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To: Suzanne Niemela – Campaign America
From: Scott Gallagher, Communications Director *SG*
Date: March 30, 1993
Subject: Talking points for Kansas City Fundraiser on April 7th

As per our discussion, I have assembled relevant newspaper articles on those subjects I believe will be of greatest interest to those people attending the Kit Bond Birthday celebration.

Proceeds from the Senator Bond's Birthday Celebration will go to the Missouri Republican Future Fund. I have enclosed a brochure which details the purpose of the Future Fund. In brief, the fund is designed to elect Republicans to the state legislature and enhance the state parties' grassroots political structure.

My suggested talking points for the Senator would include the following:

Special Elections

Since the November election there have been three special elections to fill vacancies in the Missouri state legislature. Two of the vacancies were in the Missouri Senate and one of the vacancies was in the Missouri House. A fourth special election will be held to fill an additional vacancy in the state Senate on April 6th, the day prior to the Senator's visit.

Republicans are three for three in the special elections. The two senate victories give Republicans 15 of the 34 seats in the Missouri Senate – a net gain of four seats since 1992. The two seats we picked up make a GOP majority in the Senate in 1994 a real possibility. Currently, Republicans have more seats in the Senate than anytime in the last 36 years.

Republicans will be just one seat short of a tie If we can pick up an additional seat in the April 6th special election. Most importantly, it would virtually guarantee Republican control of the Senate in 1994. We have not controlled the Senate in over forty years.

Danforth Retirement / U.S. Senate Race

Senator Jack Danforth recently announced that he would not seek re-election to a fourth term in the U.S. Senate. That announcement began the speculation about who would seek the Republican nomination. The name mentioned most often is former governor John Ashcroft. Ashcroft is currently practicing law in St. Louis and has made no formal announcement regarding a run for the Senate. However, it is generally accepted that he will run for Danforth's seat.

Ashcroft would be a formidable opponent. He was re-elected governor with the largest victory margin of any governor since the civil war. He received an average of 62% of the vote in his last three elections to statewide office and twice led a sweep of five of the six statewide offices.

In 1994 the only other statewide office on the ballot will be State Auditor Margaret Kelly so the interest in the senate race will be high. The Democrats desperately want to regain the Senate seat they lost when Kit Bond was elected in 1986 upon Senator Eagleton's retirement.

National Issues

On the national level, Missourians are interested in the financial impact of the Clinton economic package and what health care reforms are likely to come from Hillary Clinton's task force.

In addition, there is considerable interest in the role Republicans will play in a Democrat controlled Congress.

MISSOURI

Incumbent: Open (Danforth retiring)

GOP CANDIDATE	OCCUPATION	ISSUES
John Ashcroft	Ex. Gov.	Lost '93 bid for RNC Chair
Wendell Bailey	Ex Treasurer	If Emerson runs, may run for CD-8
Richard Berkley	Ex K.C. Mayor	If Ashcroft runs, may run for CD-5
Roy Blount	Ex Sec. of State	
Bill Emerson	U.S. Rep. (08)	
Robert Johnson	State Senator	
Margaret Kelly	Auditor; on '92 Gov. ticket as LG	
Mark Richardson	State Rep.	
Lloyd Smith	Rep. Emerson's CoS	
David Steelman	State Rep.	

DEM CANDIDATE	OCCUPATION	ISSUES
Mert Bernstein	'92 Senate cand.	
Emanuel Cleaver	Kansas City Mayor	
Joan Kelly Horn	Ex. U.S. Rep.	
Marsha Murphy	Jackson Co. Exec.	
Ceri Rothman-Serot	'92 Senate nominee, St. Louis Co. Councilman	Announced 3/8
Buzz Westfall	St. Louis Co. Exec	
Alan Wheat	U.S. Rep. (05)	
Roger Wilson	LG	

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Dole

From: Liz Owen, NRSC

Date: March 31, 1993

Re: Briefing for Missouri trip

The following is background information for your trip to Missouri.

Political Environment

The retirement of popular Senator Jack Danforth was a surprise to Republicans in Missouri. The Senator is widely respected and perceived as Missouri's premiere "statesman". Danforth, first elected to the Senate in 1976, chose not to seek a fourth term. He retires with a substantial war chest: \$645,962 cash on hand and no debt. His retirement recategorizes the race from "safe Republican" to "toss-up".

Missouri is a strong two party state and its open seats are usually very hotly contested. This will most likely hold true for the 1994 Senate election. On the Republican side, the "Draft John Ashcroft" movement is well underway even though Ashcroft has not formally announced his candidacy. Other potential GOP candidates include Rep. Bill Emerson; former Kansas City Mayor Richard Berkley; and Wendell Bailey, State Treasurer. Democrat Geri Rothman-Serot, 1992 Senate candidate, has already announced her plans to run again in 1994. However, by losing last year in the midst of a Democrat sweep of statewide offices, Rothman-Serot is considered by some Democrats as a weak contender. Rothman-Serot, a St. Louis County Councilwoman, is probably not electable in her re-drawn Republican-leaning council district and, in reality, may have a better chance at being elected a U.S. Senator than being re-elected to her council seat.

The 1994 Senate race is shaping up to be very similar to the 1986 Senate race. In 1986, Kit Bond was a popular former Governor who had been out of office for two years. In an open seat race, Bond subsequently only narrowly defeated feminist Harriet Woods. That year, Missouri was the only Republican pick-up of a Democrat seat when we lost control of the Senate. Circumstances this year, with Ashcroft as a potential candidate being out of power for two years, are strikingly similar. The main difference this year is the GOP now faces a rejuvenated Democrat party. Control of the governorship gives the Democrats increased fundraising potential.

1992 was an extremely disappointing year for Missouri Republicans. Republicans lost the governorship for the first time in 16 years: our nominee, Attorney General Bill Webster, was facing potential indictment for using his state office for political purposes and lost at the hands of Democrat Lt. Governor, Mel Carnahan. (The Lt. Governor is elected separately in Missouri, so Carnahan was elected Lt. Governor at the same time Republican John Ashcroft was elected Governor). Both Webster (of *Webster v. Missouri* fame) and Ashcroft are associated with the pro-life issue. President Bush was also defeated in Missouri, trailing Bill Clinton by 10 percentage points. Additionally, four of the five GOP constitutional candidates lost. Senator Kit Bond was the only statewide Republican to win in 1992. Democrats maintained a six to three advantage of congressional seats. At the state legislature level Republicans lost two seats in the House and gained three seats in the Senate.

Candidates

John Ashcroft

As noted above, our strongest-- and probably the likeliest-- candidate is former governor John Ashcroft. Ashcroft was the first Republican governor in Missouri history to serve consecutive terms. He was re-elected to a second term with 64% of the vote, the largest victory margin of any Missouri governor since the Civil War. In addition to his eight years as governor, Ashcroft served as Missouri Attorney General and two years as State Auditor. In his last three elections Ashcroft has received an average of nearly 62% of the vote.

With Governor Ashcroft in the race, Republicans might be tempted to treat the race lightly. However this could potentially be dangerous. While Ashcroft had solid favorables when he left the governorship, his job approval ratings were weaker: A PMR poll taken in September of 1992 reveals Ashcroft with a 42% excellent/good job approval and 57% fair/poor. Indeed, much of the encouragement other candidates are receiving is the inevitable result of negatives Ashcroft has accrued as CEO of the state for eight years. Despite all of this, Ashcroft must still be considered the front-runner. But with the trending Democrat political environment, this is a race to watch.

Bill Emerson

Bill Emerson represents Missouri's 8th Congressional District in Southeastern Missouri. The District is a bastion of Democrat conservatism. Emerson was elected during the Reagan landslide of 1980 when he beat Democrat incumbent Bill Burlison. Since then, the Democrats have thrown all of their resources at him, only to come up short, as Emerson's margins continue to improve. Emerson is a fiscally and socially conservative Republican. Due to the rural makeup he often favors agriculture-based economic programs.

Emerson is seriously considering the race, but has said privately that he will defer to Ashcroft if the former Governor runs.

Democrat candidates include Alan Wheat, Democrat Congressman from Kansas City; Geri Rothman-Serot, St. Louis County Councilwoman and 1992 Senatorial candidate; Marsha Murphy, Jackson County (Kansas City) Executive; and Lieutenant Governor Roger Wilson.

Key facts and Polling Data

<u>1988 Election - Senate</u>	<u>\$ Spent</u>
Jack Danforth 68%	\$4,060,441
Jay Nixon 32%	\$880,160

1992 Election - Senate

Kit Bond	54%
Geri Rothman-Serot	46%

1992 President

George Bush	34%
Bill Clinton	44%
Ross Perot	22%

Polling

(9/92 Political Media Research)

John Ashcroft Job Approval	
Excellent/Good	42%
Fair/Poor	57%

Note: Of all 100 Governors, John Ashcroft was ranked 29.

<u>Filing deadline:</u>	March 29
<u>Primary date:</u>	August 2

Political Lineup

Governor: Mel Carnahan (D)
Lt. Governor: Roger Wilson (D)
Sec. of State: Judy Moriarty (D)
Treasurer: Bob Holden (D)
Attorney General: Jay Nixon (D)
Auditor: Margaret Kelley (R)

State Legislature: 15 R/ 33 D House
62 R/ 101 D Senate

Financial Information

Projected 1994 cash and coordinated: \$481,072

HOTLINE 3/8/93

*19 MISSOURI: ROTHMAN-SEROT THROWS DOWN THE GLOVES

St. Louis Co. Councilwoman/'92 nominee Geri Rothman-Serot (D) announced today her intention to seek the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. John Danforth (R): "My family, friends and supporters throughout the state encouraged me to continue the work we started one year ago. I want to go to the Senate to fight for good paying jobs, affordable health care, a clean environment and the protection of a woman's right to choose." Rothman-Serot "also indicated that she intends to make a formal announcement sometime in the next few months" (release, 3/8). Rep. Alan Wheat (D-05) "all but confirmed he will run" for the seat. He has told "at least one prominent Missouri Democrat that he will run -- and would have run even if Danforth has chosen to seek re-election" (Koenig, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 3/5). Other possible Dems: Jackson Co. Exec. Marsha Murphy and LG Roger Wilson. Mentioned GOPers: Ex-Gov. John Ashcroft, Rep. Bill Emerson (R-08) and ex-K.C. Mayor Richard Berkley.

HOTLINE 2/24/93

*18 MISSOURI: ASHCROFT DRAFT BEGINS, EMERSON LOOKING

"The Draft John Ashcroft movement was well underway" in Springfield 2/20. "A massive green-and-white banner" that read "Our Winner in '94 -- Ashcroft" hung in the hotel atrium" where ex-Gov. John Ashcroft (R) and other GOPers "were celebrating patron saint Abraham Lincoln." But Ashcroft said he was not quite ready to declare a candidacy for the seat being vacated by Sen. Jack Danforth (R) next year: "I'll make a decision on when it's appropriate and necessary. And I'll make it in time to mount an effective campaign if I decide to do it." At least two other GOPers -- Rep. Bill Emerson (R-08) and former K.C. Mayor Richard Berkley -- are said to be "eyeing the seat." Berkley said if Ashcroft runs, he will consider running for the 5th [CD] seat now held by [Dem] Alan Wheat" (Hood, K.C. STAR, 2/21).

