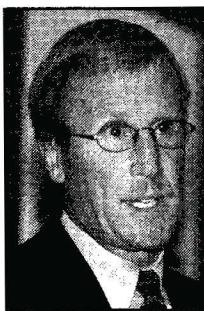
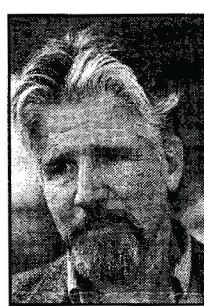


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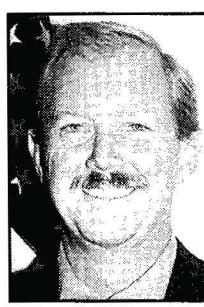
U.S. House - 3rd District



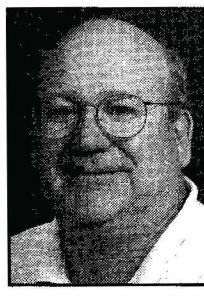
Name: Scott McInnis
Republican
Age: 47
Hometown: Grand Junction
Four-term Colorado congressman; previously served four terms in state House from Western Colorado's 57th District; lawyer and former police officer. McInnis worked to win national park designation for the Sand Dunes and federally protected wilderness designation for the Spanish Peaks, and started a program to give reconditioned federal computers to schools. Wants to eliminate the estate tax, lower taxes and strengthen the military.
Married
Children: 3



Name: Curtis Imrie
Democrat
Age: 54
Hometown: Buena Vista
Movie maker, burro racer
Goals: Wants to reform campaign finance, institute universal health care, raise teacher salaries, raise the minimum wage to \$10 an hour and stop the war on drugs.
Single



Name: Victor Good
Reform Party
Age: 38
Hometown: Lewis
Former concert promoter and luxury estate manager
Goals: Wants to government financed elections, replace the current tax code with a mixed national sales tax and flat income tax. Supports term limits.
Married
Children: 1



Name: Drew Sakson
Libertarian
Age: 42
Hometown: Carbondale
Mortgage broker
Goals: Wants to end the estate tax, make developers pay for the effects of growth and legalize marijuana. Supports term limits.
Married
Children: 3

County Commissioner Dist. 2

Ray Youngren
Republican
Age: 67
Rancher, former Beulah postmaster; 25 years' service on county planning commission
Married
Children: 3



Ray Youngren, Republican candidate for the District 2 county commissioner's seat, says weapons destruction at the Pueblo Chemical Depot is the most important issue in Pueblo County's short-term future.

Youngren, a rancher who lives in the Beulah area, will face Democratic incumbent Loretta Kennedy in Tuesday's election.

Youngren said the Army's actions at the depot will create a demand for housing and new roads and will raise citizen safety concerns that must be addressed.

He thinks the county isn't adequately prepared to handle such growth, and needs more roads, improvements in drainage and water service to some areas. The northward extension of Pueblo Boulevard to Interstate 25 is especially important.

Youngren thinks the county can help dictate where growth occurs by where it places roads and where the Pueblo Board of Water Works puts water lines.

He thinks the management of Fountain Creek is one of the county's biggest problems, and something physical should be done about it now.

"The Fountain river has been flooding for years but still nothing is being done about it on the ground," Youngren said.

Loretta Kennedy
Democrat
Age: 60
Retired from Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo
Married
Children: 5



Loretta Kennedy, the Democratic incumbent for the District 2 county commissioner's seat, says health care, weapons destruction at the Pueblo Chemical Depot and economic development all are important to Pueblo County's future.

Kennedy, who faces Ray Youngren in Tuesday's election, said other key issues are drainage and sewage treatment systems on the St. Charles Mesa, the mitigation of Fountain Creek, a government services center and a good transportation network.

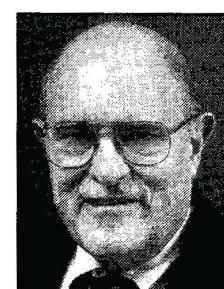
She said county government has become increasingly complex while counties have lost much of the funding they once got from the federal government. This means commissioners must be more accountable and more creative in budgeting and spending the money they do have.

Kennedy said the preparation for weapons destruction at the depot is expected to start this month, and the massive job will mean an influx of 600 to 1,000 people. It also will mean a challenge for the county in the areas of roads, housing and schools.

Kennedy said the comprehensive plan equips Pueblo County to deal with this kind of growth precisely because it addresses infrastructure needs.

She thinks agriculture is an industry the county can't afford to lose.

CU Regent - 3rd District



Henry "Hank" Anton
Republican
Background: Anton, a longtime Pueblo businessman, is a 1960 University of Colorado graduate. He first was elected regent in 1994. He is seeking a second six-year term.

He said that the regents, during his terms in office, have begun a \$3 billion project to move the Health Sciences Center to the former Fitzsimons Hospital, and that he would like to complete that project before leaving the board.

He also pointed to his numerous visits to Southern Colorado communities to promote CU, to hear resident's concerns and to help them access the CU system.



Gail Schwartz
Democrat
Background: An Aspen resident, Schwartz is seeking her first term on the CU board of regents. She is a former member of the Colorado Commission of Higher Education.

She is running on a campaign that emphasizes access by all Coloradans, especially those outside the Denver metro area, to the CU system. She also has said that she believes in more partnerships with K-12 public schools to provide a seamless access to CU.

State Rep. District 44



Lola Spradley
Republican
Age: 54
Incumbent state representative; nine years as lobbyist and policy analyst at State Capitol before being appointed to fill a vacancy in House District 44 in 1997.
Married
Children: 4 (and 7 grandchildren)

Lola Spradley, incumbent state representative from House District 44, says tax relief and jobs are the most important issues in her district.

