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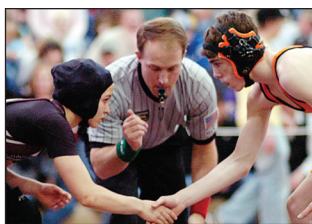
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DA takes Lopez case

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Routt County Motor Vehicle Deputy Clerk Mae King grabs a license plate for a customer Wednesday at the Routt County Courthouse. As part of a plan to boost revenues and reduce expenses, Routt County Clerk and Recorder Kay Weinland is recommending fee increases in the Motor Vehicle Department.

County could raise fees

Facing projected \$1.3M shortfall, officials review revenues, expenditures

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Major fee increases, a crackdown on motor vehicle registrations and a mail only election in 2009 are possible under a plan outlined by Routt County Clerk and Recorder Kay Weinland.

Weinland presented her plan

for boosting revenues and lessening expenses to the Routt County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday. While Weinland's proposals are some of the first, all county department leaders have been asked to submit such plans as county government looks at a projected \$1.3 million shortfall in its 2009 budget. Revenues in 2008 were \$1.4 million less than the county budgeted for.

"I really seriously want to talk about a mail-ballot election in '09," said Weinland, who provided estimates showing such a move could save tens of thousands of dollars in costs such as election judges, overtime and printing.

Weinland said allowing mail-in, early and Election Day voting is like running three separate elections.

"With a mail-ballot election, we're basically conducting one election," she said.

Weinland said the substantial amount of money the county has spent on electronic voting machines would not be wasted because they still would be used in partisan elections every two years.

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	6 in.	Total snow†	286 in.
New snow — Summit	9 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	70 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	88 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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