

Dole is helping other Republican congressional candidates

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WASHINGTON — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole is busy on two campaign fronts this year. He's not only running for re-election in Kansas, but also is campaigning in other states on behalf of Republican congressional candidates. But Dole is giving far more than his time. He's handing out money as well. The Kansan's political action committee, Campaign America,

has contributed about \$242,000 to 65 Republican House and Senate candidates from 1991 through the end of July, according to records filed with the Federal Election Commission. Dole's PAC has given the maximum amount, \$10,000, to 11 Senate candidates. Campaign America, says Dole, is supporting GOP candidates in races "where I think we've got a chance." "We're going to use it to help

Republican candidates, primarily U.S. Senate candidates, some House races where we've been asked specifically and some of the races in the state of Kansas for the state Senate and the state House of Representatives," says Dole. In addition to the contributions to congressional candidates, Campaign America has given about \$85,000 to state GOP organizations and state office candidates across the country. Of that, nearly

\$60,000 went to state legislative candidates and GOP groups in Kansas, FEC records show. Since the Republican National Convention in mid-August, Dole has campaigned in Kansas and traveled to 11 other states to campaign for Senate candidates: Oklahoma, Arkansas, Ohio, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, North Carolina and South Carolina. Dole says he hopes to make campaign appearances for more congressional candidates before Election Day, especially in New England and the West.

"He was a boost to us in our media coverage. He was a boost to us in our fundraising. It just raised the stature of the campaign to have the minority leader of the United States Senate for you." Campaign America has given \$5,000 to Mrs. Haar campaign so far. Dole's PAC, formed in 1979, is separate from his re-election campaign committee and is the senator's vehicle for party-building activities. Dole has long been one of the most successful fund-raisers in Congress and his leadership position in the Senate helps him in collecting money for other Republican candidates. The PAC, in addition to making campaign contributions, can pay for Dole's own political travels across the country. That helps him in building a network of supporters and

contacts. Since 1991, Campaign America has raised about \$992,000 and spent almost \$1.2 million. Dole's PAC had cash reserves of \$941,000 at the start of 1991, and reported a balance of \$878,931 at the end of July, the latest figures available. Among so-called leadership PACs — those affiliated with members of Congress — Campaign America traditionally has been a top fund-raiser and contributor. During the last campaign cycle, 1989-90, Campaign America contributed more money to federal office candidates than any other so-called leadership PAC operated by a member of Congress — roughly \$300,000. The Effective Government Committee, the PAC of House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., was next with contributions of \$252,000.

Who is Dole helping out with contributions?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is a list of the Republican Senate candidates who have received contributions from Campaign America, the political action committee operated by Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole. The contributions were made from 1991 through July, according to the latest records available from the Federal Election Commission. Dole's PAC can contribute a maximum of \$10,000 to a candidate for the primary and general elections. The contributions are to incumbents and challengers. Richard Thornburgh, for example, lost in a special election in Pennsylvania last year. Sens. Larry Craig, Idaho, and Larry Pressler, South Dakota, won elections in 1990. ■ Sen. Christopher Bond of Missouri, \$7,000. ■ Rep. Rod Chandler of Washington, \$5,000. ■ Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana, \$6,000. ■ Terry Considine of Colorado, \$10,000. ■ Sen. Larry Craig, Idaho, \$500.

- Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, New York, \$10,000.
- Michael Dewine, Ohio, \$10,000.
- Duncan Faircloth, North Carolina, \$5,020.
- Sen. Charles Grassley, Iowa, \$6,000.
- Charlene Haar, South Dakota, \$5,000.
- Thomas Hartnett, South Carolina, \$10,000.
- Bruce Herschensohn, California, \$10,000.
- Sen. Robert Kasten, Wisconsin, \$10,000.
- Dirk Kempthorne, Idaho, \$10,000.
- Sen. Trent Lott, Mississippi, \$1,000.
- Sen. John McCain, Arizona, \$6,000.
- Sen. Frank Murkowski, Alaska, \$9,500.
- Sen. Don Nickles, Oklahoma, \$10,000.
- Sen. Bob Packwood, Oregon, \$10,000.
- Sen. Larry Pressler, South Dakota, \$2,000.
- Sen. John Seymour, California, \$10,000.
- Sen. Arlen Specter, Pennsylvania, \$8,000.
- Steven Sydness, North Dakota, \$10,000.
- Dick Thornburgh, Pennsylvania, \$7,000.
- Richard Williamson, Illinois, \$10,000.

Dole bypasses Hutchinson forum, blames organizers

TOPEKA (AP) — Bob Dole didn't come to Hutchinson Saturday for a U.S. Senate candidate forum but left open the door to other joint appearances with his three rivals in the Nov. 3 general election. Dole, the state's senior senator who is seeking election to a fifth six-year term in the Nov. 3 general election, charged on Friday that

United We Stand, America, the organization that sponsored Saturday's forum, was dominated by Democrats. UWSA, a group of supporters of Ross Perot, denied Dole's allegation, saying its forum committee includes four Republicans and four people registered as independents, with no Democrats.

