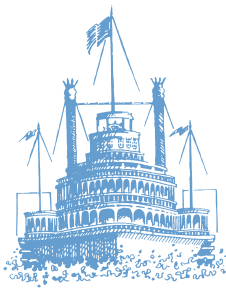


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Gas prices
Cost of a gallon of regular unleaded fuel on Sunday

Fuel Stop	\$2.06
West Kum N Go	\$2.04
7-Eleven	\$2.07
Western Petro	\$2.13
Bob's Conoco	\$2.12
Hilltop Sinclair	\$2.14
Anglers Kum N Go	\$2.04
Ski Haus	\$2.14
Mount Werner Sinclair	\$1.99
Shell	\$2.12
Shop & Hop	\$1.99
State Average	\$2.01
National Average	\$2.05

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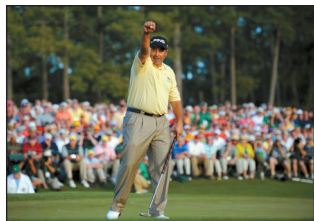


US captain freed

Navy SEALs subdue pirate kidnapers, rescue Richard Phillips in Indian Ocean

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SPORTS



Masterful victory

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Trying to stay afloat



Eric Mullen tries to keep his balance in Sunday's second annual closing day pond skim competition. Several dozen skiers and snowboarders made the run and tried their luck at making it across the icy water near the base of Steamboat Ski Area. For story, see page 3. For more photos from closing weekend at the ski area, visit www.steamboatpilot.com.

Wall fights pay cuts

County refuses to foot sheriff's bill

Brandon Gee
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

A recently adopted 10 percent pay cut for Routt County employees has provided the next point of contention between the Board of County Commissioners and Sheriff Gary Wall.



Wall told County Manager Tom Sullivan on Thursday morning to expect a letter from Sheriff's Office attorneys challenging whether the commissioners have the authority to force a pay reduction on his department.

"I am standing up for the office of sheriff, and I am standing up for my employees," Wall said Friday. "I see that as my obligation as the elected sheriff. ... It's a separate constitutional office. ... It is my obligation to protect and not turn it over to the county to run."

County Attorney John Merrill said there is no question, in his opinion, regarding the county commissioners' ultimate authority of county expenditures.

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LOTTO



Saturday night's Cash 5 numbers:
9-12-17-28-30
Drawings are held Monday through Saturday.

WEATHER



Partly sunny.
High of 54.
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