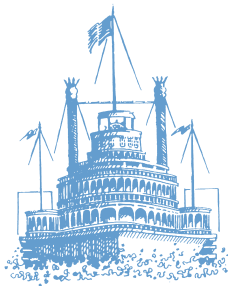


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CORRECTION

Steamboat Springs High School junior Parker Stegmaier was incorrectly identified as a sophomore in a Feb. 26 article in the *Steamboat Today*.



BRIAN RAY/STAFF

Carolina Sarmiento shops at the Steamboat Trading Company in Ski Time Square on Wednesday afternoon. Businesses were notified Friday that Ski Time Square will be demolished this summer.

It's all coming down

Ski Time Square demolition scheduled for summer

Blythe Terrell
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

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It's official: Demolition of Ski Time Square will happen all at once, and it will start this summer.

Businesses were notified Friday that they'll have to be out — some next month, some a few months later. The Atira

Group and Washington, D.C.-based Cafritz Interests are partnering to raze and redevelop the buildings around the base of the Steamboat Ski Area.

Although the groups had talked about demolishing the properties in phases, that is no longer under consideration, said Jane Blackstone, a development manager with Atira. She cited concerns with the sprinkler sys-

tem used in Ski Time Square buildings that has required tens of thousands of dollars' worth of repairs and, in at least one case, 24-hour surveillance from local fire employees.

"This sprinkler issue is a safety issue, and our first priority is to keep the buildings safe," Blackstone said. "We have made what we believe is a responsible decision to take all

the buildings down this summer, roughly a year before they would come down in a phased approach."

Steamboat Trading Co. owner Erich Esswein said he had expected the phased approach to go through. He figured that he could have about \$200,000 in inventory to

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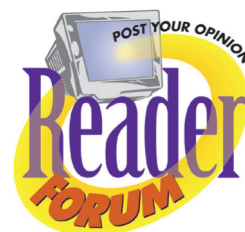
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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	5 in.	Total snow†	420.5 in.
New snow — Summit	7 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	78 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	99 in.	Conditions	Powder

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