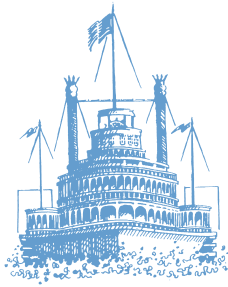


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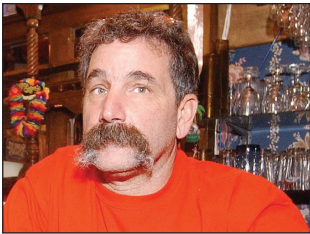
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## Smiling with Santa



BRIAN RAY/STAFF

Discovery Learning Center children, Gabe Rabanal, left, and Delaney Johnston visit with Santa at the day care center in Steamboat Springs on Tuesday.

# Bentley urges negotiations

## Councilwoman wants public involvement in Steamboat 700 discussions

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Meg Bentley is urging her fellow members of the Steamboat Springs City Council not to yield too much authority to city staff and the Steamboat Springs Planning Commission when it comes to negotiations with the

developers of Steamboat 700.

"It's my feeling that based on my interpretation of the (Community Development Code) and my intention to be accountable to the public ... we, the council, need to be in on the ground floor negotiating the details of the pre-annexation agreement," Bentley said at a City Council meeting Tuesday.

Steamboat 700 is a proposed development west of the city that could include more than 2,000 homes. Residential construction is scheduled to begin in the fourth quarter of 2009. Developers hope to have the project annexed into city limits, a process that will involve extensive negotiations between the city and the developers.

The result of those negotiations will be spelled out in a pre-annexation agreement that could include a number of public-benefit demands on the developer — from the construction of roads, a fire station and other infrastructure, to affordable housing requirements.

Considering the size of the  
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## SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

### Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	1 in.	Total snow†	93 in.
New snow — Summit	3 in.	Trails open	80/165
Base — Mid-mountain	28 in.	Lifts open	10/18
Base — Summit	33 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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