The forum took place as planned, with Democrat Gloria O'Dell, Libertarian Mark Kirk and independent Christina Campbell-Cline appearing at the Hutchinson Holiday. Dole said during a telephone news conference with Kansas reporters on Friday that he would not allow the format for the forum to be dictated by "partisan Democrats,"

singing out Marcia Stuart of Topeka, the forum's coordinator. United We Stand, America issued a statement saying Dole was "talking nonsense." Stuart said she is registered as an independent and previously worked in state government as a political appointee under Republican administrations.

also part of the recovery for Dole, but he said he has recovered. "Those things are secondary," Dole said. "The point is the examination. Like other cancers, early detection means it can be treated."

During his recovery, Dole said, a few colleagues and friends from Kansas began asking questions about the procedure. Dole's office soon became an unofficial clearinghouse for information on prostate cancer and early detection. Dole has been on several talk shows, discussing a subject that many men are too embarrassed to discuss.

The Dole screening unit was at the Republican National Convention in Houston, prompting jokes from talk-show host Jay Leno. Dole said even the jokes raise awareness.

"Somebody probably heard him (Leno) and got the tests," Dole said. Dole said the screening unit benefited many men who can't afford or don't want to spend the money on a test at the doctor's office. The screening at a doctor's office might cost about \$21 in Kansas, and as much as \$75 in other states.

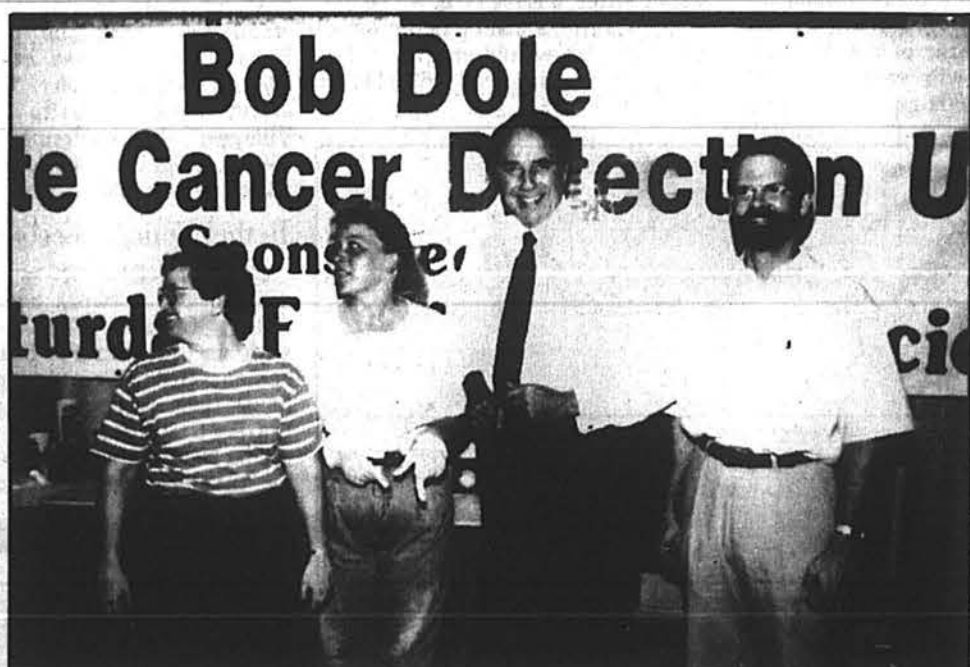
Talking about his experience and increasing awareness has been a learning experience, Dole said, but it was too important to ignore. "It makes you want to tell somebody else. If you've learned something you have to pass it on," he said. "It took a while. I started talking to Kansans and finding more and more people (who had been tested). It got easier and easier."

Dole said some doctors recommend a transrectal ultrasonography, or ultrasound, to determine how advanced a cancer is.

The biggest battle is making men more aware that testing is vital to surviving prostate cancer. Women, he said, are more likely to get prompt medical attention than men. "The thing I noticed was men were getting the test because their wives are pushing them into the booth," Dole said. "But a lot came in on their own."

Dole campaigns for earlier prostate screenings

By Larry Peirce
The Hutchinson News
"Have you had your test yet?" Those were Sen. Bob Dole's first words when he returned a phone call to answer questions about how early detection saved him from dying of prostate cancer. "It's worth the effort," the Kansas Republican said of early testing of men older than 40 years old. Prostate cancer, the most common cancer in American men, will affect one of every 10 men. At the Kansas State Fair, amid the booths dispensing sales pitches and brochures for colleges, political parties and merchants, one booth in the Industrial Building could be a potential lifesaver. The Bob Dole Prostate Cancer Detection Unit, sponsored by The Saturday Evening Post Society and supported by drug and medical companies, provides free prostate cancer screenings. The screening consists of a prostate-specific antigen test, in which blood is drawn and tested to find if a man has a high level of a certain protein which indicates that prostate cancer could be present. Digital rectal exams are being performed by Dr. Mark Austenfeld from the University of the Kansas Medical Center urology department and Dr. Medas Grinis and Dr. Dane Lesser of the Hutchinson Clinic. Austenfeld, who conducts once-a-month free clinics at the KU Medical Center, has found that about 11 percent of men who have their blood tested have an elevated rate of prostate-specific antigens. "As of Friday morning, more than 1,200



Courtesy photo

Sen. Bob Dole, second from right, poses recently with workers at one of his prostate cancer screening units. Dr. Mark Austenfeld, far right, professor of urology at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan., is performing screenings at Dole's unit at this year's Kansas State Fair.

men had undergone the five-minute testing procedure at the fair. As many as 30 men were waiting in line for the test. The testing unit sends blood samples to a lab in Connecticut, which returns results by mail. If testing shows an elevated antigen level, the lab recommends a visit to personal physicians.

