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Correction

A story in Friday's newspaper, "Tobacco tax to increase," gave the incorrect number of children in Routt County enrolled in the Child Health Plan. There are an estimated 5,085 children in Routt. About 6 percent, 314, are estimated to be eligible for the plan. Of that number, 56.4 percent are enrolled, and 43.6 percent are not.

Lightning strokes



JOHN F. RUSSELL/STAFF

Steamboat swimmer Molly Dierdorff works on her backstroke while practicing with Team Lightning — the Steamboat Springs swim team — Tuesday afternoon at the OldTown Hot Springs lap pool.

Routt looks at pay cuts

10 percent reduction considered today

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Citing declining revenues, "the international economic crisis" and grim financial projections, Routt County commissioners will consider emergency 10 percent pay cuts at a special meeting today.

Routt County Finance Director Dan Strnad said the move — which would apply to all county employees except elected officials — is expected to save \$1.05 million this year, or about 20 percent of the county's projected 2009 deficit of \$4.9 million.

County employees previously were told in a March 12 e-mail from County Manager Tom Sullivan that budget balancing measures such as pay cuts, operational budget reductions, layoffs and furloughs would not be implemented until later this year.

"I can safely say that no cuts will be made prior to the end of May," Sullivan wrote.

In an e-mail sent Tuesday to county employees, Sullivan apologized for the short notice regarding the consideration of pay cuts today and said it indi-

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

Table with snow report data: New snow — Mid-mountain\* 16 in., Total snow† 368.5 in., New snow — Summit 13 in., Trails open 165/165, Base — Mid-mountain 86 in., Lifts open 14/18, Base — Summit 110 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