WHAT BIG EYES HE HAS: Emerson "had his first opportunity" 2/20-21 to "gauge reaction" to a possible run and "was pleased with the response" he received at a GOP Lincoln Day gathering in Springfield. Emerson: "I'm just kind of overwhelmed at what the reaction has been. I was struck with the level of interest evidenced in Springfield. For the most part, people were very positive and offered encouragement. I was struck by that. It made an impression on me." Emerson wore a sticker saying "Bill Emerson '94" which Emerson said "was designed ... to get a reaction. Emerson '94 might be a run for re-election in the House. We don't have to throw those stickers away if I do not run for the Senate and decide to run again for the House. ... [the sticker] accomplished it's purpose. It was designed to cause people to talk and for me to listen" (Grebing, SOUTHEAST MISSOURIAN, 2/23). If Emerson runs for Senate, 92 Gov. candidate Wendell Bailey (R) said he would run for Emerson's House seat (Edwards, Springfield NEWS-LEADER, 2/21).

DEMS: Gov. Mel Carnahan and MO Dem chair Gene Bushmann are trying to organize a poll to determine which Dems would have the best chance at the seat. Among those to be included: Wheat, Jackson Co. Exec. Marsha Murphy, St. Louis County Councilwoman/'90 Senate nominee Geri Rothman-Serot, LG Roger Wilson with others possible. K.C. STAR's Hood: "That makes for a lot of dominoes waiting for Ashcroft and Wheat and the Democrats' poll" (2/21).

HOTLINE 2/10/93

*13 MISSOURI: EARLY READ ON 1994'S NEWEST OPEN SENATE SEAT

K.C. STAR's Hood handicaps the potential candidates for retiring Sen. John Danforth's (R) seat. For the GOP, the "natural focus" is on ex-Gov. John Ashcroft. He "will be out of office just long enough to present himself next year as a critic." Ex-Treas. Wendell Bailey (R) is "muttering" about a challenge. Some Dems, such as St. Louis Co. Exec. Buzz Westfall and Rep. Alan Wheat (D-05), stand to "make this one of the best Senate contests in the country next year." While he "is almost as liberal as Ashcroft is conservative, Wheat is articulate and fast on his feet in debate." Wheat "has been chatting" with Clinton consultant James Carville. Westfall "could capture significant votes in his own back yard, and his anti-crime stands would play better outstate than the pitches of some other prospects." Dems also mentioned: LG Roger Wilson, Jackson Co. Exec. Marsha Murphy, K.C. Mayor Emanuel Cleaver, '92 Senate candidate Mert Bernstein and St. Louis Co. Councilwoman/'92 Senate nominee Geri Rothman-Serot. Cleaver "says he might be interested but not if Wheat is. And Wheat is," and it's "almost certain that [Rothman-Serot] will jump into an open race" (2/7). Rep. Bill Emerson (R-08) says he is still undecided: "I'm not saying I'm going to do it, but I'm not saying I'm not going to do it. I'm going to look at it" (Mannies/Schlinkmann, S.L. POST-DISPATCH, 2/7). Others: Ex-Rep. Joan Kelly Horn (D), state Sen. Robert Johnson (R), Auditor Margaret Kelly (R), ex-Sec/State Roy Blount (R).

PARTING THOUGHTS: Danforth was interviewed by the ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH. On the influence of the religious right: "You absolutely cannot have a political party that is a sectarian party. ... There's a big difference between religious people participating in politics and a political party -- a kind of political arm of a denomination or a particular type of religion. I think that would be a huge mistake. ... It's a self-correcting situation. If the Republican Party becomes exclusive, then we continue to lose elections -- to the point where we, in order to win election, have to move away from exclusivity." On abortion: "I'm pro-life. But I don't think it should be a plank in a political platform." Danforth thought ex-MO Gov. John Ashcroft would run in '94 (2/7). K.C. STAR's Hood writes, "Danforth decided to walk away while he could do so gracefully is a mark of a man at ease with himself and not in need of the constant self-congratulation that many political types crave" (2/7).

Ashcroft joins 2/12/93 St. Louis law firm VL

By WILL SENTELL
Jefferson City Correspondent

JEFFERSON CITY —
Former Gov. John Ashcroft, who is considered a probable contender for the U.S. Senate next year, has joined the St. Louis law firm of Suelthaus & Kaplan.

Ashcroft will concentrate on corporate, business and securities issues and provide counsel in litigation, labor and employment matters, Thomas M. Walsh, managing principal of the firm, said in a prepared statement Thursday.

"As a public official I sought

to create an atmosphere for business opportunity, development and growth," Ashcroft said.

"Joining a business-focused, service-oriented law firm such as Suelthaus & Kaplan provides me with an avenue for pursuing these same objectives for private business clients," he said.

The former governor said he and his family will move to St. Louis.

Ashcroft is considered a probable candidate for the GOP nomination to succeed Sen. Jack Danforth.

Ashcroft Joins ^{SVL}Area Law Firm, Stays Silent About Senate Race

By Fred W. Lindecke
Missouri Political Correspondent

JEFFERSON CITY — Former Gov. John Ashcroft is joining a Clayton law firm, and he really doesn't want to talk about running for the Senate — at least, not yet.

Thomas M. Walsh, managing principal of Suelthaus & Kaplan, P.C., announced Thursday that Ashcroft will practice in the firm's corporate, business and securities department.

Ever since the surprise announcement two weeks ago by Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo., that he would not seek re-election next year, there has been widespread expectation that Ashcroft would seek the Republican nomination to succeed him.

"That's not a priority at the present time," Ashcroft said Thursday. "Making a living is. I'll be at work Monday." He said he and his wife, Janet, and their family would move to St. Louis from Jefferson City.

Ashcroft said he would be in Birmingham, Ala., tonight making a

speech for the Alabama Republican Party, and he would be in Springfield, Mo., Saturday for the annual Lincoln Day rally of the Missouri Republican Party.

State Party Chairman Tom Fowler has asked Ashcroft to run for Danforth's seat, and John Powell of Rolla, former state chairman and Ashcroft campaign manager, also is urging Ashcroft to run.

Danforth has said that if Ashcroft wins the Republican primary, he will be happy to campaign for him.

Ashcroft, 50, said he chose Suelthaus & Kaplan over offers of executive positions in business and education. The firm, which also has an office in Belleville, has about 40 lawyers.

Ashcroft holds a law degree from the University of Chicago. He was an associate law professor at Southwest Missouri State University, and was Missouri attorney general for eight years before being elected governor in 1984.

Ashcroft Urged To Run For Danforth's Position

By Mark Schlankmann
Regional Political Correspondent

Just days after losing a bid to be GOP national chairman, former Gov. John Ashcroft is winning support from some state party leaders to succeed retiring Sen. John C. Danforth.

On the Democratic side, the specter of an open Senate seat prompted several politicians to express interest, including St. Louis County Councilwoman Geri Rothman-Serot, the party's unsuccessful Senate nominee last year; County Executive George R. "Buzz" Westfall; Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson of Columbia; and Rep. Alan Wheat of Kansas City.

Two prominent St. Louis-area Democrats, however, flatly said no: House Majority Leader Richard A. Gephardt and Mayor Vincent C. Schoemehl Jr.

Quickly rallying to Ashcroft's cause, Republican State Chairman Tom Fowler and former chairman John Powell called Ashcroft Monday and urged him to run.

They said Ashcroft's statewide name recognition, fund-raising ability and four statewide victories for governor and attorney general gave him a leg up.

At the same time, another potential GOP candidate, state Sen. Robert

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Johnson of suburban Kansas City, called Ashcroft too conservative to win the election.

"But Fowler said, 'To me, Gov. Ashcroft is the solution to losing a long-term, highly regarded senator.'"

Fowler is a lawyer from Springfield and has been a close associate of Ashcroft for years.

Powell, a lumber dealer in Rolla, said he would soon begin setting up a potential campaign organization for Ashcroft. Powell had sought for months to persuade Ashcroft to run against Danforth next year — an idea Ashcroft had rejected.

Ashcroft said Monday that he wouldn't rule out a run but that it was

"far too early" to decide.

"I wouldn't close any doors," said Ashcroft, who served the maximum two terms as governor allowed by state law before leaving office last month. "But campaigns are far too long, far too protracted."

If Ashcroft runs in the August 1994 primary, Johnson said: "He's going to have the fund-raising advantage, but I'm not sure he's very representative of the people."

"The Republicans need to be known as a party of economic freedom and personal rights. I think [Ashcroft] practices the politics of intolerance."

Former State Treasurer Wendell Bailey also is considering entering the GOP Senate field. Johnson and Bailey are abortion-rights supporters; Ashcroft is a strong opponent of legalized abortion.

State Auditor Margaret Kelly, a Re-

publican who has shown interest before in a bid for governor but has never said anything about the Senate, "has not ruled anything in or out politically," a spokesman said Monday. Her term as auditor expires next year.

Danforth did not indicate a preference for a successor. "I'm a great admirer of John Ashcroft, as you know, but I'm not going to speculate," said Danforth, who as Missouri attorney general hired Ashcroft as an aide in 1975.

Danforth said the national chairman vote Friday in St. Louis had nothing to do with the timing of his announcement.

Democrats said Monday that it was much too soon to say anything definite about running.

Rothman-Serot, of Frontenac, said that she had been considering challenging Danforth and that his withdrawal made it more likely that she

would run.

But she added, "This is Senator Danforth's day and there will be plenty of time later to focus on Missouri's future in the Senate. It's just a time to say 'Thank you.'"

In the election last November, Rothman-Serot lost to the state's other senator, Republican Christopher S. Bond.

Westfall, of Des Peres, said he planned to seek re-election as county executive next year but would give some consideration to switching to the Senate race.

Wheat, starting his sixth term in Congress, said he would weigh his chances of winning the Senate race against sacrificing his House seniority.

"To say I wasn't interested would be disingenuous. I believe I have reached the stage where I can be effective for

the entire state in the House," Wheat said. If elected to the Senate, he would be Missouri's first black statewide elected official.

Wilson, who took office as lieutenant governor just a few weeks ago, said "it's always entertaining to look" at such a race.

Newly elected Attorney General Jay Nixon of Hillsboro — the unsuccessful Democratic nominee against Danforth in 1988 — said it's "premature to even think about '94. I have abundant challenges here."

Judi Roman, a spokeswoman for former Rep. Joan Kelly Horn of Ladue, said party officials shouldn't rule Horn out for the Senate.

