

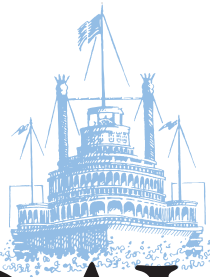
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Pianist appeals to younger audience

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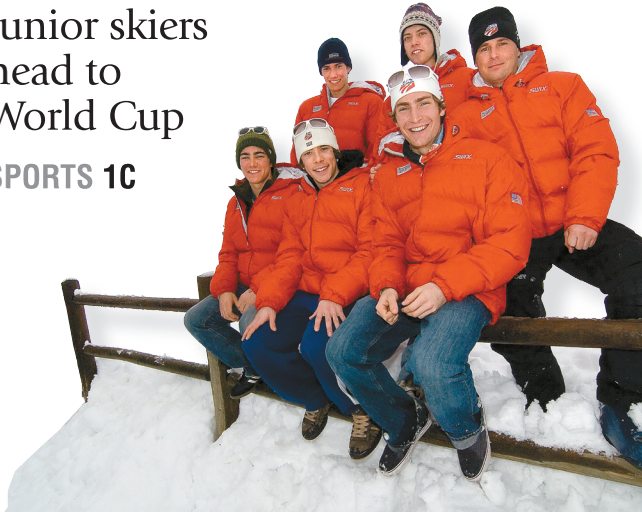
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Junior skiers head to World Cup

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Learning to save lives

ASIST gives depression, suicide prevention training

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Tom Gangel is teaching students in his suicide prevention course how to deal with a man on the edge. To demonstrate such a situation last week, Gangel became just that.

In the demonstration, Gangel, the executive director of Steamboat Mental Health,

Suicide hotlines

To find help for depression, call the Steamboat Mental Health crisis line at 879-1090, or hotlines at 1-800-273-TALK or 1-800-SUICIDE.

simply stood on the edge of his chair. But students in the course may one day be presented with someone truly on the edge of life and contemplating suicide. So students in the

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training program talked to Gangel to complete a role-playing exercise using the ASIST method and steer Gangel away from the edge of his treacherous chair.

Buck Chavarria, director of Christ for Life Sk8 Church, took a turn talking to Gangel in the basement of the Concordia

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JOHN F. RUSSELL/STAFF

Tom Gangel, executive director of Steamboat Mental Health, leads a discussion during an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training course at the Concordia Lutheran Church.

Voting proves costly

Colorado counties report increasing election expenses

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS

DENVER

The price tag for the 2008 presidential election in Colorado eclipsed the amount spent in 2004, and in one county, it ran as high as \$36.57 per vote.

County clerks disclosed cost figures Friday to emphasize the need to simplify an election process that has become extremely expensive and difficult to administer because of regulations regarding the use of electronic voting machines, audit procedures and giving voters a variety of options to cast ballots.

"Elections have gotten very complex, and federal and state legislation ... keeps driving the cost of elections up," Larimer County Scott Doyle said.

The vast majority of those costs are paid by county taxpayers.

Given the current economic pressures, "I don't know that counties can continue to bear the weight," Doyle said.

The 2002 Help America Vote Act passed by Congress was aimed at improving access to the voting booth and making elections more accurate and secure.

But recent regulations at the federal and state level have caused headaches for local election officials. They must keep chain of custody logs of every voting and counting machine, keep 24-hour cameras in the rooms that hold ballots and machines, and use secure transmission lines for their computer software that count votes.

Newly appointed Secretary of State Bernie Buescher expressed concern Friday to state lawmakers about the ballooning cost of elections. The state reimburses large counties 70 cents per vote cast and small counties 80 cents per vote.

Housing efforts debated

Brown turns heads with comparisons to open space plans

Brandon Gee  
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

With her recent comparison of local efforts to preserve open space versus those to create affordable housing, Mary Brown has turned more than a few heads.



Brown

Brown made the comparison at a recent Steamboat Springs City Council meeting when the city's affordable housing ordinance was up for debate.

Her purpose was to suggest that the community has taken a variety of approaches to preserve open space — such as taxing itself, pursuing grants and establishing land-use regulatory incentives — but has played the burden of providing affordable housing solely on the development community through its inclusionary zoning and linkage policies.

"That is not a community approach to solving the problem," Brown said. "That is trying to lay the problem off on someone else."

In the almost two weeks since, her comments have been described as revealing by some and flawed by others. At the meeting, Councilman Scott Myller was one of the first to respond.

"We're guilty," he said. "We spent a million dollars ... on a 40-acre parcel. What would that have done to solve this (affordable housing) problem?"

Myller was referring to a tract of land, straddling the Yampa River, that the city recently purchased and preserved with assistance from Great Outdoors Colorado, or GOCO, and Routt County's Purchase of Development Rights Program. The purchase price was \$1.3 million, and the city's share was \$625,000. With that significant expenditure of city funds, a grant from GOCO and the role played by the taxpayer-funded PDR program, the purchase is a good

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A young Obama

Classmate shares photos from Punahou School yearbooks

SUNDAYFOCUS | STORY BY BLYTHE TERRELL

In one of President Barack Obama's books, he tells a story about a redheaded girl who wants to touch his Afro at school.

Lynne Marr hopes that isn't her — but she isn't sure. The redhead, all grown up, lives in Steamboat Springs.

Lynne and Scott Marr run the Holiday Inn, and Lynne Marr (raised Lynne Schoen) attended fifth through 12th grade with Obama at the Punahou School in Honolulu. Obama, known as "Barry" in those days, played basketball and signed his name with a drawing of an Afro above it, Marr said.

She and Obama graduated from the college preparatory school, which teaches kindergarten through 12th grade, in 1979.

"It was very multiracial — but not," Marr said. "It was a lot of Hawaiians, a lot of Asians, a lot of Caucasians, but he was our only African American" classmate.

Marr and Obama graduated with more than 400 students, she said. Punahou was very class-oriented.

"They promoted that class activity, and because a lot of us started in first grade together, I went to school with a lot of kids for 12 years," Marr said.

She and Obama weren't close, but she knew him.

"Everybody knew everybody, unless you were real quiet and withdrawn, which he wasn't," Marr said. "He was a joker."

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Lynne Marr  
Former classmate of President Barack Obama

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President Barack Obama, shown in a yearbook photo from Mrs. Morioko's sixth-grade class in Hawaii. Obama was listed as "Barry" in the book. (Courtesy photo)



President Barack Obama, as he looks today, delivers his inaugural address at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday. (Harry E. Walker/MCT)

Partnering for preservation

CMC, Historic Routt County promote heritage in classroom

Zach Fridell  
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Tracy Barnett wants to preserve downtown Steamboat Springs for a very succinct reason: "People don't come to see big box stores."

Barnett, program manager of Mainstreet Steamboat Springs, was one of 13 students in Towy Anderson's Historic Preservation class Wednesday

evening at Colorado Mountain College's Alpine Campus.

For Barnett, the ability to preserve and maintain historic buildings is a sound financial decision. For Anderson, executive director of Historic Routt County, teaching the class is a way to further the goals of preserving Routt County heritage.

Historic Preservation 100 is an extension of a historic preservation class started at

CMC's Leadville campus by Robert Ogle.

"My motivation bringing the historic preservation program from Leadville to up here is my work with Historic Routt County and that this partnership is a wonderful way for Historic Routt County to fulfill its mission and bring the Alpine Campus into the community," Anderson said.

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MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

The Diamond Window Cabin in Stagecoach will be restored during a practical training historic preservation summer course.

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	4 in.	Total snow†	208 in.
New snow — Summit	5 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	58 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	69 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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