The tests are the same ones that led to the discovery and removal of Dole's cancer. Since Dole began promoting early testing, many well-known public figures who have been diagnosed with cancer, including former NFL quarterback Len Dawson, have added their support. The prostate, a walnut-sized gland in

front of the rectum and below the bladder, wraps around a tube called the urethra, which carries urine from the bladder out through the tip of the penis. The prostate is largely composed of muscular and glandular tissue, which produces fluid for semen, which transports sperm. Prostate cancer is a malignant tumor that most often begins in the outer part of the gland. As the tumor grows, it may spread to the inner part of the prostate, and from there, to other parts of the body. Early prostate cancer usually does not cause problems such as painful urination, but as the tumor grows, it may constrict the urethra, causing urinary problems. Other problems also can cause enlargement of the prostate.

Last December, Dole's prostate was surgically removed after a series of tests showed the early stages of a tumor. A digital exam showed that the prostate was enlarged, the antigen test showed that Dole had what his doctor considered to be a high count of a cancer-indicating protein in his blood. A biopsy, in which a small sample of the tumor is cut away and examined, was ordered to learn more. "The biopsy was the clincher," Dole said. Dole was lucky. His cancer hadn't spread, and the prostate was removed, so radiation therapy wasn't required. "It was caught in the 'capsule,' and hadn't gotten into the lymph nodes or the bone," he said. Like all men who undergo prostate removal, incontinence and impotence were

O'Dell to air homemade ad Monday

TOPEKA (AP) — Democratic Senate nominee Gloria O'Dell plans to broadcast her first homemade television commercial during the popular comedy "Murphy Brown," itself the target of Republican criticism. The 30-second spot continues O'Dell's attacks on Republican Sen. Bob Dole's character. It is scheduled to run during the show's season premiere on CBS-TV affiliates in Wichita, Pittsburg and the Kansas City area. In Topeka, the CBS affiliate will air it during its 6 p.m. newscast and during 6:30 p.m. "Murphy Brown" reruns.

The commercial reiterates her campaign theme that Dole is a career politician whose nearly 30 years in Congress have left him out of touch with ordinary Kansans.

An announcement Friday about the ad came after O'Dell acknowledged that her campaign has only several thousand dollars in the bank. Erwin Seba, O'Dell's press secretary, said the campaign is not trying to counter speculation that it is having trouble raising money.

Still, Seba said the commercial will run only once during each of the chosen time slots. There are no plans to continue broadcasting it after Monday.

The commercial reiterates O'Dell's campaign theme, that Dole is a career politician whose nearly 30 years in Congress have left him out of touch with ordinary Kansans. The scheduling also is a dig at the Republican Party. Vice President Dan Quayle criticized the show after its first character, a television news reporter, had a baby out of wedlock. Quayle's comments received some criticism, and the episode Monday is expected to contain a response.

Dole's campaign has not run any television ads during the general election campaign. Kathy Peterson, his press secretary, said he planned to do so, but has not yet made decisions about them.

However, she added, "You'll have to stay tuned. We're talking about the issues."

"She's running down Bob Dole," Peterson said of the O'Dell commercial. "She's not giving anyone a reason to vote for Gloria O'Dell."

The Hinkle Agency, a Topeka advertising and public relations firm, produced the commercial. The agency shot it last Sunday using a home video camera.

Lynn Hinkle, the agency's owner, said it cost about \$4,900 to buy the air time for the commercial. She said production costs were low, because the agency did not use a full crew or lighting.

"It was shot like people shoot home videos," Hinkle said. "I think it was under \$500."

The ad, "Book Reviews," features O'Dell as a passenger in a moving car. She says she has time to read during her travels and displays books and a magazine article featuring Dole. Their titles include, "America, What Went Wrong?" and "The Best Congress Money Can Buy."

Then, she picks up a neighbor's Bible and says its account of David slaying the Philistine giant Goliath is her favorite story. She remarks, "It has a happy ending."

O'Dell's campaign slogan has been "Gloria vs. Goliath." She has criticized Dole for taking numerous political action committee contributions and has accused him of bolstering his own government pension.

In a statement, O'Dell appeared to anticipate criticism that she has been waging a negative campaign.

"I know people are tired of sleaze and dodge campaigns," she said. "My intent is not to bash Dole. To the contrary, this is a very light-hearted look at some very serious issues."