Also mentioned by Democratic insiders as potential candidates were Jackson County Executive Marsha Murphy of Kansas City and Rep. Ike Skelton of Lexington. But Skelton said he wasn't interested.

Democratic State Chairman Gene Bushmann was one of the few interviewed who said they were not surprised by Danforth's withdrawal.

Bushmann said he had predicted since November that Danforth would step aside — and that Ashcroft would be the Republican nominee.

The Democrats' main goal, Bushmann said, should be to unite behind one candidate long before the primary. That is necessary if the party is to compete in fund-raising against Ashcroft, Bushmann said.

"I would hope we could eliminate serious primary opposition because we just don't have the [financial] resources," Bushmann said.

Former Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton, D-Mo., said Danforth would have been a "lead-pipe cinch" to win a fourth six-year term.

Eagleton said Ashcroft, with his winning record, was "the presumptive favorite" for the GOP nomination.

Various Democrats will look at the race seriously, Eagleton predicted, because Senate elections without an incumbent in the race are unusual opportunities.

Bob Adams of the Post-Dispatch staff contributed information for this story.

Republicans begin search for 1994 Senate candidate

■ **No Danforth:** The state auditor says the party would grow with a larger focus on the inclusion of women.

By Robert Edwards
The News-Leader

Having someone other than Jack Danforth head the Republican ticket in 1994 could impact the fortunes of state Auditor Margaret Kelly.

But Kelly said if she runs for re-election — and she's "definitely interested" — she plans to conduct her own race, regardless of whose name precedes hers on the ballot.

Auditor is the only other statewide office to be decided next year.

Kelly said if former Gov. John Ashcroft is the GOP's choice to run for the Senate, it's fine with her.

She said Ashcroft helped her a great deal when she first got involved in state government with her appointment in 1984.

But for Ashcroft to win the Senate seat, Kelly said, "There are some things I'd like for him to consider for greater perspective than he has in the past.

"We can start with women ... the way we are viewed as responsible peers."

Kelly said Ashcroft must show women will play key roles in his campaign and in his decision-making as a senator. It would help him and the Republican Party to be more inclusive of women, she said.

"I know he can be, because he was with me," Kelly said. And she said her comments are meant to be constructive.

Ashcroft was criticized in some circles for failing to appoint more women to state government posts, although he defended his record, including naming the first woman to the state Supreme Court.



Kelly

■ **Libertarians:** Jeanno Bojarski, the Libertarian Party candidate for Senate in 1990, said she is unsure whether she will run in 1994. She had said in November she was ready to go again.

Even with Danforth's exit, the Libertarians may focus their attentions on lesser, potentially easier-to-win offices, Bojarski said.

Her plans and those of the party may become clearer after a statewide meeting of Libertarians in May at Lake of the Ozarks, she said.

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take over from Symington. But Litton died in a plane crash on primary-election night that year after winning the nomination, and Danforth beat substitute nominee former Gov. Warren Hearnes.

Missouri Republicans, who lost five of six statewide races last year, will work hard to keep the Danforth seat and position themselves for a major comeback effort in 1996.

■ **Pushing for Ashcroft:** Former Gov. John Ashcroft, a proven vote-getter in a heavily Democratic state, is being urged to try. He is seen by people in both parties as virtually certain to run.

Fowler, longtime Ashcroft friend and ally, said Ashcroft would be "an outstanding choice."

"He's won four statewide races with an average of 62 percent of the vote," Fowler said, referring to Ashcroft's victories as attorney general and governor.

The downside for Ashcroft, McNeill said, is the turnout of Republican voters in southwest Missouri in a non-presidential election always is lower, and that will hurt GOP totals statewide.

As governor for eight years, Ashcroft must live with fallout over his decisions, from spending choices to appointments, McNeill said.

"Enemies will accumulate, friends are hard to retain," he said.

■ **Which Democrat can win?:** Missouri Democratic Chairman Gene Bushmann of Jefferson City said his party's candidate must be a centrist on issues who has "substantial fund-raising ability."

Bushmann said he hopes those who would be considered major candidates talk among themselves and help decide who should run. He said he wants the party to avoid a bloody, money-draining primary.

Democrats tempted now that Danforth is out include Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson of Columbia and 1990 Senate nominee Geri Rothman-Serot of St. Louis.

Wilson will have to overcome voter questions as to why he would run after just winning his current office in 1992. Rothman-Serot will have to convince Democrats she is credible, even though she was the only Democratic candidate for statewide office in 1992 to lose.

Also looking is U.S. Rep. Alan Wheat of Kansas City, who would have to overcome history. If nominated, he would be the first black person to be a major-party nominee for a statewide office in Missouri.

Others interested, though little known outside their home areas, are U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton of Lexington, Jackson County Executive Marsha Murphy of Kansas City, St. Louis County Executive George R. "Buzz" Westfall and former U.S. Rep. Joan Kelly Horn of St. Louis.

■ **Outside influences:** The Missouri Senate race will receive attention from beyond the state's borders. National party organizations and special interest groups — business associations and labor unions, women's groups and others — are expected to funnel campaign help and money to candidates.

"Open Senate seats don't occur very often," said former Democratic Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton.

Republicans and their constituents believe they have a good chance to regain control of the Senate, and keeping the Missouri seat will be crucial, Eagleton said. Democrats and their adherents, many of whom saw Danforth as unbeatable, now have hope, he said.

Democrats hold a 57-43 Senate majority. Of 33 senators up in 1994, 20 are Democrats, 13 Republicans.

■ **Referendum on Clinton:** The off-year election during the first term of a new president normally produces gains for the party that does not hold the White House. That favors Republicans in 1994.

State GOP Executive Director Tony Hammond of Jefferson City pointed with glee to President Clinton's proposing such unpopular items as Social Security cuts and allowing gays in the military and reneging on middle-class tax relief.

"If things keep going along like this, no problem," Hammond said. Voters will go Republican, he said.

Not so, said Bushmann. Once people see Clinton move, as promised, on the economy, welfare reform and college access, they will respond positively, he said.

"Clinton can come in and help us on fund-raising," he said, helping Missouri Democrats elect their first senator since Eagleton left in 1986.

► Counting the campaign costs

Republicans estimate the GOP candidate for the U.S. Senate in Missouri may need to spend \$5 million or more to win in 1994.

Democrats would like to be able to raise that much money as well, or at least \$3 million to \$3.5 million. But some say a Democratic candidate can win as long as he or she is not outspent by more than two-to-one.

Here are spending totals from the last five Senate races:

1990

Republican Sen. Christopher Bond, \$4.5 million

Democrat Geri Rothman-Serot, \$1.1 million

1988

Republican Sen. John Danforth, \$3.9 million

Democrat Jay Nixon, \$880,000

1986

Republican Sen. Christopher Bond, \$5.4 million

Democrat Harriett Woods, \$4.4 million

1982

Republican Sen. John Danforth, \$1.8 million

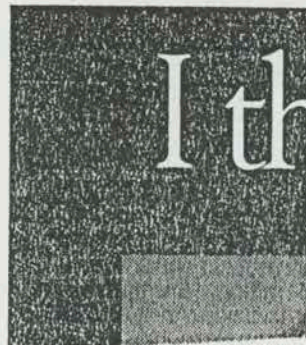
Democrat Harriett Woods, \$1.2 million

1980

Democratic Sen. Thomas Eagleton, \$1.4 million

Republican Gene McNary, \$1.2 million

Source: Federal Election Commission.



Analysis

Decision starts scramble for '94

By SCOTT CHARTON

Associated Press Writer

JEFFERSON CITY — A political scramble sure to escalate into open warfare was triggered when U.S. Sen. John Danforth announced his retirement.

If Republicans can avoid repeating their bloody 1992 governor's primary, in which major players pummeled each other into the losers' column, the GOP could hold the seat.

Republican strategists hope to capitalize on anticipated mid-term unhappiness with Democratic administrations in Washington and Jefferson City.

And the GOP would be free of Danforth baggage: seeking a fourth term after pushing early in his career for term limits, and vulnerability to attacks by women's groups for his unwavering sponsorship of Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas amid allegations of sexual harassment.

Prospects are both shining and shaky for a Democratic Party laden with state officials who face little political risk by running at mid-term, and ambitious others willing to sacrifice their jobs.

The Democrats' biggest names, Gov. Mel Carnahan and U.S. House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, bowed out immediately — further encouraging little-known aspirants.

On the Republican side, attention and frontrunner status immediately belonged to former Gov. John Ashcroft, who left office just three weeks ago.

Ashcroft said Monday after Danforth's announcement: "There may come a time when I would consider this."

But he stressed that it's too soon to publicly commit to the race, and that his personal plans — Ashcroft has a house leased month-to-month in Jefferson City — are up in the air.

Ashcroft lost a race for Republican national chairman about 72 hours before Danforth announced his retirement plans.

"That was a constituency of 165 national committee members who didn't know him that well. John is well-known in Missouri, is popular and could win easily," said a Republican operative who insisted on anonymity.

Tom Fowler, the state GOP chairman from Ashcroft's hometown of Springfield, said the



John Ashcroft — frontrunner?

former governor "would be pretty difficult to beat in either a primary or a general election."

"If Ashcroft stumbles, the baracudas will be out in that Republican primary," said a Democratic analyst who asked not to be identified.

Democrats faced a hard winnowing process to elevate a nominee from the speculative list that expanded by the minute on Monday.

"I don't know if it's possible to avoid a primary in the Democratic Party, but we want to do all we can to avoid a bloody one," said Gene Bushmann, the Missouri Democratic chairman.

Most mentioned as a potential Democratic candidate was Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson.

Assets: Wilson just won a statewide race, would be in the midst of a four-year term, is knowledgeable on economic issues as a former state Senate appropriations chairman and renders sharp sound bites.

Question: Is he TOO ambitious? Wilson has said he wants to be governor someday. Wilson also said he would have run against Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., last year if he could have raised the money. And he pondered a bid for state treasurer before angling for lieutenant governor.

Will Wilson run? "I don't know the answer to that," he said Monday.

"But this gets everybody thinking about it. Right now, I'm work-

ing on getting my new job straightened out," Wilson said.

Other potential Democratic candidates include:

- U.S. Rep. Alan Wheat of Kansas City, who reportedly was already feeling out possible support on Monday. Wheat, who is black, could expect strong urban support.

- Geri Rothman-Serot, last year's losing nominee against Bond. She said: "We are looking at it, but I'm not ready to say which direction I will head in two years."

- Attorney General Jay Nixon. Like Wilson, he was elected last November, and is noncommittal now about the race. Nixon was the losing Democratic nominee against Danforth in 1988.

- Freshman U.S. Rep. Pat Danner, who beat incumbent Republican Tom Coleman last November. Her son, state Sen. Steve Danner of Kirksville, said he hadn't talked to his mother but acknowledged, "This is a golden opportunity for somebody."

