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MATT STENSLAND/STAFF

Michael Stoyanov, with A&M Services, clears snow from the roof of Rabbit Ears Motel on Tuesday afternoon.

Lopez died from head

Melinda Dudley

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Sgt. 1st Class Richard Lopez died Monday from "severe cranial and cerebral trauma, according to autopsy results.

Steamboat Springs police said the suspects in his alleged assault may not face murder charges.

Preliminary results of the autopsy performed Tuesday in Arapahoe

County indicate the Army Special

Forces soldier took two blows to the face during a fight Friday at Seventh Street and Lincoln Avenue before falling and hitting the back of his head on the ground, Arapahoe County Coroner Mike Dobersen said. Lopez had no other injuries, and it was the pavement, not his assailants, that dealt the most serious blow, Dobersen said.

The Steamboat Springs Police Department is investigating Lopez's death as a homicide, but that doesn't mean the two unnamed suspects will face murder charges, police Capt.

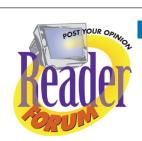
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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area			
New snow — M	id-mountain* 14 in.	Total snow _t	159 in.
New snow — St	ımmit 15 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mo	untain 54 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	65 in.	Conditions	Powder



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