Appointed to fill a vacancy in 1997, the Beulah resident was elected to her seat in 1998 and hopes to serve a third term.

Currently House assistant majority leader and acting leader, Spradley is campaigning among her colleagues to win the leadership post while traveling her district to retain her seat in Tuesday's election.

She says she should be re-elected so she can continue working to reduce government and ease the tax burden on families, businesses, farms and ranches.

Spradley has been named top legislator this year and last by numerous statewide business and economic development groups and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Despite the "all-consuming" nature of the job, she said, she would like to serve another term because "I enjoy people. I enjoy issues and I hope I'm able to help people from time to time."



Vic Meyers
Democrat
Age: 32
Corrections officer at San Carlos prison in Pueblo for three years; formerly government computer specialist and substitute teacher.
Married
Children: 3

Vic Meyers, a Beulah native and resident, is making his third bid to represent House District 44, which encompasses parts of Fremont, Custer, Teller and Pueblo counties.

The primary focus of all his campaigns has been education reform aimed at giving teachers more authority in the classroom, including the option of holding back students who aren't ready for the next grade level.

He also advocates higher teacher pay and greater autonomy for individual schools and districts.

Meyers vehemently disagrees with the statewide "school report card" system initiated by Gov. Bill Owens, because grading schools on a curve guarantees that at least 2 percent won't "make the grade" and will be unfairly penalized, he says.

Meyers also promises to change auto insurance law so that insurance is required of drivers rather than vehicles.

State Rep. District 45



Buffie McFadyen
Democrat
Age: 31
Consultant, two-time intern at State Capitol, president of Young Democrats of Southern Colorado from 1998 to 2000 and treasurer of Chicano Democratic Caucus.
Education:
Married
Children: 1

Buffie McFadyen, a Democratic newcomer to the House District 45 race, said she hopes to be a strong advocate for the district, Pueblo and Southern Colorado in everything from education to employment.

McFadyen faces Republican incumbent Joyce Lawrence in Tuesday's election.

Among McFadyen's top concerns is bringing affordable health care to senior citizens, families and small businesses in her district.

She said she would work with Gov. Bill Owens to ensure that Pueblo's senior citizens pay the same for their Medicare HMO premiums as seniors throughout the state. Currently, she said Pueblo's seniors pay more.

McFadyen said she also will fight to bring Pueblo school districts 60 and 70 more state funding. Both districts are among the lowest in the state in per pupil funding.

McFadyen also wants Pueblo to get a larger share of the funding for transportation projects, with a priority being Eagleridge interchange project on Pueblo's North Side.

Other issues McFadyen said she wants to address are preserving open space, water and bringing quality employment to the area.



Joyce Lawrence
Republican
Age: 59
Occupation: State representative for three terms; Pueblo City Council from 1992-94; including president of council in 1994.
Married
Children: 2 sons

Incumbent State Rep. Joyce Lawrence said she has the experience and leadership in Denver to help deliver quality services to residents in House District 45.

Lawrence, who is seeking her fourth term in office, faces Democrat newcomer Buffie McFadyen for the District 45 seat in Tuesday's election.

Lawrence said her previous experience in the Legislature will continue to make her an effective lawmaker during the next two years.

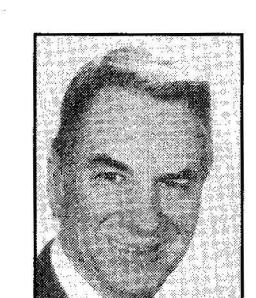
Her previous experience includes being vice chair of the powerful Capital Development Committee, chair of the judiciary committee, and member of the appropriations, health, environment, welfare and transportation committees.

Lawrence said her priorities in the upcoming session will be to continue to work to get money for capital projects in Pueblo; money to improve the Eagleridge intersection; and full funding for education.

Lawrence said health care also is a major concern and she plans to sponsor at least two bills to address some of the concerns.

She said she also favors a name change for the University of Southern Colorado and making child abuse a felony crime.

State Rep. District 60

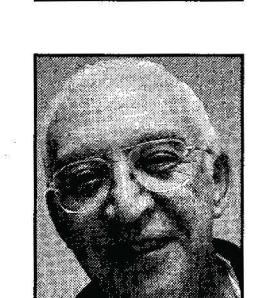


Jim Snook, Alamosa
Republican
Age: 60
Married
Children: 6 (7 grandchildren)

Retired insurance agent; also has worked as a teacher and rehabilitation counselor.

Jim Snook, challenging the incumbent for election in House District 60, favors reunification of the San Luis Valley in one house district.

He also is interested in preserving the valley's water, and one way he proposes to save water is to provide tax incentives for homeowners who plant lawns that require little water.

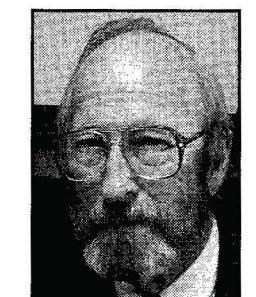


Al Gagliardi, Alamosa
Democrat
Age: 57
Married
Children: 3

Incumbent state representative, first elected in 1998; retired from Colorado State Patrol.

Al Gagliardi is the first representative in the refigured 60th district, which stretches from the eastern half of the San Luis Valley to the East Side of Pueblo.

In his first year Gagliardi served on the Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources, State, Veterans and Military Affairs committees.



Robert Johnson, Fort Garland
Libertarian
Retired data processor

Johnson, one of several house candidates on the Libertarian ticket in Southern Colorado house races, espouses the notion of less government in his party's creed.

For that reason he opposes any additional gun control laws.

Married