Besides Carnahan, Democrats quickly removing their names from the rumor mill were new Secretary of State Judi Moriarty, House Speaker Bob Griffin of Cameron and St. Louis Mayor Vince Schoemehl, loser to Carnahan in last year's primary for governor. New State Treasurer Bob Holden described his interest as "minimal."

Three well-known Republicans tossed cold water on making the race.

Former Secretary of State Roy Blunt, who lost the 1992 governor's primary, said he has a three-year contract as president of Southwest Baptist University "and it doesn't have a Senate exclusion."

State Auditor Margaret Kelly said she had no plans to run. And freshman U.S. Rep. Jim Talent of St. Louis County said he wanted to focus on his new job, not seek another one.

Versions of Talent's reasoning will eventually be common from other potential candidates.

For them, Monday's fires of ambition stand to be snuffed by chilling challenges — foremost among them raising millions to run and uniting post-primary partisans to win.

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Many eyes are on 1994 Senate race

SPRINGFIELD — The Draft John Ashcroft movement was well under way here in Springfield this weekend.

A massive green-and-white banner hung in the hotel atrium where the state's Republicans were celebrating patron saint Abraham Lincoln. It read: "Our Winner in '94 — Ashcroft."

Hundreds of miniature versions of the banner were attached to lapels in the form of stickers during the weekend.

But Ashcroft, the former governor, said he was not quite ready to declare a candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Jack Danforth next year.

"Campaigns are far too long now," Ashcroft said. "I'll make a decision when it's appropriate and necessary. And I'll make it in time to mount an effective campaign if I decide to do it."

In the meantime at least two other Republicans were eyeing the seat.

U.S. Rep. Bill Emerson, a 12-year congressman from the Boot Heel, and former Kansas City Mayor Richard Berkley opened hospitality suites, something only candidates generally do.

Both Emerson and Berkley said they were exploring their options, but it appeared doubtful that Emerson would challenge Ashcroft in a primary. And Berkley said if Ashcroft runs, he will consider running for the 5th District congressional seat now held by Democrat Alan Wheat.

Berkley said he would be most interested in the congressional seat if Wheat decides to seek the Democratic nomination for U.S.



RICH HOOD

Senate.

Out front for Ashcroft here was Tom Fowler, Republican chairman and longtime friend of the former governor.

Orchestrating the draft from behind the scenes was John Powell, the former GOP chairman from Rolla. Powell was trying to persuade Republicans that no one in the Republican Party can defeat Ashcroft in Missouri.

And in Jefferson City the Democrats were trying to steal a page from the Republicans' successful play book of 1986. At that time Powell and other Republican chieftains, including Hillard Selck of Boonville, used polling numbers to muscle Tom Coleman out of a confrontation with Kit Bond for the GOP nomination.

Bond, at the time was a well-known former two-term governor. Coleman was a little-known congressman from the 6th District.

Now Gov. Mel Carnahan and Gene Bushmann, Democratic state chairman, said they are trying to organize a poll that would determine which Democrat would have the best chance at the Senate.

Among those to be included

Bushmann said, are Wheat, Jackson County Executive Marsha Murphy, St. Louis County Councilwoman Geri Rothman-Serot, Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson and one or two others he refused to name.

Washington sources said one of those other names might be that of former Lt. Gov. Harriett Woods, who has lost Senate races to both Danforth and Bond.

Bushmann concedes that Democrats in Missouri have not had the same kind of party discipline that helped Republicans capture both U.S. Senate seats.

"In the past it has been totally inconsistent with the operation of the Democratic Party to be logical," Bushmann said wryly. "But we've got to get smarter if we are going to win. We got a little smarter last year, when we pooled our resources."

The Democrats' coordinated campaign last year in Missouri was considered one of the most successful in the nation.

Carnahan said he would attempt to use his influence to persuade Democrats to nominate their strongest possible candidate for the open Senate seat, but the governor acknowledged that any Democrat who decides to do so can file if he or she decides to do so.

Bushmann said he has no doubt that the Republican draft will persuade Ashcroft to seek to succeed Danforth.

"Ashcroft will have a large head start on raising funds before we get ourselves a candidate," he added. "My theory is we don't have to wait until after the primary to start raising money for our nominee."

Ashcroft, who was host of an ice cream social Saturday afternoon, said he was flattered at the draft movement.

"But I have to be certain this job is what I want to go for," he said. "I don't want merely for the sake of holding another office to do it."

Emerson said he was seriously exploring the Senate race. "I have the fire in the gut to explore it, but I don't know if I have the fire in the gut to do it."

Former state Treasurer Wendell Bailey said he was watching Emerson.

"If Bill Emerson runs, I'll probably run in the 8th Congressional District. A lot of it is in my old congressional district."

That makes for a lot of dominoes waiting for Ashcroft and Wheat and the Democrats' poll.

Hood winks

■ Danforth, both a lawyer and an Episcopal priest, poked fun at lawyers Saturday.

He told a luncheon crowd that it was much warmer in Springfield than earlier that day in Washington:

"It was so cold in Washington that the lawyers are walking around with their hands in their own pockets."

■ Some young Republicans were jubilant to be with the elderly monied set at Lincoln Day. One party fund-raiser kept squealing with delight as he spied former contributors.

"I enjoy this," he said. "When I see dead chicken or blue hair, I can't help myself!"

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Danforth will leave large shoes to fill

Until last week there was no mystery about the result of next year's U.S. Senate race in Missouri.

Jack Danforth could have mailed his winning total in, picking his victory margin based on how hard he decided to work.

It's not that Danforth, the lawyer-priest from St. Louis, was unbeatable. It's just that Missouri Democrats didn't have anybody ready to make a dent in Danforth's reputation for substantial lawmaking and even greater integrity.

Of course someone would have tried to be the giant killer. And someone would have tried to damage Danforth by criticizing his support for Clarence Thomas, the lawyer Danforth hired as an assistant Missouri attorney general.

But there were no major leaguers ready to test Danforth's hold on office.

That's not to say that Danforth is universally popular in his home state. He's not.

And some of his harshest critics are within his own Republican Party. For some, Danforth has never been barbed-wire nasty enough. For others, the Ivy League-trained statesman was far too moderate. In some corners he has never been forgiven for helping Jimmy Carter give away the Panama Canal.

And still others criticize Danforth for focusing too much on business beside the Potomac while not concentrating on constituent services and bringing home the pork.

Other critics have never forgiven Danforth for not being the typical politician. He never could do the back-slapping, jolly-patwell-met routine without obvious signs of strain.

But all those critics, no matter how vocal, represented an insignificant minority of voting Missourians. Jack Danforth could have held his seat, in his words, until they removed him from



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office at some future date like prying a nail off a rock.

That Danforth decided to walk away while he could do so gracefully is a mark of a man at ease with himself and not in need of the constant self-congratulation that many political types crave.

He says he hopes his last two years in office will be his most productive in public service. And now that he has been freed from even the suspicion of ulterior political motivation, he may be able to make them be just that.

Which leads to the question of who replaces Danforth.

On the Republican side the natural focus is on former Gov. John Ashcroft, one of the most successful politicians in Missouri history.

Ashcroft, who left office in January, will be out of office just long enough to present himself next year as the outside critic. He will be able to bark at the mistakes of the Clinton administration in the midterm election that traditionally adds strength to the party that doesn't control the White House.

Former state Treasurer Wendell Bailey is muttering about challenging Ashcroft. Nobody should ignore Bailey's mutterings because he is capable of doing all sorts of things that don't make political sense.

On the Democratic side, a covey of candidates puffed up three sizes within minutes of discovering Danforth would retire.

Some of these would-be can-

didates are deluding themselves. They wouldn't have been a fly speck in the path of Danforth, and they wouldn't loom much bigger if matched against Ashcroft.

But others, such as U.S. Rep. Alan Wheat of Kansas City, and Buzz Westfall, the St. Louis County executive, could make this one of the best Senate contests in the country next year.

Wheat has long had his eye on the Senate. He wasn't supposed to win when he entered a mob scene for the House seat he now holds. But he won, and while he is almost as liberal as Ashcroft is conservative, Wheat is articulate and fast on his feet in debate.

And Wheat has been chatting with James Carville, the Ragin' Cajun, about running his Senate race.

Carville was a major strategist for Clinton and is the hottest political strategist anywhere at the moment.

Wheat could count on big totals from the black populations in Kansas City and St. Louis, perhaps enough to get him through a sure-to-be-crowded primary.

Westfall, a former law-and-order prosecutor, could capture significant votes in his own backyard, and his anti-crime stands would play better outstate than the pitches of some other prospects.

Others almost sure to get into it include Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson. He's got a do-nothing job, and he's hot on the stump. No one would miss him presiding over the Missouri Senate, and he's got his current job until 1997.

Jackson County Executive Martha Murphy wants people to think

she's interested in the Senate. She's good where she is, but she's got serious fence-mending to do before she could even win re-election, much less go higher.

Kansas City Mayor Emanuel Cleaver says he might be interested but not if Wheat is. And Wheat is.



Alan Wheat

... Ragin' Cajun client?

Mert Bernstein, a St. Louis law professor who sought the Senate nomination last year, is still interested. He made many friends last year, but not enough to win the nomination.

Geri Rothman-Serot, the St. Louis County councilwoman, was delusional enough to consider taking on Danforth even before he announced he wouldn't run again. It's almost certain that she will jump into an open race. But she shouldn't unless she is willing to work far harder and smarter than she did last year when she had an excellent chance to win and didn't.

In any case, Danforth guaranteed a worthwhile debate for Missourians to judge next year.

Hood wink

■ Sally Danforth, wife of the senator, was asked last week whether her husband was getting out of the Senate so he could run for the White House.

"Not with this wife!" she snapped.

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516 3/24/93 GOP Senate Victories Alarm State Democrats

By Virginia Young

Post-Dispatch Jefferson City Bureau

JEFFERSON CITY

DEMOCRATS, who have controlled the Missouri Senate for 45 years, are getting a little edgy.

Republicans have won upset victories in two special Senate elections since November. Now, they are eyeing Jefferson County.

Voters on April 6 will fill the Senate seat vacated by Democrat Jay Nixon when he became attorney general. A GOP victory would give the Republicans 16 Senate seats, compared with 18 held by the Democrats.

That would put the GOP within striking distance of control of the chamber next year, when half the senators are up for re-election. Republicans last controlled the Senate in 1948.

Vying for the seat in Jefferson County are two House members, Reps. Bill McKenna, D-Barnhart, and Jon Selsor, R-Kimmswick. A Libertarian candidate, Michael R. Babcock of the Fenton area, also is on the ballot.

Jefferson County is traditionally Democratic, so McKenna is the odds-on favorite. But so were the two Democrats who recently lost special Senate elections — Rep. Kaye Steinmetz, D-Florissant, in the 24th District, and Frank "Chip" Strong, a lawyer from Maryville, in the 12th District.

