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**QUAKE HITS WEBER**

An earthquake shook Weber County late Thursday, but caused no reported injuries. The quake, with an epicenter just north of Huntsville, registered a 3.7 on the Richter scale, according to preliminary reports from the University of Utah Seismography Station. Police dispatchers fielded more than 200 calls from throughout the county about the small quake, but received no reports of injuries or property damage.

**HIKERS RESCUED**

Two 18-year-olds were rescued from the peak of Mount Ben Lomond on Wednesday after becoming separated during a storm the day before. Spencer Grimley and Phillip Burnett had traveled up the mountain on Monday, said Weber County Sheriff's Lt. Jeff Malan. After the two became separated Tuesday, Grimley used his ***cell phone*** to call his father, who notified authorities. The search was called off about 11 p.m. Tuesday due to high winds and low visibility. A Department of Public Safety helicopter picked up the youths early Wednesday. Both teenagers had supplies, Malan said, and each had dug a snow cave and huddled in sleeping bags. Grimley was fine, Malan said, and Burnett was treated for exposure at an Ogden hospital.

**HOMICIDE CHARGE**

A 45-year-old transient was charged Wednesday with killing another man by pushing him onto rocks near the Jordan River Bridge on Dec. 28, causing a head injury. Prosecutors charged Gary Allen Sears with homicide by assault, a third-degree felony, in the death of Anthony Ray Mondragon, 46. Witnesses told authorities they saw Sears push Mondragon, also a transient, to the ground near the Salt Lake City bridge. Mondragon never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead a day later. A medical examiner's report concluded the cause of death was a closed head injury. Sears is in the Salt Lake County Jail on $ 50,000 bond. He faces up to 5 years in prison.

**ANIMAL ASSAULT**

A Salt Lake City man is facing felony charges for allegedly striking a puppy with a baseball bat and threatening the dog's owner. Joseph Ryan Elmore, 22, was charged Wednesday with aggravated assault, a third-degree felony, and Class B misdemeanor cruelty to animals stemming from the incident Dec. 20.

**MAN STABBED**

A 22-year-old Park City man is in critical condition after being stabbed early Wednesday. Rigoberto Rodriquez Morales was stabbed in the chest, right side and right hand by an acquaintance at about 4 p.m. in the Snow Country Condominium complex, 1150 Deer Valley Drive, according to a police report. The 24-year-old suspect is being held in Summit County Jail. Police found a weapon at the scene. Officers did not release the motive for the stabbing.

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