



Chaotic court hearing

An effort to decide the fate of 416 children swept up in a raid on a polygamist sect descended into chaos.

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Success story

At PSD Foundation's annual breakfast, one student explained how a foundation grant is saving him from a tragic past.

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Digital gamers

CSU quarterbacks utilize PlayStation game to learn offense.

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Sweet success

Best friends, teammates and now business partners are enjoying success with a new cosmetics line.

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Thompson School District's new superintendent will make more than his peers in the region.

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Good pick

If you liked "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Knocked Up" and "Superbad," you'll like "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," which opens today.

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Water war

A federal document is likely to spark the next round in a battle over Glade Reservoir and the Poudre River.

Mall owner reassures city



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An empty parking lot leads to the doors Thursday of what once was JC Penney at Foothills Mall.

Dillard's possible deal in Loveland could complicate Foothills redevelopment plans

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General Growth Properties says redevelopment of its struggling Foothills Mall will go forward, despite indications that the mall won't have Dillard's as an anchor store.

GGP representative Barry O'Connor met Wednesday in a hastily called meeting with City

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Manager Darin Atteberry and Chief Financial Officer Mike Freeman to reassure them the mall project was still a go.

Earlier in the day,

Northern Colorado Business Report's Web site reported that Dillard's was close to signing a deal to open at McWhinney's Grand Station in Loveland, bypassing Foothills and jeopardizing plans to revitalize the aging mall.

Atteberry said O'Connor assured him it wouldn't be fatal if Dillard's goes to

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POUDRE MAKES 'MOST ENDANGERED' LIST



Michael G. Seamans/The Coloradoan

Adrain M. Glasnapp walks with his kayak Thursday across the Poudre River at Legacy Park during a news conference designating the Poudre as one of the country's most endangered rivers by the conservation group American Rivers.

Group cites Glade plan as reason for designation

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A national environmental group Thursday designated the Poudre River one of the most endangered rivers in the country, saying the river is imperiled by the proposed Glade Reservoir.

American Rivers ranked the Poudre third on its Top 10 list of threatened rivers, claiming the proposed reservoir would drain the river before it reaches Fort Collins.

The Washington, D.C.-based group called on communities and water districts that would store water in Glade to pursue ramped-up conservation programs before resorting to building a dam.

"Water will be the oil of the 21st century," Rebecca Wodder, president of American Rivers, said in a prepared statement. "Yet all across the coun-

Most endangered

- > 1 — Catawba-Wataree River, North Carolina/South Carolina
- > 2 — Rogue River, Oregon
- > 3 — Cache la Poudre River
- > 4 — St. Lawrence River, New York/Canada
- > 5 — Minnesota River, South Dakota/Minnesota
- > 6 — St. Johns River, Florida
- > 7 — Gila River, New Mexico/Arizona
- > 8 — Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Maine
- > 9 — Pearl River, Mississippi/Louisiana
- > 10 — Niobrara River, Wyoming/Nebraska

Information

- > American Rivers: www.americanrivers.org
- > Save the Poudre: www.savethepoudre.org
- > Northern Water: www.ncwcd.org

try, water mismanagement is on full display as politicians resort to placing another straw in their rivers, or outright stealing water from their neigh-

bors, instead of adopting water policies that will make our communities more resilient in the face of global warming."

At a morning news con-

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ference/rally on the Poudre near Legacy Park, opponents of Glade said the designation represented a "sad" day for the city but also one of hope.

"The fact is the river is not yet dead, citizens can speak out and make a difference, and we must do that," said Gary Wockner, spokesman for the Save the Poudre Coalition, which nominated the river for inclusion on the list.

A draft environmental impact statement, or EIS, on the project is expected to be released April 30 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A public comment period of at least 90 days will follow.

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Panel OKs measure tightening uranium mine rules

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DENVER — Fort Collins resident Marina Mayer was so overwhelmed by a unanimous Senate committee vote Thursday to tighten regulation of uranium mining in Colorado she broke down in tears.

"It's very emotional for me," said Mayer who is originally from Germany. "A week after my husband and I moved to Fort Collins, we heard about what was happening with the (Nunn) mine. There was a uranium mine in Germany and after it moved out there (landowners), well, they are still trying to work out the cleanup."

Mayer was among 20 Northern Colorado residents who packed the Senate Local Affairs committee in Denver on Thursday to testify in favor of HB 1161, sponsored by Fort Collins Democratic Reps. John Kefalas and Randy Fischer and Republican Sen. Steve Johnson, which would require uranium miners to prove they can return groundwater either to pre-mining conditions or those in line with existing state standards.

The legislation is important to property owners northeast of Fort Collins

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House OKs bill aiding student loans

BY ELLYN FERGUSON
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WASHINGTON — Students could borrow more through the federal guaranteed college loan program and private lenders could get federal help in raising cash to make student loans under House legislation passed Thursday.

The Continued Access to Student Loans Act is the latest response by lawmakers to fears that ripple effects from a troubled mortgage industry could make it harder for college students or their families to get federally backed loans. The bill sailed through with a bipartisan

vote of 383-27.

Fifty-seven lenders have left the federal loan program because a tightening credit market has made investors wary of buying securities the companies sold to provide cash for student loans. Sallie Mae, the nation's largest student

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