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# GOP eyes gubernatorial options as McInnis vows to stay in race



MCINNIS

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DENVER — Colorado Republicans are looking at their options as GOP gubernatorial candidate Scott McInnis struggles over plagiarism allegations, but there are signs he intends to ride out the scandal. Former congressman Tom Tancredo said Thursday that the GOP has a number of good candidates who could step in if McInnis bows out of the race, including former U.S. Sen. Hank Brown and University of Colorado president Bruce Benson.

McInnis' primary rival, Benson, made millions of dollars in the oil industry and could bring in substantial amounts of money while Brown has substantial contacts in Washington.

Tancredo said he would also be willing to run because he doesn't believe McInnis or his primary opponent, Dan Maes, can win a general election against Democratic Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper.

Tancredo said his reputation as a maverick and a firebrand opposed to illegal immigration could be a turnoff for

mainstream Republicans, adding: "I may have to run as an independent."

Benson, Brown and Colorado GOP chairman Dick Wadhams did not return phone messages seeking comment Thursday.

McInnis issued a statement saying he intends to stay the course and told supporters to "stay strong."

"Despite the rumors circulating, we have no intention of leaving this race and will continue to fight for the future of Colorado's families and businesses," said McInnis, who

canceled a campaign event in Northern Colorado.

McInnis has apologized for lifting part of a judge's work for a series of essays he passed off as his own and for which he received \$300,000 in 2005. He dismissed allegations that a newspaper column he wrote in 1994 and a subsequent speech he made resembled a column that appeared six weeks earlier in The Washington Post, saying he had permission from the authors to use their material.

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# 'Save the Poudre' sparks dispute

### Northern Water's use of phrase on pro-Glade stickers upsets group

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"Save the Poudre, Store it in Glade."

That's the message on a bumper sticker Bo Shaffer pasted on his truck Thursday afternoon in Erie at a farmers rally supporting the proposed Glade Reservoir and the Northern Integrated Supply Project, or NISP, to be built north of Fort Collins.

Shaffer, a Longmont resident and member of the Left Hand Water District board of directors, said he thinks

almost everyone in the region is in favor of Glade Reservoir "except for some environmentalists in Fort Collins."

Though it's unclear just how many people support the reservoir, one of those Fort Collins environmentalists is threatening bumper sticker creator and Glade Reservoir booster Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District with legal action for using the phrase "Save the Poudre" in its sticker.

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Bo Shaffer of Longmont puts a bumper sticker on his truck Thursday that reads 'Save the Poudre, Store it in Glade' at a farmers rally in Erie.

## Area leaders' opinion columns mirror peer's writings on NISP

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Two Northern Colorado lawmakers seeking to drum up support for a regional water supply project have published opinion columns in area newspapers taken from the writings of a colleague.

Columns purportedly authored by Rep. BJ Nikkel, R-Loveland, and Weld County Commissioner Doug Rademacher focused on the need

for new water storage capabilities in Northern Colorado, highlighted their support for the Northern Integrated Water Supply Project, or NISP, and encouraged readers to attend a Thursday

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## VIGIL HONORS CSU GRAD KILLED IN I-25 CRASH



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Carol Dollard, left, leans on Harry Bates as they listen to speakers during a vigil for CSU graduate Mary Warren on Thursday at the Colorado State University Oval.

# Woman's smile sticks with friends, family

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Standing under an ancient oak on the CSU Oval, friends and family of Mary Warren gathered Thursday night to share memories of the recent college graduate who died in a July 5 accident on Interstate 25 when the car she was riding in was struck by a driver going the wrong way.

"The first night I met Mary, a dance party broke out in the upstairs room," best friend Dan Sheahan said before pressing the play button on "How do you measure the life of a woman or a man?" — lyrics from "Seasons of Love," a song from the musical "Rent."

On Thursday evening, more than 40 people remembered times in Warren's life: working on the 2008 Barack Obama presidential campaign, driving around on Friday nights, interning at the state Capitol, birthdays and, most importantly, her smile.

Warren had just graduated from the

College of Liberal Arts and was working as an intern for the Facilities Management department.

Carol Dollard, a facilities manager, said Warren's death has left a void in the office. She'll miss the life lessons Warren taught such as living simply.

Warren was on her way to the Peace Corps, Dollard said, and could only bring two small suitcases with her. When asked how she would boil down her life and where she would leave the excess, Warren replied: "fit it in those two suitcases or give it to Good Will."

"But in the end, the thing I think I'll miss the most is her smile," Dollard said of the 23-year-old.

Sheahan, who organized the candlelight vigil and bike ride from Warren's

home to the Oval on the Colorado State University campus, said there is no way to choose a moment he cherishes most. Before introducing another song that represented his best friend, Sheahan shared another memory of the woman who lived life "simply."

"Mary's apartment on Friday night was probably my second home. We'd start at the kitchen counter and talk about politics and religion and end up on the living room floor with Mary's boom box," he said.

Throughout the vigil, individuals whose lives were touched by Warren's presence shared anecdotes or personal moments.

"While some people come and go in a very brief span and you don't even remember them," Jan Neger, dean of CSU's College of Natural Sciences said, Warren was someone who came and went in a very brief time and made a difference.



WARREN

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