



## STEAMBOAT SPRINGS



### Patroller saves rider

40-year-old Denver man caught headfirst in tree well wasn't moving when found

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### Sailors dominate

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### Clarification

Steamboat Springs resident and City Councilwoman Cari Hermacinski pays \$1,000 a month for 180 hours of child care provided by her au pair. The number of hours of child care Hermacinski receives for that amount of money was incorrectly reported in a Feb. 15 article on page 1A of the *Steamboat Pilot & Today*.



MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

**Burglars accessed and stole a laptop** from Steamboat Springs School District Finance Director Dale Mellor's office by breaking the lock on a conference room door Tuesday night at the school district's business office. School officials think a spreadsheet containing the Social Security numbers for 10 years worth of school district employees was on the laptop.

# 1,300 IDs at risk

## 10 years worth of data on laptop stolen from school district offices

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### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Ten years worth of Social Security numbers for 1,300 past and present employees was compromised Tuesday night when a laptop was stolen from the Steamboat Springs School District office.

The laptop of District Finance Director Dale Mellor was the only item of value stolen

from the offices at the George P. Sauer Human Services Center on Seventh Street. On the laptop, Mellor had a spreadsheet containing the Social Security numbers and names of their owners. The spreadsheet was created as part of a requirement from a past district audit.

The laptop was password-protected, but district officials are warning their employees to be on the lookout for any potential identity theft.

"We have been giving them the three credit agency Web sites and phone numbers," Superintendent Shalee Cunningham said.

Steamboat Springs High School science teacher Cindy Gay said she notified her bank and set up a fraud alert with the credit agencies by Wednesday afternoon.

As a former victim of identity theft, Gay said she knew it could be a long process to correct potential damage.

"Going through all the reporting was long and painful," she said. "It would be much easier to be proactive than reactive."

Gay's credit card information was stolen from a hotel in Washington, D.C., in 2000. It was more than a year later when mysterious charges appeared on her bill. Gay ultimately did not lose any money in the

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## SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

### Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	0 in.	Total snow†	291 in.
New snow — Summit	0 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	65 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	82 in.	Conditions	Packed powder/spring

\*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](http://www.cotrip.org)

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