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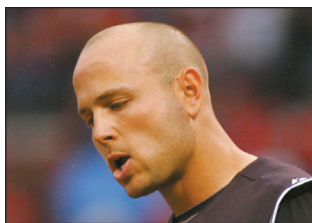
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Main Street makeover



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At its meeting tonight, the Steamboat Springs City Council will discuss downtown streetscapes and a planned 2009 repaving of Lincoln Avenue. One recommendation being considered is the addition of bus bays at the far side of intersections with traffic lights, which could make things easier for bus drivers picking up passengers.

City prepares for 2009 Lincoln Avenue overhaul

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Forget all the construction under way in Old Town; the reconstruction of U.S. Highway 40 may result in a very different-looking downtown Steamboat Springs in coming years.

At its meeting tonight, the Steamboat Springs City Council will see two presentations covering a number of certain and potential changes to Lincoln Avenue, as it is known through city limits.

Beginning in 2009, a repaving of the street from Third to 13th streets is a certainty. The repaving is a project of the Colorado Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction over the federal highway, unlike other Steamboat streets, over which the city has sole say. The \$10.5 million project is being paid for by federal and state funds and will begin in September 2009.

Public Works Director Philo Shelton said the start date should be a relief to downtown business owners and others, because CDOT originally planned to repave the road in the traffic-heavy summer. The construction will take a break during ski season. It will resume and is planned for completion in spring 2010.

Shelton said the repaving will be carried out in two-block intervals and that traffic lanes would be reduced in construction zones but not eliminat-

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LOTTO



Monday night's Cash 5 numbers: 2-5-8-18-20
Drawings are held Monday through Saturday.

WEATHER



Mostly cloudy with showers. High of 52.
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