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BRIAN RAY/STAFF

A herd of cowboys plow down Stampede trail during the 34th Annual Bud Light Cowboy Downhill at the Steamboat Ski Area on Tuesday afternoon. For story, see page 6.

School officials blasted

County Commissioners decry \$266,000 request for security funding

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Routt County Commissioner Doug Monger said Tuesday that he was "shocked and flabbergasted" by the Steamboat Springs School District's request for \$266,000 to help match a federal school security grant.

Showing his frustration at the commissioner's table in the Routt County Courthouse Annex, Monger told interim

Superintendent Sandra Smyser, facilities director Rick Denney and Steamboat Springs School Board President Robin Crossan that he would not support the request for a supplemental item to the county's 2008 budget and would consider only up to \$20,000 next year.

"I was not only shocked and flabbergasted, I was actually offended by the amount of contribution requested here," Monger said, adding that the South Routt and Hayden school districts could use the

funds more than Steamboat Springs schools.

"As far as I'm concerned, the Steamboat (Springs) School District is the richest governmental entity in the county," he said. "That is quite evident by the spending habits by a previous board. ... When you can buy out the superintendent for \$250,000 and fund a football field, then I guess there are some value judgments that need to be taken care of as to what is more important than security."

In December, school officials

received a \$533,000 federal "Secure Our Schools" grant to help boost security measures at all four schools in the district. To help match the grant, district officials have set aside \$245,000. Superintendent Sandra Smyser hoped commissioners would partner with the district to contribute the additional funds.

Commissioner Nancy Stahoviak said Tuesday's request was almost 10 times larger than any request ever granted

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	6 in.	Total snow†	261 in.
New snow — Summit	6 in.	Trails open	163/165
Base — Mid-mountain	62 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	70 in.	Conditions	Powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 10 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: www.cotrip.org



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