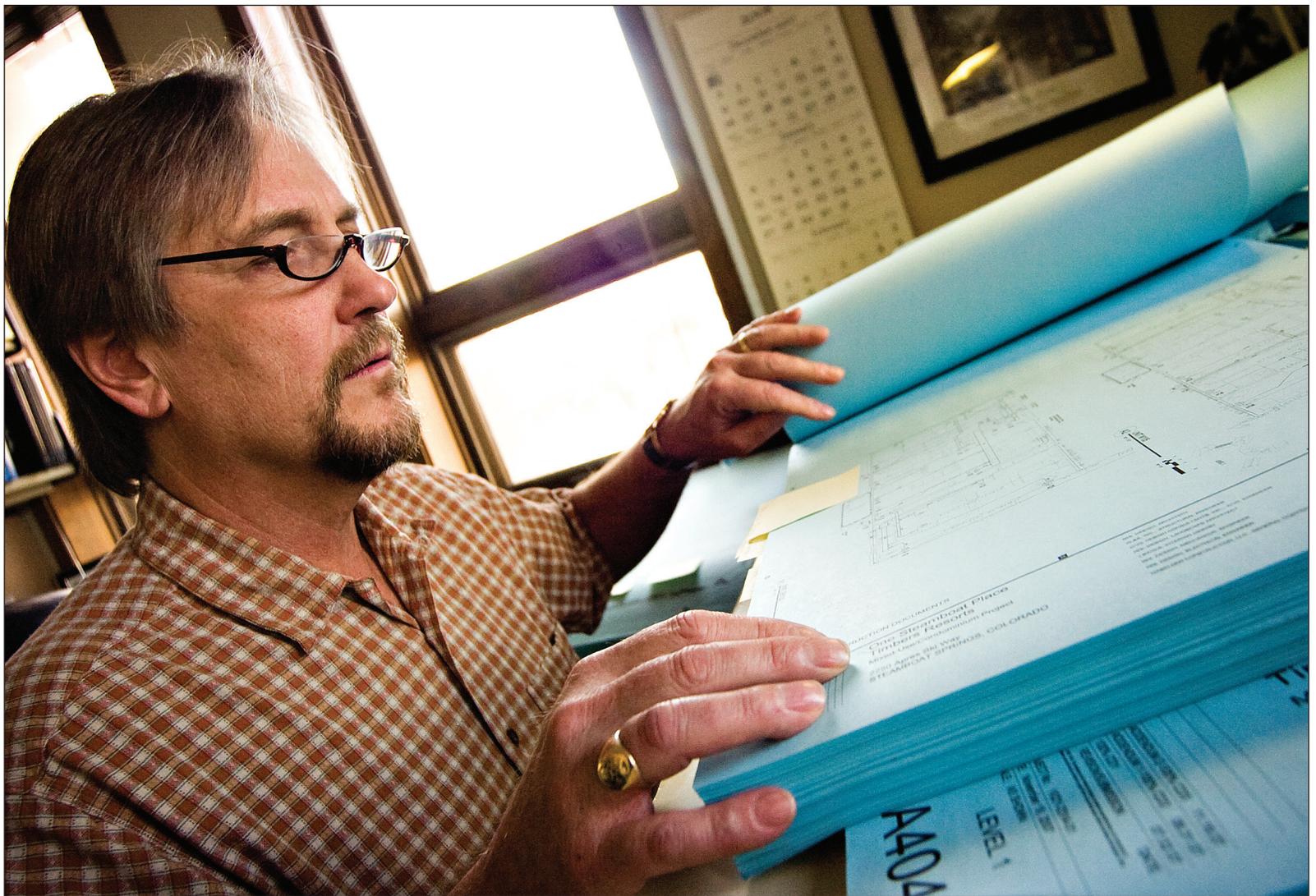


All-weather warriors

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CORRECTION

State Rep. David Balmer, R-Centennial, is the assistant House minority leader. A story in Tuesday's *Steamboat Today* incorrectly identified Balmer as the house minority leader, a position held by state Rep. Mike May, R-Parker.



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Ted Allen looks over a series of plans for the One Steamboat Place development at his office in the Routt County Regional Building Department in Steamboat Springs on Tuesday afternoon.

Building issue incites passion

City's decision to break ties with department discussed at meeting

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Time has done little to cool the passions surrounding the city of Steamboat Springs' planned departure from the Routt County Regional Building Department.

A report from City Manager Alan Lanning explaining the decision to break away from the county was discussed at Tuesday's meeting of the

Steamboat Springs City Council, and the issue drew fervent commentary from the public, former City Council members and Lanning himself.

No official action was taken regarding the building department on Tuesday. The City Council and Routt County Board of Commissioners will discuss the issue at a joint meeting Jan. 15.

In July, the City Council sent a letter to the Routt County Board of Commissioners in-

forming them that the city wanted to end its intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Building Department. The agreement requires 12 months notice of cancellation, so it could remain in place until July 2008. The city has a proposal from outside contractor SAFEbuilt to provide its building department services, but a new City Council seated in November has begun to question that decision and ask if the city might repair its relationship

with the county.

As they have since July, members of Steamboat's building community spoke in support of the county building department.

"It has been the unanimous opinion of every builder I've talked to that this is not a good idea," local builder John Fielding told City Council.

Following public comment, Lanning seized on the fact that

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT



Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	0 in.	Total snow†	92 in.
New snow — Summit	0 in.	Trails open	80/165
Base — Mid-mountain	28 in.	Lifts open	10/18
Base — Summit	32 in.	Conditions	Packed 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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