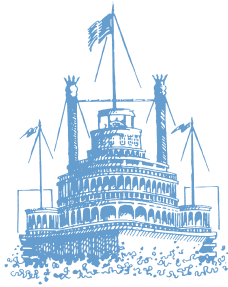


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## STEAMBOAT SPRINGS



### Manager hunt ensues

Eleven people have applied for Steamboat position; interviews yet to begin

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## COLORADO

### Pelosi wants stimulus bill

House speaker says \$150 billion aid plan can help weak economy

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## SPORTS



### Moab race this week

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## Soaking up the sun



MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

**Tim McCarthy, front, and Kevin Schneider** with Emerald Mountain Energy install a 3.5 kilowatt photovoltaic system Wednesday afternoon on the roof of the Trillium House under construction at the Yampa River Botanic Park. See story on page 11.

# City: Subsidies too large

## Council takes aim at Howelsen Hill, Ice Arena and Tennis Center

**Brandon Gee**  
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

As if the news inside Centennial Hall wasn't sobering enough Tuesday, the faces of some Steamboat Springs City Council members were further pained as they periodically

refreshed market data on their laptop computers during a daylong hearing on the city's 2009 budget.

As the Dow Jones Industrial Average headed toward a 5.1 percent loss of 508.39 points — closing at 9447.11, it's lowest point in more than five years — council members

directed tough budget cuts colored by their uncertainty about how long and deep the economic recession will be.

Fearing budget discussions could be just as difficult in coming years, council took aim at a number of areas of the budget described as unsustainable. Those included the

city's heavy subsidy of facilities such as Howelsen Hill, Howelsen Ice Arena and the Tennis Center at Steamboat Springs.

Council directed its staff to set up separate enterprise funds for each of the facilities,

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## LOTTO



Wednesday night's Powerball numbers: 2-12-17-48-54; 2-4  
Lotto numbers: 7-18-25-26-33-35  
Cash 5 numbers: 7-13-15-18-22

## WEATHER



Partly sunny.  
High of 66.  
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