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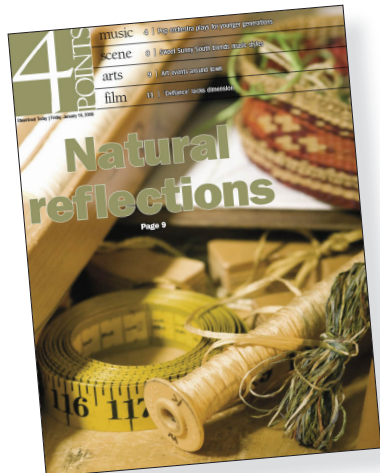
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Celebrating King



JOHN F. RUSSELL/STAFF

Brayden Macdougall uses Crayons to color paper feathers as part of an art project celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr. at the city's School Days Off Program at Soda Creek Elementary School on Thursday afternoon. The Partners of Routt County mentoring program organized the project in which the group created a papier-mâché dove covered with feathers colored by the children. Each feather featured King quotes promoting love and tolerance.

Bracing for budget hits

City officials continue work on list to prioritize services

Brandon Gee
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

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On the heels of news Wednesday that November 2008 sales tax collections declined nearly 9 percent compared with the same month in 2007,

the Steamboat Springs City Council is bracing itself for painful budget cuts that will be necessary if the trend persists.

At a special meeting Thursday, council members continued to hash out a prioritized list of city services that would

help guide cuts if ski season sales tax receipts come in less than the 4 percent decrease projected in the 2009 budget. The city started the prioritization process in October. Some council members were frustrated Thursday with the amount of work left to do and the

preliminary ranked list of city services that many find confusing and flawed. Councilwoman Cari Hermacinski wondered whether the prioritization could be completed quickly enough to be useful.

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	0 in.	Total snow†	198 in.
New snow — Summit	0 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	55 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	68 in.	Conditions	Packed 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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