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USA Today: “Top vote counter becomes prize job”

DENVER—A front page article in *USA Today* highlights Ken Gordon’s race for Colorado Secretary of State as a race of national significance this election cycle. Gordon’s race is gaining national attention because Colorado will be a key swing-state during the presidential election in 2008.

“I’m thrilled that the race for Colorado Secretary of State is garnering national attention. More and more people are recognizing that this important office serves as the gatekeeper of our democracy,” said Gordon.

The following excerpt from *USA Today* further explains why there is a national interest in the outcome of Colorado’s Secretary of State race:

The state post of secretary of State was a backwater until 2000, when Florida's Katherine Harris became a central figure in the presidential recount controversy. Now national Democratic groups and White House prospects, unhappy about Harris' decisions and those of Republican Kenneth Blackwell in Ohio two years ago, are pouring resources into contests for the job. ...Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada and Ohio top their lists.

Secretaries of State control most voting regulations and influence state purchases of voting machines. Looking ahead to 2008, Democrats say they want people they trust in those offices.

Read the full story here: http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2006-08-16-secretary-state-democrats_x.htm?POE=NEWISVA

Ken Gordon is currently the Colorado Senate Majority Leader.

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