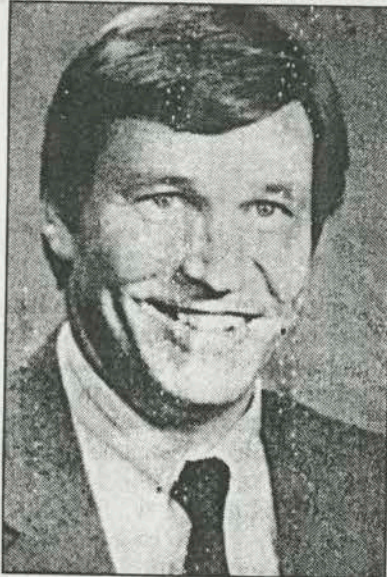
The possibility of a turnover in Senate power has energized both sides. The Republican Party has an army of volunteers working for Selsor, says Tony Hammond, executive director of the Missouri Republican Party.

Volunteers are canvassing the district and compiling a list of Selsor's supporters, Hammond says. The key to winning a special election "is finding your supporters and getting them to the polls," he says.

Democrats say they will benefit from having the special election on the date for school board and municipal elections, increasing turnout.

Regardless, they say they're taking nothing for granted. Joyce Aboussie, a campaign aide to U.S. House Majority Leader Richard A. Gephardt is helping McKenna with campaign strategy. "You've got to work like you're the underdog," she said.

Incumbents in the Senate have a big stake in the outcome. The majority party runs the show. It picks the Sen-



Rep. William McKenna
"More worker-oriented"

ate leaders who parcel out committee chairmanships, oversee staff and supervise debate on the floor.

No wonder senators are chipping in with cash and campaign advice. "We're going to do everything we can to save that seat," says Majority Leader J.B. "Jet" Banks, D-St. Louis.

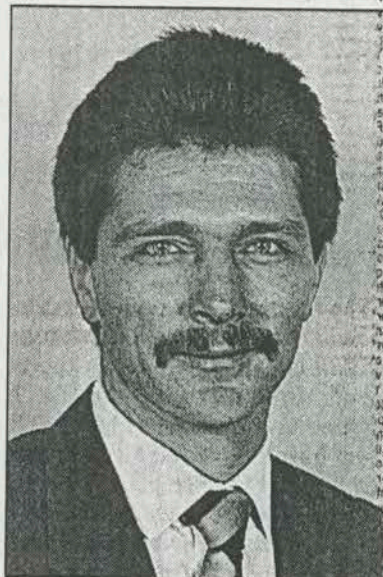
Adds Sen. Steve Danner, D-Kirksville, "I'm going to help Bill McKenna in any way I can. It's more important than ever."

McKenna and Selsor say they are running on their records in the House. McKenna has 10 years' experience, and Selsor has four.

McKenna cites his work on the House Education Appropriations Committee, his push for better roads in Jefferson County and his votes on issues of concern to blue-collar workers, such as for a minimum wage and collective bargaining for public employees.

"I was in a union before I came here," says McKenna, who now develops lots in Barnhart. "I'm much more worker-oriented than [Selsor] is."

Selsor owns a store in Kimmswick and, with his wife, a hair salon in Imperial. He says his conservative



Rep. Jon Selsor
Four years' experience

philosophy is more in tune with the district than McKenna's.

"Bill is a big-government, big-tax guy," Selsor says. "I don't believe government can do things as well as private individuals can."

Both men are getting campaign help from their families; Selsor has 11 siblings, and McKenna has 10. Both

also are pulling in campaign donations from fellow legislators and political action committees. At last report, McKenna has raised \$34,149 and Selsor \$18,106. Each candidate is expected to spend in the \$70,000 to \$90,000 range, at least.

Randy McConnell, acting political director of

the Missouri Democratic Party, says Republicans may have an easier time getting their supporters to the polls.

"Democratic voters think we won last November," McConnell says. "Getting them out to vote is much more difficult because they think the Democratic Party now has control. The Republican Party sees the Missouri Senate as an attainable prize in two years, therefore they have something with which to motivate their people."



Republican wins race for Senate

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by BILL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Republican Glen Klippenstein survived campaign attacks on his religious beliefs to win a seat in the Missouri Senate on Tuesday.

Klippenstein, 55, a rancher from Maysville, will fill the 12th District seat left vacant last fall when Pat Danner was elected to Congress. He defeated Democrat Frank H. Strong Jr. with 55.9 percent of the vote.

The unofficial vote total was 11,608 for Klippenstein and 9,172 for Strong.

Both candidates had pledged to improve education and business in northwest Missouri.

"Grass-roots support is worth a lot," Klippenstein said Tuesday night.

He will serve the remaining two years of Danner's term.

Strong, 41, a lawyer from Maryville, said, "The rural areas voted very heavily for Mr. Klippenstein."

In its final weeks, the campaign focused on attacks on Klippenstein's religion — the New Christian Church.

Former state Rep. Ed Schellhorn, a St. Joseph Democrat, accused Klippenstein of being a cult member.

Klippenstein thinks backlash against the attacks helped him win.

"People just don't like attacks," he said. "They understand that these are basic rights, and when they attack me, they attack everyone."



Klippenstein

Slime in Northwest Missouri KC 5/8/80

The race for U.S. Rep. Pat Danner's former state Senate seat in northwest Missouri has taken on disturbing dimensions. Former state Rep. Ed Schellhorn of St. Joseph, a Democrat who is not a candidate, has interjected himself into the race by making curious accusations about the religion of the Republican candidate, Glen Klippenstein.

Voters should soundly reject attempts to use them in this indefensible manner. They should base their decisions on who they think would be the best senator for the 12th District. The special election is Tuesday.

Klippenstein is a member of an established church, not a cult, as Schellhorn has tried to depict it. No church has beliefs which are exactly like another's; Schellhorn's criticisms about Klippenstein's are undoubtedly misrepresented and certainly out of line.

The Democrat in the race, Frank Strong Jr., has denied any prior knowledge of Schellhorn's attack, as have Democratic Party officials. However, the Democratic Party in Missouri is listed as financing a Strong advertisement in which the religion of

Klippenstein is made an issue. U.S. Sen. Jack Danforth has taken offense at this, saying he can recall no time when an opponent's religious affiliation has been the subject of paid advertising by a political party.

Klippenstein is a successful rancher and cattle breeder from Maysville who is stressing his agricultural roots in his campaign. Strong, a Maryville attorney, has six years' experience on the local school board and is a regent at Northwest Missouri State University.

Both men promote economic development and more money for northwest Missouri, including for roads. Strong faces reality when it comes to education's financial needs, however, saying that he could support an educational tax plan which is submitted to the voters. Klippenstein's answer of cutting the fat as the solution to school funding woes seems too pat.

Strong's education views and involvement in school policy-setting give him the edge in the race. Unfortunately, the campaign he is allowing to be waged on his behalf is about to ruin it for him.

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Religious Charges Prompt Danforth Ad

By Kathleen Best

Post-Dispatch Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Claims of religious intolerance have surfaced in the final days of a special state Senate election in western Missouri, prompting an unprecedented open letter from Sen. John C. Danforth.

Danforth, a Republican and an ordained Episcopal priest, placed a full-page ad in this coming Sunday edition of the St. Joseph News-Press to condemn charges that Glen Klippenstein, the Republican state Senate candidate, belongs to a religious cult.

Klippenstein, a rancher in Maysville, Mo., is a member of the New Church, formally called the Church of the New Jerusalem. The denomination is based on the writing of Emanuel Swedenborg, a scholar and philosopher whose spiritual

visions inspired such authors as Ralph Waldo Emerson and William Butler Yeats.

According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, the church doctrine that grew out of Swedenborg's writings is based on the belief that there is one God, who was Jesus Christ, and that man's salvation depends on his acceptance of and response to divine truth.

Former Rep. Ed Schellhorn told the St. Joseph newspaper last week that Klippenstein belonged to a cult whose members "don't believe in normal things" — charges that outraged

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Klippenstein.

On Wednesday, the Missouri Democratic Party ran ads in newspapers throughout the state Senate district saying that Klippenstein was a member of the "Swedenborgian sect" and sent his children to a church-run school in Pennsylvania. The church is based outside Philadelphia.

The ad says Chip Strong of Maryville, Klippenstein's opponent, is "an active member" of the First Christian

Church and a past president of the public Maryville School Board.

Danforth said in an interview Friday, "This is a direct, totally unvarnished effort to use a person's religious affiliation against him in a political contest." He said he hoped he would have issued a similar condemnation if a Democratic candidate had been a victim of religious intolerance.

Eugene Bushmann, chairman of the state Democratic Party, at first defended the party ad Friday as "merely a side-by-side comparison" that mentioned religion only in terms of the candidates' views on education.

"It was because of the religious affiliation that his children left the state to be educated at that church's educational school," Bushmann said. "From what I've been able to read about what others have said about it, the religion has some beliefs and tenets that are a little strange."

Later Friday, Bushmann said he agreed with Danforth that religious views had no place in political campaigns.

"The attempt at the time — the theory behind that ad — was merely to show one person had a very local connection and one had connection outside the area," Bushmann said. "To be honest with you, if the ad were to be produced today, after all the furor it would not even have mentioned religious affiliation."

Danforth's response ad, which ran three days before voters go to the polls in the hotly contested race, urges Missourians to "speak out against religious intolerance in all circumstances but especially in politics."

"It should be no comfort to any of us that the attack against Mr. Klippenstein is an attack against a small denomination," the letter says. "Intolerance against a single American is an offense to all of us."

Ads about candidate's faith criticized

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media Feb. 26.

Danforth also criticized a newspaper campaign ad for Strong that was designed and paid for by the Missouri Democratic Party. The ads, which ran this week, listed Klippenstein as a "Member, Swedenborgian sect."

Spokesmen for Danforth said the senator's letter would be published in a full-page newspaper ad this weekend.

Danforth said he wasn't asking people to vote for or against any candidate. But he urged all voters regardless of party affiliation to speak out against religious intolerance.

"If Swedenborgians are abused today, there is nothing to protect us tomorrow and Catholics the

day after," Danforth said.

Strong said on Tuesday that religious attacks are not appropriate in a campaign and that he was not aware of the ads. "If there's an ad to that effect, I haven't seen it or authorized it, so I can't comment on it," Strong said.

The ad lists Strong as a member of the First Christian Church.

The Maryville lawyer said he's trying to keep the campaign focused on finding more money for schools and building better roads.

"The fact that (Klippenstein) is a follower of Emanuel Swedenborg is not an issue as far as I'm concerned," Strong said.

The ads compare the candidates' personal and professional lives. They also mentioned that Klippenstein graduated from a

church school and his children were educated in private schools in Pennsylvania.

Klippenstein, who is a graduate of Penn State University, said his children did attend church schools but attended Maysville public schools through 10th grade.

On Wednesday, Missouri Democratic Party officials said they designed the ad and paid for it. Strong's campaign approved the ad's concept but did not see it before it ran, said Randy McConnell, the party's acting political director in Jefferson City.

