

SHOWING HERITAGE

ESL students present their native countries

ROUTT COUNTY 1D



STEAMBOAT PILOT & TODAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2009

VOLUME 122, NUMBER 38 • STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO • www.steamboatpilot.com



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Freestyle skier's ambitions soar after NorAm Grand Prix win

SPORTS 1C

Furlough brings free time

Some city employees pleased with effects of reduced hours

Brandon Gee
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

The break room in City Hall was busier than usual at lunchtime Thursday, the day before many city employees would take their first unpaid day off as part of a furlough program adopted to balance the city's budget by cutting employees' pay 10 percent.

"Our fridge is a lot more full than it used to be," city engineer Janet Hruby joked.

Grants analyst Winnie Delli-

Quadri was looking at the bright side and said she looks forward to spending more time with her family.

"On the flip side, I'm eating a lot more rice and beans," DelliQuadri said.

Bringing lunch from home rather than going out to a restaurant is just one of the ways city employees have responded to the pay cut. Another has been to look for extra work, but most said that is a challenging endeavor.

"It's hard to figure that out without knowing how long the furlough

is going to be," City Planner Bob Keenan said, "but it certainly opens up the opportunity."

Others noted that the economic downturn coupled with the approach of mud season makes finding part-time work especially challenging.

"I don't know anyone who has found an extra job," DelliQuadri said. "I don't think there's a lot of extra jobs to be had."

Employees interviewed last week planned to spend their Friday in

See **Furlough**, page 11A



TOM ROSS/STAFF

Cash and Winnie DelliQuadri share music and play time at Excel Gymnastics of Steamboat on Friday morning. DelliQuadri, a city of Steamboat Springs employee, is making the most of her furlough time.

5,000 NATO forces hailed

Tom Raum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STRASBOURG, FRANCE

President Barack Obama hailed "strong and unanimous support" from NATO allies Saturday for his stepped-up anti-terror strategy in Afghanistan and Pakistan and welcomed their "down payment" promises of 5,000 fresh forces.

The allies rebuffed U.S. appeals for more combat forces to join the war, but the backing Obama did gain at a European summit allowed him to claim an early victory on the world's foreign policy stage.

NATO allies agreed to send as many as 5,000 more military trainers and police to Afghanistan, including forces to help protect candidates and voters at upcoming elections.

Obama called that "a strong down payment" on Afghanistan and NATO itself at the end of a gathering celebrating the 60th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

He waved off questions about whether the size and makeup of the commitments were disappointing in light of an anti-terrorism struggle he himself portrayed as daunting. Since becoming president, Obama has begun switching America's anti-terror emphasis to fighting al-Qaida in the Afghanistan-Pakistan area as the war in Iraq winds down.

The new president insisted "terrorists threaten every member of NATO," but he also said he had no intention of trying to dictate to European countries the scope of their contributions.

"This was not a pledging conference," he told a wrap-up news briefing packed with American and foreign journalists. "We came expecting consensus, and we're gratified getting that consensus."

See **Obama**, page 11A

Learning to fight back

Survivor encourages women to be armed with self-defense

If Tara Shaffer has learned anything from krav maga, it's that she could have fought back.

The Steamboat Springs resident was two weeks into her freshman year of college when she was sexually assaulted by an acquaintance. Shaffer

started to feel tired at a party. She asked her friends to walk her home, but they weren't ready to

SUNDAY FOCUS

STORY BY
BLYTHE TERRELL

leave. A man from her dormitory offered to walk her. When they returned to the dorm, he pushed her into her room and raped her, she said.

"I tried to fight, but my arms just didn't work," Shaffer said. "I can't tell you if that was mortal fear or I was drugged."

The man later told her to keep quiet.

"He said, 'If you ever tell



JOHN F. RUSSELL/STAFF

At a seminar Friday, women will have the opportunity to learn how to reduce their risk of sexual assault and how to defend themselves using krav maga techniques. Steamboat Springs police detective Nick Bosick works with Holly Wilde, who teaches krav maga at his studio, and Diane Moore, of Advocates Building Peaceful Communities, to offer the program at Colorado Mountain College.

everyone what happened, I'll tell them you're a slut, and I'll tell your boyfriend you're a slut," Shaffer said.

She now takes krav maga classes, where she learns self-defense and hand-to-hand

combat. At a seminar Friday, women will have the opportunity to learn how to reduce their risk of sexual assault and how to defend themselves using krav maga.

Shaffer's experience is one

that Nick Bosick, Holly Wilde and Diane Moore don't want anyone else to have. Bosick is a Steamboat Springs police detective and teaches krav maga with Wilde at his studio, High Altitude Krav Maga.

Moore is the executive director of Advocates Building Peaceful Communities.

The three put together Friday's program partly

See **Defense**, page 11A



FILE PHOTO

Twentymile Coal Co. shipped 8 million tons of coal in 2008, in an operation that could run dry by 2013. Peabody Energy is planning construction of a new mine.

New coal mine planned for West Routt

Peabody Energy's construction of Sage Creek facility could begin in 2010

Tom Ross
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Peabody Energy and Twentymile Coal Co. could begin construction on the new underground Sage Creek Mine in West Routt County as soon as 2010, a company spokesman said last week.

The new mine is anticipated to replace coal production at the existing Twentymile Mine when the underground long-wall mining operation runs out of coal sometime in 2013. Twentymile shipped 8 million tons of coal in 2008.

Twentymile Coal Company's Environmental Manager, Jerry Nettleton, said his company is

planning for a smooth transition to maintain consistent levels of production from one mine to the next.

"We would anticipate having all of the development work complete" on the new mine as the existing mine approaches the end of its reserves, Nettleton said.

See **Coal mine**, page 12A

If you go

What: Fueling Thought Energy Summit 2009

When: May 14 to 16

Where: Holiday Inn of Craig

Notable: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 15 luncheon debate on climate change featuring former Colorado governors Richard D. Lamm and Bill Owens. Visit www.yampavalleypartners.com

PAGE DESIGNED BY AMANDA PHILLIPS



INSIDE

- Business 3A
- Classifieds 2B
- Colorado 7A
- Comics 5D
- Crossword 6D
- Horoscope 6D
- Obituaries 6A
- Outdoors 6C
- Viewpoints 4A
- Weather 2A

SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	9 in.	Total snow†	395 in.
New snow — Summit	10 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	79 in.	Lifts open	14/18
Base — Summit	105 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

DELIVERY PROBLEM?

To report home delivery problems, please call 970-871-4250 on Sunday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Missed papers will be delivered by 10:30 a.m.

www.steamboatpilot.com

LOOK INSIDE for

Prudential Properties

FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS

