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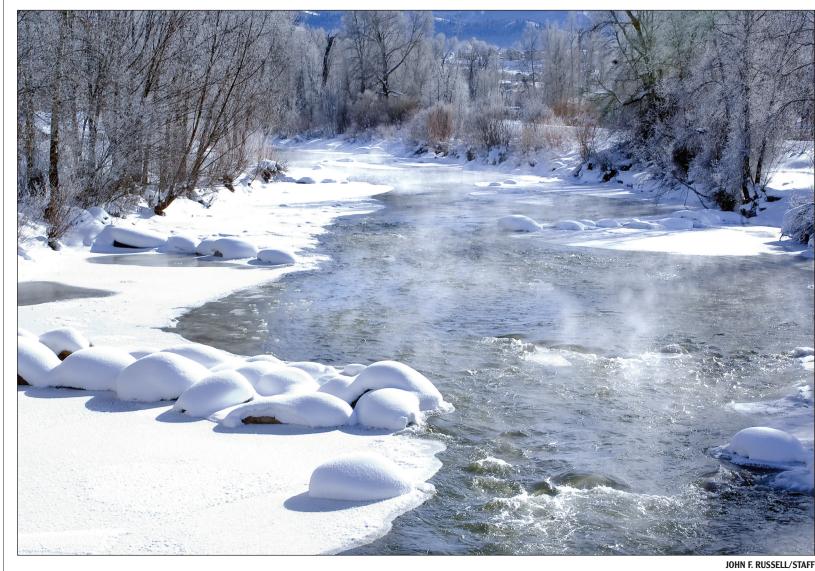
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Fog rises off the Yampa River on Monday morning. Low temperatures gripped the Yampa Valley on Sunday and Monday, reminding residents and visitors to bundle up.

# Man dies after altercation

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

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Fog forming

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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 hospital, 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.

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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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