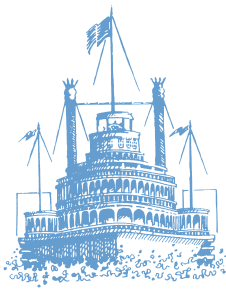


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## CORRECTION

Bea Bograd's name was misspelled in an article about the Totally Amazing Drama Adventure in Friday's 4 Points. The cost of the program also was incorrect — it is \$40 per month, and scholarships are available.

## Feeling like a Kidd again



LARRY PIERCE/COURTESY

**Billy Kidd skis through fresh powder Friday.** The day was a nice one for skiers, with 110 trails open. Morningside Park, Rough Rider Basin, the gladed terrain of Pioneer Ridge and the Rabbit Ears Terrain Park are among the openings scheduled for this morning.

# Housing tax gains speed

## YVHA supports real estate transfer fee for affordable units

**Brandon Gee**  
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

An alternative method to fund local affordable housing is gaining support — and not just from the developers proposing it.

Board members of the Yampa Valley Housing Authority agreed Thursday to

support the concept of a real estate transfer tax to fund affordable housing as an alternative to the city of Steamboat Springs' inclusionary zoning and linkage policies.

The idea of a real estate transfer tax — essentially a sales tax on real estate transactions — is backed by developers including Jim Cook, Joyce Hartless, Michael

Hurley, Peter Kreissig, Jamie Morgan, Danny Mulcahy, Brian Olson, Ken Otterman, Chris Paoli and Jon Wade. Under the alternative, developers would pay an impact fee of an agreed-upon percentage of the project and voluntarily impose a real estate transfer fee of as much as 1 percent that would be designated for affordable housing.

“Nobody in the group, not one single person ... made the statement that nothing needed to be done” about affordable housing, said YVHA board member Ed MacArthur, who presented the alternative for consideration by fellow board members.

MacArthur said a real

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## SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

### Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	0 in.	Total snow†	92 in.
New snow — Summit	2 in.	Trails open	110/165
Base — Mid-mountain	36 in.	Lifts open	10/18
Base — Summit	42 in.	Conditions	Powder

\*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 21 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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