

The Rockies Kramer announces he'll run for Senate

Associated Press
DENVER — U.S. Rep. Ken Kramer, looking for an opportunity to have a greater political voice in Congress, formally announced Friday that he is seeking the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate.
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Kramer was scheduled to make similar announcements today in Pueblo, in the Union Hall Complex, and at a dinner at the Broadmoor Hotel's International Center in Colorado Springs, the heart of his current congressional district.
Announcing three days earlier was State Sen. Martha Ezzard of Cherry Hills Village. Terry Condit is reported ready to announce soon.
He is the son-in-law of Republican State Chairman Howard "Bo" Callaway and was 1984 campaign chairman for U.S. Sen. Bill Armstrong.
Armstrong recently endorsed Condit as the GOP candidate.
Kramer said he didn't feel betrayed by Armstrong's endorsement, but added "it was not my preference, and I would have preferred otherwise."
Bill Terry and he are extremely close.
He said he and Armstrong have had a close relationship in the past and he has "very high expectations we will work together in the future."
Kramer, 43, was reluctant to characterize himself as a conservative, in response to reporter questions, but instead said that he "based on the issues, and my voting record I have to conclude I follow the mainstream thought of Coloradoans."

It is a conservative state and I am a conservative candidate.
He said he was not a fringe candidate on the far right, and it is "absolutely erroneous" to say he is a "Jesus Hates type of politician."
"I'm right in the middle of mainstream Colorado," he said, but noted that it is "up to the voters

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Lamm forms group for study of Colorado insurance woes

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DENVER — Gov. Richard Lamm announced Thursday he has selected a 20-member group to examine the status of liability and general insurance in the state.
The panel was formed less than a month after the state Legislature went into special session to allow Colorado to start a self-insurance program, and little more than two months before lawmakers take up issues associated with the so-called "insurance crisis."
Lamm announced Edward Daur, dean of the University of Denver Law School, will head the Task Force on Tort Liability and Insurance.

Gov. Richard Lamm asked a new 20-member group to examine three insurance problem areas: the tort system, the insurance industry and governmental liability.
Also on the panel are eight members of the Legislature, lawyers, representatives of the insurance industry, business people and the public.
The governor said he had asked

Machine gun casings link Berg, suspect

Associated Press
SEATTLE — Cartridge casings from the machine gun used to kill a Denver radio host were found in a house rented by a man accused of pulling the trigger and as a house where the gun was found. FBI agents testified Friday.
The 45-caliber automatic weapon was found in the northern Idaho home of Gary Verburgh, one of 18 alleged members of the white supremacist group The Order who are trial on federal racketeering charges.
Casings found there matched those recovered from the Denver house where radio host Alan Berg was slain, a specialist testified.
Additional casings, from the same gun, were recovered from a Troy, Miss., house rented by Bruce Pierce after the slaying. Prosecutors say Pierce pulled the trigger in Berg's death.
Order members are accused of killing Berg and another man, counterfeiting money and staging robberies that netted more than \$4 million as they waged a crusade against minorities and the federal government.

Wire check

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Denver School buses need work, report says
A report by Denver Public Schools shows its transportation department needs substantial revisions in its operations and equipment. Superintendent James Scamman said on Thursday.
Scamman spoke to the Denver Board of Education, which gives a bus fleet report that calls for buying and maintaining a fleet and improving record keeping, maintenance, condition and inspection.
The report also calls for a closer look at all aspects of personnel, including promotions, evaluations, pay scales and inspection training for bus drivers.

Teacher faces dismissal proceedings

Dismissal proceedings have been started against a fifth-grade Denver teacher accused of forcing a student to bite a bar of soap and threatening to make students run until they "threw up."
The Denver School Board voted Thursday night to accept the dismissal charges.
The action came in the case of Harold W. Aarons, a non-tenured teacher at Stone Elementary School in south Denver, who was accused of neglect of duty, insubordination and incompetency.
Aarons, who currently is suspended, allegedly forced a bar of soap into the student's mouth as punishment for bad language.
After parents complained and Aarons was questioned, he allegedly threatened to make some students stay after school and run until they threw up if their behavior didn't improve.

Pilots upset about Frontier takeover

While an employee coalition at Frontier Airlines has agreed to a part concerning People Express Inc. takeover of their current jobs are upset and feel they have been shortchanged.
The pilots will vote on the part Nov. 6.
One pilot, who asked not to be identified, said he had given up \$20,000 a year in wage concessions to help finance the so-called employee buyout plan. Now, he will have to stick to that concession and settle for much less than the ownership plan that had promised the concessions.
"I don't think there's any question out there that the pilots are upset. They didn't get what they thought they would," he said.
Meanwhile, Frontier officials said a spokeswoman for the union's coalition said that other employee groups had reached agreement on the People Express part Thursday morning.

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