"It was a communications breakdown, which you get in a long-distance campaign," McConnell said.

McConnell defended the ad. He said Klippenstein brought up his religion in a newspaper story and

said that the church's school, attended by all of his family, was important to his life.

"For us, he's coming from a vantage point that shows very little interest in public schools," McConnell said.

Until the religion issue hit, both northwest Missouri candidates were promising better education and economic development.

"I think it leaves a lot to be desired as far as ethics or honor," Klippenstein said.

Carl Gunther, a curator for the New Christian Church in Pennsylvania, said Swedenborg's writings refer to spiritual life in the universe. The church does not attack other faiths and believes that any religion can help a believer reach heaven, he said.

Kansas City STAR MARCH 6, 1993 Danforth assails ads on candidate's faith

By BILL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Political ads attacking the religious affiliation of Missouri Senate candidate Glen Klippenstein on Friday angered U.S. Sen. Jack Danforth.

The campaign against Klippenstein "violates the most basic principles of American democracy," Danforth said in a letter released to the media.

"In the years I have been in politics, I recall no other occasion when an opponent's religious affiliation has been the subject of paid advertising by a political party."

Klippenstein, a 55-year-old Republican rancher, is a member of

the New Christian Church, which follows the teaching of 18th century philosopher Emanuel Swedenborg.

His faith is being used as a campaign weapon by supporters of Democrat Frank H. Strong Jr., a 41-year-old lawyer.

Klippenstein and Strong will face each other Tuesday in a special election to fill the 12th District Senate seat vacated last fall by the election of Pat Danner to Congress.

Danforth's letter criticized Democrat Ed Schellhorn of St. Joseph, a former state representative, who called Klippenstein a cult member as he distributed information about his faith to the

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Kit Bond's Re-election Headlines GOP Victories



Missouri voters re-elected Kit Bond to serve a second term in the United States Senate on November 3rd. Senator Bond soundly defeated Democrat Geri Rothman-Serot whose campaign was characterized by vicious attacks and distortions of Bond's record.

Kit Bond ran a campaign that focused on the issues and emphasized his record of legislative accomplishments including his involvement with the highway bill, family leave bill, housing reform, elimination of unfair foreign trade practices, and his efforts to attract new jobs to Missouri and save existing ones.

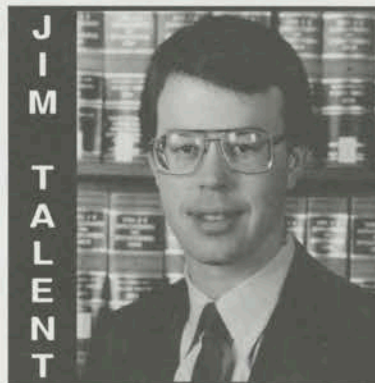
Senator Bond's election to a second six year term guarantees both of Missouri's two United States Senate seats will remain in Republican hands.

Republicans also performed well in Missouri's congressional races. The most notable GOP congressional victory was Jim Talent's defeat of liberal Democrat Congresswoman Joan Horn.

The Talent victory keeps the number of Republican congressmen at three despite the loss of Congressman Tom Coleman in the 6th Congressional District.

Congressmen Bill Emerson and Mel Hancock were re-elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Both Emerson and Hancock received over 61% of the vote in their Districts.

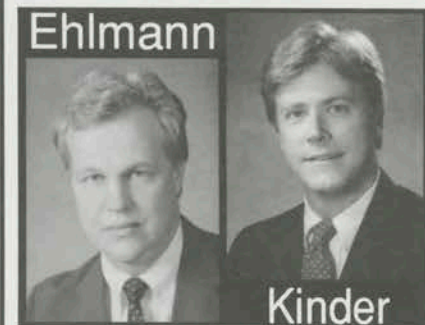
Another bright spot occurred when Rick Hardy, the Republican candidate for the 9th Congressional District, came within 5,800 votes of defeating the 16 year incumbent Harold Volkmer.



GOP Makes Gains in the State Senate

Republicans gained two additional seats in the Missouri Senate on election day.

Steve Ehlmann was elected to the 23rd Senatorial District in St. Charles County. Ehlmann, a lawyer, has been the Representative from the old 19th House District in St. Charles County since 1988.



Peter Kinder won the 27th Senatorial District in Southeast Missouri, his first elected office. Kinder is the Associate Editor of the *Southeast Missourian*, and former aide to Congressman Bill Emerson.

The election of Ehlmann and Kinder to the Missouri Senate increases the number of Republican Senators from 11 to 13 and strengthens GOP chances of taking over the Senate in the 1994 elections.

The Republican Winners Are...

U. S. SENATE

Christopher "Kit" Bond

U. S. HOUSE

District

2 Jim Talent
7 Mel Hancock
8 Bill Emerson

STATE SENATE

Dist.	Name	City
1	Irene Treppler	Mattese
7	Franc Flotron	St. Louis
15	Walt Mueller	Kirkwood
23	Steve Ehlmann	St. Charles
27	Peter Kinder	Cape Girardeau
29	Emory Melton	Cassville
33	John T. Russell	Lebanon

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Dist.	Name	City
4	Sam Graves	Tarkio
5	Dan Hegeman	Cosby
7	Dale Whiteside	Chillicothe
13	Harriet Brown	Wentzville
14	Cindy Ostmann	St. Peters
16	Rich Chrismer	St. Peters
17	Joe Ortwerth	St. Peters
18	Chuck Gross	St. Charles
19	Charles Norwald	Warrenton
28	Charlie Shields	St. Joseph
32	Bonnie Sue Cooper	Kansas City
35	Luann Ridgeway	Smithville
45	Sandy Kauffman	Kansas City
47	Pat Kelley	Lee's Summit
54	Don Lograsso	Blue Springs
55	Carson Ross	Blue Springs
56	Glen Hall	Grain Valley
74	Laurie Donovan	Florissant
76	David Hale	St. Louis
78	Mike Reid	Hazelwood

86	Todd Akin	St. Louis
87	Bill Hand	Warson Woods
88	Steve Banton	Ballwin
89	Bill Linton	Grover
90	Bill Alter	High Ridge
91	Emmy McClelland	Webster Groves
92	David Klarich	Ballwin
93	Pat Secrest	Manchester
94	Michael Gibbons	Kirkwood
95	Jim Murphy	Crestwood
100	Zane Yates	St. Louis
101	Jon Selsor	Kimmswick
106	Jim Graham	Fredericktown
109	John Griesheimer	Washington
111	Jim Froelker	Gerald
112	Doc Townley	Chamois
114	Carl Vogel	Jefferson City
115	Don Steen	Eldon
117	Paul Sombart	Boonville
118	Todd Smith	Sedalia
119	Delbert Scott	Lowry City
123	Ed Hartzler	Belton
122	Dave Oetting	Concordia
126	Bubs Hohulin	Lamar
127	Mark Elliot	Webb City
128	Gary Burton	Joplin
129	Chuck Surface	Joplin
132	Earle Staponski	Pierce City
133	Bill Marshall	Greenfield
134	Norma Champion	Springfield
135	Connie Wible	Springfield
137	Chuck Wooten	Springfield
139	Phil Wannenmacher	Springfield
141	Doyle Childers	Reeds Spring
143	Estel Robirds	Theodosia
144	Mary Lou Sallee	Ava
145	Ken Legan	Halfway
146	Beth Long	Lebanon
148	Jim Mitchell	Richland
154	Mark Richardson	Poplar Bluff
157	David Schwab	Jackson
158	Mary Kasten	Cape Girardeau

1992 Election Highlights



The President and his brother, MRP Finance Chairman William H. T. Bush.



Missouri delegation at the Republican National Convention in Houston.



Senator Jack Danforth discusses issues with Missouri Republicans.



HUD Sec. Jack Kemp spends time with guests at a Victory '92 fundraiser in Springfield.



Janet Ashcroft, Mildred Monaco, and Marilyn Quayle at a Jefferson City fundraiser.



HHS Sec. Louis Sullivan speaks at a St. Louis fundraiser for Victory '92.

Republican Legislators Select New Leaders

Missouri's Republican legislators recently met in Jefferson City at the State Capitol to select the leadership for the 87th General Assembly.

The Senators met November 5th and selected Franc Flotron as Senate Republican Leader. Senator Flotron, from St. Louis County, has been a member of the Missouri Senate since 1988, and previously served as Minority Caucus Secretary. Flotron has been a member of the Missouri legislature since 1982 when he was first elected to the House of Representatives.

The House Republican Caucus met at the State Capitol November 10th and elected Pat Kelley House Republican Leader. Kelley, from the 48th District in Lee's Summit, was first elected to the Missouri House in 1986.

Both are outstanding legislators and will provide excellent leadership in the General Assembly.

GOPoint of View

By Tom Fowler, Chairman
Missouri Republican Party



The 1992 general election is over, and although we experienced disappointments there were also some impressive victories: Senator Kit Bond was re-elected to a second term, Jim Talent defeated liberal Democrat Congresswoman Joan Horn, Rick Hardy almost defeated Congressman Harold Volkmer, Republicans won 15 of the 26 open seats in the state legislature and we gained two additional seats in the state senate.

These gains were possible because of the efforts of numerous volunteers who worked tirelessly for the Republican Party. I am proud of each and everyone of you who contributed your time and money to electing Republican candidates.

With the election behind us, it is time to focus our attention

on the future of the Republican Party in Missouri. Although, many offices will change hands in January we will retain our greatest asset - an effective grassroots organization. That grassroots activity must be kept in place and strengthened.

What's ahead for the Republican Party? A great deal of hard work. We have a unique opportunity to dedicate ourselves to party building and fundraising over the next several months. The 1994 elections are not far off. Concentrating on organization will give us the edge we need to retain the U.S. Senate seat and the State Auditor's Office we currently hold, and to continue the gains we have made in the state legislature.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

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The Republican National Committee to Hold Meeting in St. Louis

Rich Bond, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, recently announced that the next Republican National Committee meeting will be held in St. Louis, January 28th through the 29th, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Union Station.

The National Committee will select a new Chairman to replace Rich Bond who announced in early November he would step down following the selection of a new GOP Chairman. MRP will make details about the meeting available as soon as they are finalized by RNC.

Sen. Dole Gives Farewell Tribute to President Bush.



Senator Dole made this speech at the President's Dinner November 10.

Mr. President, it has been my great honor to serve as your Leader in the Senate. You've been a great President. You've been a great friend.

Working by your side, I've had a special perspective, a special view of George Bush, a man of integrity, dedication and strength.

I've seen you in action, Mr. President, up close and personal, making the tough calls and taking the heat.

Of course, doing the right thing isn't always easy. Nor is it always popular. But if you were looking for the easy way out you never would have put your life on the line in the skies over the Pacific, defending America, fighting for the values you were to defend throughout your distinguished career in public service.

I've worked with many Presidents, and I can say that no President was more committed than you to getting the job done on Capitol Hill, whether it was making phone calls, personal visits or extending your hand in friendship to both sides of the aisle. In fact, I'm surprised you still have a hand.

The good news is, Mr. President, your place in history is secure. The liberals on Capitol Hill and their allies in the media will never admit it, but the American people know better and so do we: George Bush helped change the world.

You didn't just watch the Berlin Wall come down, you helped dismantle it, brick by brick, and kick by kick.

You didn't just preside over the collapse of communism, you helped bring it to its knees with muscle and resolve.

You didn't just keep the peace in the Persian Gulf, you taught the world a lesson in leadership, and sent a message to dictators and tyrants wherever they might be that if they step over the line in the sand...watch out.

Thanks to you, America is the only superpower on the face of the earth.

Mr. President, just as I know you changed the world, I also know that the best man didn't win on election day.

It has been an honor to be your Leader, Mr. President.

I thank you. And America thanks you, too.

Republican Women Increase Numbers in House

Republican women candidates made major gains in the Missouri House of Representatives on election day.

When the legislature convenes in January five more Republican women will take the oath of office: Harriet Brown of Wentzville, Norma Champion of Springfield, Cindy Ostmann of St. Peters, Luann Ridgeway of Smithville and Mary Lou Sallee of Ava.

The new members will increase the total number of Republican women in the House to thirteen.

Republicans won fifteen of the twenty six open state representative seats on November 3rd including six of the nine seats open as a result of the 1992 statewide redistricting.

The pickup in the open seats will leave the Republican Party with a total of 61 representatives for the coming session and possibly 62 representatives depending on the outcome of the recount in the 68th district.

The *Missouri Republican* will be profiling the newly elected Republican members in upcoming issues.

Just A Reminder

The Missouri Republican Party is preparing a new MRP Directory. We still need information for officers in legislative and senatorial districts. If you have not yet done so, please forward the names of officers to Trish Vincent, Missouri Republican Party, P.O. Box 73, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

In Memory

Missouri Republicans extend sincere condolences to the families of Dorothy Bush and Leroy Iuchs.

Dorothy Walker Bush, mother of William H. T. Bush, Missouri GOP State Finance Chairman, and President George Bush passed away November 19th in Connecticut. A scholarship fund has been established at St. Louis University. You may send memorial contributions to: the SLU Scholarship fund in memory of Dorothy Walker Bush, SLU, 221 North Grand, Room 201, St. Louis, MO 63103.

Longtime Republican activist Leroy Iuchs of Sedalia passed away unexpectedly November 25.

Leroy's contributions to the Republican party included service on the Pettis County Central Committee, Republican State Committeeman for the 21st Senatorial District since 1968, and Delegate to the Republican National Convention in '80 and '84.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions should send them to the Pettis County Fire Dept., 1608 Clarendon Rd., Sedalia, MO 65301.

C A L E N D A R

December

15 Special Election in the 24th Senatorial District. Good luck Mike Reid.

25 Christmas Day

January

1 New Year's Day

11 Missouri Inauguration Day

February

19-21 1993 Lincoln Day Missouri Assoc. of Republicans, University Plaza Hotel, Springfield

20 State Committee Meeting, Springfield

EDITORS NOTE: Let the Missouri Republican Party know about your Lincoln Day event so we can include it on the Calendar of events published in each MRP newspaper.

Send any information about your Lincoln Day to Scott Gallagher, Missouri Republican Party, Post Office Box 73, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

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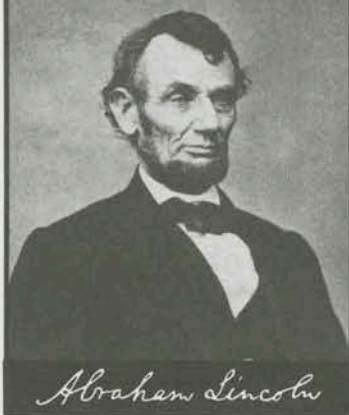
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MAR Announces State Lincoln Day Schedule

Abraham Lincoln



Every year since 1900 Missouri's Republicans have gathered to celebrate our Republican heritage. In honor of Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican President, this annual event has become known as "Lincoln Day".

The Missouri Association of Republicans (MAR), the group that organizes and plans all Lincoln Day activities, has announced the schedule for Missouri's 94th Annual Lincoln Day Celebration.

This year's event will be held at the University Plaza Hotel, 333 John Q. Hammons Parkway, Springfield, Missouri. Hotel reservations should be made prior to January 30th by contacting the University Plaza Hotel directly at (417) 864-7333. When making reservations be sure to

■ Missouri
Republicans
will gather in
Springfield for
the 94th Annual
Lincoln Day.

indicate that you want the Lincoln Day room rate of \$59.50 a night.

"Lincoln Day is always a great opportunity for Republicans to get together," said Thelma Neff, President of the Missouri Association of Republicans. "However, this years gathering will be especially important. It will be the first gathering of the State's Republicans since November's election, and will be a time to focus our energies on 1994."

Those planning to attend Lincoln Day are encouraged to complete the advance registration form on page five of the newspaper and forward it along with your check to MAR President Thelma Neff as soon as possible.

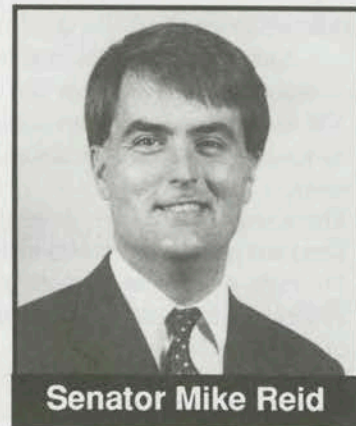
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Reid Wins Senate Special Election

Republican State Representative Mike Reid defeated Democrat State Representative Kaye Steinmetz in the special election held December 15th to fill the vacancy in the 24th Senatorial District in St. Louis County.

Mike Reid was first elected to the Missouri House from the 75th District in 1990 and was re-elected to a second term in 1992. Reid's win in the special election was an important victory for the Missouri Republican Party. He ran in a heavily Democrat district and was out spent by his opponent.

Missouri GOP Chairman Tom Fowler credits the Reid victory to "a solid grassroots organization."



Senator Mike Reid

see REID WINS, Page 3

John Ashcroft Candidate for RNC Chairman's Post



"While we must not lose our position as a party of individuals animated by conviction, we can ill afford to be characterized as a group without compassion. We cannot allow ourselves to be mistakenly portrayed as petty, divisive or mean spirited. We can and do tolerate divergent views, but those differences do not change our dedication to fundamental beliefs...Republicans, not uniform but unified will shape America constructively in the 1990's."

— John Ashcroft

Former Missouri Governor John Ashcroft recently announced his candidacy for the Chairmanship of the Republican National Committee.

"A number of Committee members from across the country with whom I have worked in various efforts have encouraged me to enter this race," Ashcroft said. "In listening to them and others, I have become convinced that many committee members and state and local leaders want to target particular objectives that I can help achieve."

Ashcroft said his decision to seek the chairmanship is based on seven premises and beliefs.

- The Republican Party must rebuild through a bottom-up process that draws people and ideas from the grass roots;
- The strength of the party depends on the strength of its ideas and adherence to traditional principles;
- The party must focus on work in the states for victories in the states, not exclusively on Washington or the White House;
- The new Chairman must be responsible only to the RNC, working independently and without allegiances to any other job, presidential aspirant, faction or set of political handlers;

- The RNC needs a strong spokesman to be included among contending voices to preserve its institutional identity as a strong and unified party;
- The Chairman should be a thorough veteran of nuts and bolts politics, with a perspective ranging from campaigns run in a living room to the unique responsibilities of party leadership in combination with public office; and
- During the Clinton administration, Republicans must expect to rise or fall on their own efforts.

"The RNC must stand for ideas and principles that have broad support among Republicans and strong appeal to the American people," Ashcroft said.

"The next Republican Party chairman must demonstrate the intensity, experience and credibility required for the RNC to lead the party to a dominant position," Ashcroft said. "I believe I can provide that kind of leadership, and I intend to do so given the opportunity."

The election of the new RNC chairman will occur at the winter meeting of the Republican National Committee to be held in St. Louis January 28-30. The public is welcome to attend the General Sessions of the National Committee.

Lincoln Day

From page one

Those organizations wishing to host a hospitality room or hold a meeting during Lincoln Day should contact Thelma Neff at (417) 866-3198. Hospitality suites are available at a cost of \$95.00 plus tax per night. All suites will be closed both Friday and Saturday night during the MRP and MAR banquets.

There are many activities planned during the 1993 Lincoln Day Celebration involving a number of the state's Republican organizations.

The Missouri Republican Party, as in years past, will be hosting a banquet on Friday evening and will be conducting a silent auction. Those wishing to contribute items to this fundraising event should contact Trish Vincent of the Missouri Republican Party Office in Jefferson City at (314) 636-3146.

The Missouri Federation of Republican Women will be holding business meetings on Friday and a luncheon on Saturday.

The Missouri Federation of Young Republicans will have their annual awards breakfast on Saturday morning. The College Republicans will also be assisting with the breakfast.

The Missouri Association of Republicans will also be the host of several events during the weekend's festivities including Saturday evening's banquet and the Gold Ticket Reception prior to the banquet.

The final Lincoln Day activity will be the Greene County T.A.R.G.E.T. Ozark Breakfast Sunday morning.

A complete listing of all the planned Lincoln Day activities can be found on page five of the newspaper along with the advance registration form. The 1993 Lincoln Day should be a successful and enjoyable weekend.

Reid Wins

From page one

Fowler noted that, "This proves how wrong those individuals were who predicted the demise of the Republican Party following the November elections. Republicans are alive and well, and making gains in the state legislature."

Mike Reid's election to the Missouri Senate brings the total number of Republican members to 14—a gain of three seats. The Democrats currently have 18 seats.

The three seat gain gives the GOP a realistic opportunity to take control of the State Senate in the 1994 election. Republicans have not controlled the Missouri Senate in decades.

RNC to Meet in St. Louis

The Republican National Committee will be holding their winter meeting at the Hyatt Union Station Hotel in St. Louis, January 28-30. The National Committee will be selecting the new RNC chairman during Friday's afternoon meeting.

The following General Sessions will be in the Regency Ballroom and are open to the public.

Friday, January 29th
9:30 am - 11:45 am
1:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturday, January 30th
9:15 am - 11:45 am

Governor Ashcroft Calls Special Elections to Fill Vacancies in Legislature

Several days before leaving office Governor John Ashcroft called special elections to be held March 9th to fill two vacancies in the state legislature.

One of the vacancies in the 78th House District in St. Louis County was created when Republican Representative Mike Reid was elected to the Missouri Senate. The nominating committee met January 11th and chose Ron Keeven, a real estate appraiser from Hazelwood to be the Republican candidate for the office. The Democrats will meet January 14th to choose Keeven's opponent.

