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Fog forming



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Fog rises off the Yampa River on Monday morning. Low temperatures gripped the Yampa Valley on Sunday and Monday, reminding residents and visitors to bundle up.

Man dies after altercation

Jukebox disagreement in Steamboat leads to assault; no arrests made yet

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A Fort Bragg-based soldier died Monday from injuries he sustained during a physical altercation last week in Steamboat Springs.

Richard Lopez, 37, of Fayetteville, N.C., was involved in a five-person altercation that

police said started after a dispute about a jukebox selection at The Tap House. He was found unconscious at Seventh Street and Lincoln Avenue at about 12:15 a.m. Friday, police said last week. Lopez was taken to Yampa Valley Medical Center and then airlifted to Denver Health Medical Center.

He died at 4:16 a.m. Monday at the Denver hospi-

tal, Steamboat Springs police Capt. Joel Rae confirmed. No one had been arrested as of Monday afternoon, he said.

"There are suspects, and they have been interviewed, and the investigation is ongoing," Rae said.

Melissa Baker, co-owner of The Tap House, said doormen escorted the two groups out separate exits after the jukebox

disagreement began. She said no punches were thrown inside the restaurant.

Two of the men involved, Lopez's friends Timothy and Wesley Mottlau, are former Steamboat residents. They sustained cuts and bruises in the incident, Sgt. Gerard Geis said last week. The three men were

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	0 in.	Total snow†	150 in.
New snow — Summit	0 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	44 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	56 in.	Conditions	Packed 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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