

## Christmas tree



A crane set up at 14th Street and Wyoming forms a Christmas tree shape that can be seen while driving down K-27. The crane had a cable running to a truck with lights draped in between.  
Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

# Egypt calls off plans to host summit

**INTERNATIONAL**  
JERUSALEM (AP) — Mideast peacemaking lurched from hope to uncertainty Thursday as Egypt called off plans to host a summit that would have brought the Israeli and Palestinian leaders together for the first time in two months.

Early Thursday, Israel accepted an American-authored peace plan as the basis for further talks with the Palestinians. But the Palestinians sharply criticized the proposals, effectively rejecting them, according to a senior Palestinian official.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had been due to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik later Thursday. But before dawn, Egypt announced without elaborating that the gathering was off.

The cancellation came at Israel's initiative, army and Israel radio said, and Barak associates expressed disappointment and frustration over the Palestinian stance.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Union workers at two major South Korean commercial banks bowed to government pressure and called off a weeklong strike Thursday, removing a major hurdle that had threatened President Kim Dae-jung's economic reform policies.

The decision came after workers at other banks failed to heed a call for sympathy strikes. Also, the strike was significantly weakened on Wednesday, when police forcibly broke up a six-day sit-in by thousands of striking workers who had camped at a training institute outside Seoul.

The strike began last Friday, when about three-fourths of the 23,000 work-

ers at Kookmin and Housing & Commercial Banks walked out to oppose their employers' plan to merge their firms in June. Unions fear the merger would result in massive layoffs.

The government gave striking workers until Thursday morning to report to work or face dismissals or pay cuts.

Few workers heeded the government warning and came to work Thursday. But pressure was reportedly building on the unions to call off the strike, with many rank-and-file workers wanting to go back to work. Later Thursday, the unions caved in.

**NATIONAL**  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two giant utilities battered toward bankruptcy by a haywire wholesale market are pleading for permission to forgo deregulation constraints and sharply raise rates.

The requests by Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Southern California Edison Co. came as Gov. Gray Davis said California's electricity crisis is nowhere near ending, adding that more power plants are needed to calm the turbulent market.

Davis said Wednesday after meeting with President Clinton that "it's going to be a good two years before we can have enough additional supply to balance out demand. When we have that, deregulation may work."

"But it's clearly not working now," the Democratic governor told reporters in Washington. "It's an experiment that, at best, was prematurely launched in California."

The two companies want the state Public Utilities Commission to lift a rate freeze that has stabilized electricity bills for 10 million homes and businesses for the last three years. The cap is to expire in 2002.

The utilities also want approval for

rate hikes — 26 percent for PG&E and 30 percent for SoCal Edison.

BOCA GRANDE, Fla. (AP) — His Florida vacation over, President-elect Bush was returning to Washington to resume building his new administration.

Bush was flying to the nation's capital Thursday to announce his latest nominations and to lead a series of transition meetings.

Bush hoped to announce "a couple of Cabinet secretaries here in the next couple of days," he said Wednesday as he set out for a fishing excursion on Florida's Gulf Coast.

Bush has named Cabinet members to head the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Housing, Justice, State and Treasury. He picked an Environmental Protection Agency administrator, and made the position Cabinet-level.

Republicans said he also had settled on Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson as Health and Human Services secretary. Thompson's office said he had no plans to travel to Washington this week, but wouldn't rule it out entirely.

With just over three weeks until Inauguration Day, Bush has seven nominations remaining in his core Cabinet: the departments of Defense, Educa-

tion, Energy, Interior, Labor, Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate cannot choose an acting lieutenant governor in secret, a judge ruled in agreeing with the open-government principles argued by several publications.

State district Judge Lora Livingston ruled Wednesday that the state's second-ranking official is an executive position normally elected by the people and not merely an officer of the Senate.

Livingston's decision later was upheld in the 3rd District Court of Appeals. The Texas Supreme Court could rule Thursday on the senators' appeal.

It was uncertain if the Senate still planned to hold a secret ballot Thursday to elect one of its members to replace former Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, who became governor last week when George W. Bush resigned to become president.

Some senators said they were prepared to vote regardless of the outcome.

"I'm going to show up at the appointed hour prepared to vote," said Republican Sen. Bill Ratliff, who has expressed interest in the lieutenant governor job.



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