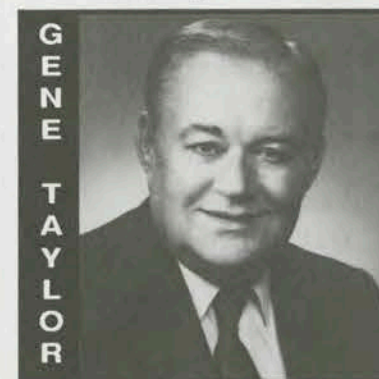
The second election was called to fill the vacancy created in

the 12th Senatorial District when Democrat Pat Danner resigned. The race will be held using the boundaries of the old 12th Senatorial District which includes 10 counties: Atchison, Caldwell, Clay, Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, Ray and Worth. The Republican nominating committee will meet Saturday, January 23rd to select the GOP candidate.

There is one special election which remains to be called to fill the vacancy created in the 22nd State Senatorial District when Democrat Jay Nixon resigned. The 22nd District is located in Jefferson County.

Gene Taylor Book Signing

Gene Taylor, the retired eight-term Congressman from Missouri's 7th District will appear at Lincoln Days to personally autograph *Bracing the Cornerpost*, the recently published book about the former Dean of Missouri's Republican congressional delegation. The 122 page book, written by Charles Nodler, features a forward by Senator John Danforth, and is filled with stories, anecdotes, and pictures covering the career of Gene Taylor.



You may purchase the book at a cost of \$7.00 and have the former Congressman sign it Saturday, February 20th, from 10:00am to 3:00 pm during MRP's silent auction.

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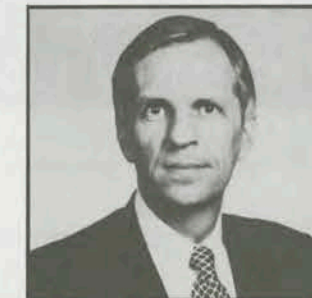
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Missouri Republican Party



Mark Twain once said, "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." The same can be said of the Missouri Republican Party.

In 1990, Republicans finally achieved a fair set of lines in state legislative redistricting. The end result was a net gain of three seats in the Senate and in the House we won a majority of the open seats.

In 1994 Republicans are poised to become the majority party in the State Senate for the first time since 1950 and to achieve parity in the House.

As we approach 1994 the Party must focus on electing more Republicans to the state legislature and to building a solid grassroots organization that will carry us into the 21st century.

The foundation and future of this party is dependent upon our success in attracting young people

to participate in the GOP. As chairman, one of my personal commitments is to opening the doors of the GOP to Missouri's youth. I will be sponsoring a table of college and teenage Republicans at our Friday night Lincoln Day banquet in Springfield. I encourage all party leaders and officials to bring a young person from their area to introduce them to other leaders and party activities.

Since election day, I have met with all our elected officials and have been holding regional meetings with our state committee members. All agree that continuing a sound financial footing for the party and increasing grass-roots involvement is essential for victories.

There is a great deal to accomplish over the next few years. Let us make the commitment to get it done.

In Memory...

Tom Curtis, the former U. S. Representative from St. Louis County passed away January 10, of congestive heart failure in Michigan. He was 81 years old.

Tom Curtis served in the U.S. House for 18 years, but chose to leave that body in 1968 to run against Thomas Eagleton for the United States Senate. Although Curtis lost the 1968 race, he came within 37,000 votes of defeating Tom Eagleton. In 1974 he again challenged Eagleton.

After losing his 1974 challenge to Tom Eagleton, Tom Curtis returned to the practice of the law and held various political appointments such as chairman of the Federal Elections Commission.

In September Tom Curtis retired from his St. Louis County law practice and moved to Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection at the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Lincoln Day Advance Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Goody bags and commemorative Lincoln Day coffee mugs will be given to all who pay the pre-registration fee.

Registration Fee

\$7/person (\$8 @ Hotel) No. ____ \$ _____

MRP Friday Banquet

\$25/person (\$30 @ Hotel) No. ____ \$ _____

YR Breakfast

\$15/person (\$17 @ Hotel) No. ____ \$ _____

MFRW Luncheon

\$15/person (\$17 @ Hotel) No. ____ \$ _____

MAR Gold Ticket Reception

\$55/person (\$60 @ Hotel) No. ____ \$ _____

Includes MAR Banquet & spec. seating

MAR Banquet Only

\$35/person (\$40 @ Hotel) No. ____ \$ _____

Ozark Breakfast

\$15/person (\$17 @ Hotel) No. ____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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802 N. Fairfax
Springfield, MO 65802

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For reservations contact the University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, at (417) 864-7333. Make reservations prior to January 30 to assure your room and rate. (\$59.50 + tax/night).

Missouri Association of Republicans Lincoln Day Schedule

Friday, February 19

Noon to 8:00 pm Registration
10:00 am - 11:00 am MFRW Exec. Comm Meeting
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm MFRW Meeting
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm MRP Silent Auction
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm MRP Social Hour
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm MRP Reception for State Comm.
(Invitation Only)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm MRP Banquet
9:00 pm - Close Hospitality Suites Open



Saturday, February 20

7:30 am - 9:30 am YR Awards Breakfast
8:00 am - 9:00 am MAR President's Breakfast
(Invitation Only)
8:30 am - 10:00 am Meeting of County Chairmen
9:00 am - 10:00 am Congressional District Meeting
9:00 am - 3:00 pm MRP Silent Auction
10:00 am - 11:30 am Town Hall Forum
(Congressional Delegation)
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm MFRW Luncheon
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm State Committee Meeting
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm MAR Gold Ticket Reception
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm MAR Banquet
9:30 pm - Close Hospitality Suites Open



Sunday, February 21

7:30 am Greene County Ozark Breakfast



(Note: All Times Subject to Change)

CALENDAR

January

28-30 RNC Winter Meeting
Hyatt Union Station, St. Louis, MO

February

3 St. Louis City Lincoln Day
Hendri's Party House
4501 Ridgewood, St. Louis
6:00 pm
13 Moniteau County Lincoln Days
Contact: Tom Edwards
Box M, Tipton, MO 65081
18 Boone County Lincoln Day
Kemper Auction Barn
N. Highway 63
19-21 1993 State Lincoln Days
University Plaza Hotel, Springfield
March
2 Adair County Lincoln Day
6:00 pm

4 St. Charles County Lincoln Day
The Columns Rest., St. Charles
6:00 pm
7 Franklin County Lincoln Day
John Busch Brewing Co., Washington
5:00 pm
9 Special Elections
12th Senate District
78th State Rep. District
13 Cape Girardeau County Lincoln Day
A. E. Brase Arena Building
Cape Girardeau
Contact: June Combs
240 Hillview
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
20 Dekalb County Lincoln Day
Maysville High School
6:30 pm
20 Howell County Lincoln Day
Weigh-Station Motel
N. 63 Highway, West Plains
6:30 pm

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SENATE BRIEFING

John Ashcroft

'94 U.S. Senate Race

TO: Senator Dole
FR: Kerry

*Event is a fundraising dinner for the Missouri Republican Party Future Fund. It is being billed as a "Kit Bond Birthday Celebration." (Bond's actual birthday is March 6)

*Along with Senator Bond, Senators Danforth and Kassebaum will also be attending.

*Expected attendance is 200-250.

*They have asked for 5-10 minutes of "light" remarks. Attached talking points touch upon the economic plan, pro-GOP material, and Senator Danforth's retirement.



566-2242

Missouri Republican Party*... making history!*

To: Suzanne Niemela - Campaign America
From: Scott Gallagher, Communications Director
Date: March 30, 1993
Subject: Talking points for Kansas City Fundraiser on April 7th

As per our discussion, I have assembled relevant newspaper articles on those subjects I believe will be of greatest interest to those people attending the Kit Bond Birthday celebration.

Proceeds from the Senator Bond's Birthday Celebration will go to the Missouri Republican Future Fund. I have enclosed a brochure which details the purpose of the Future Fund. In brief, the fund is designed to elect Republicans to the state legislature and enhance the state parties' grassroots political structure.

My suggested talking points for the Senator would include the following:

Special Elections

Since the November election there have been three special elections to fill vacancies in the Missouri state legislature. Two of the vacancies were in the Missouri Senate and one of the vacancies was in the Missouri House. A fourth special election will be held to fill an additional vacancy in the state Senate on April 6th, the day prior to the Senator's visit.

Republicans are three for three in the special elections. The two senate victories give Republicans 15 of the 34 seats in the Missouri Senate - a net gain of four seats since 1992. The two seats we picked up make a GOP majority in the Senate in 1994 a real possibility. Currently, Republicans have more seats in the Senate than anytime in the last 36 years.

Republicans will be just one seat short of a tie if we can pick up an additional seat in the April 6th special election. Most importantly, it would virtually guarantee Republican control of the Senate in 1994. We have not controlled the Senate in over forty years.

SENATOR BOB DOLE
MISSOURI GOP DINNER
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1993

***THANK YOU. IT'S GREAT TO
BE HERE IN KANSAS CITY AND
TO JOIN IN THIS SALUTE TO
SENATOR KIT BOND.**

***AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW,
CONGRESS IS NOW IN IT'S
"EASTER RECESS"--A TIME WHEN**

**MOST MEMBERS RETURN TO
THEIR STATES AND DISTRICTS
TO HEAR FROM THOSE WHO
LIVE OUTSIDE THE
WASHINGTON, D.C. BELTWAY.**

***SO KIT, JACK, NANCY, AND
MYSELF ARE OUT TALKING TO
AND HEARING FROM FARMERS,
SMALL BUSINESSMEN AND
WOMEN, WORKING COUPLES,**

**SOCIAL SECURITY
RECIPIENTS...KANSANS AND
MISSOURIANS FROM EVERY
WALK OF LIFE.**

***AND I BELIEVE WE'RE ALL
HEARING THE SAME THING--THE
FACT THAT THE MORE
AMERICANS LEARN ABOUT
PRESIDENT CLINTON'S
ECONOMIC PLAN, THE LESS**

THEY LIKE IT.

***AND FOR GOOD REASON.**

***WHEN AMERICANS VOTED
FOR CHANGE LAST NOVEMBER, I
DON'T THINK THEY WERE
VOTING FOR A CHANGE BACK
TO THE FAILED POLICIES OF THE
PAST.**

**BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT
THEY'RE GETTING--A RETURN TO**

**THE HIGH-TAXING, BIG-
SPENDING, DEFENSE-GUTTING
POLICIES OF THE 1970'S.**

***MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT.
PRESIDENT CLINTON IS
ABSOLUTELY RIGHT IN SAYING
THAT THE DEFICIT IS PUBLIC
ENEMY #1.**

***BUT HE'S ABSOLUTELY
WRONG IN BELIEVING THAT THE**

**BEST WAY TO REDUCE THE
DEFICIT IS THROUGH THE
LARGEST TAX INCREASE IN
HISTORY.**

***ONLY 3% OF THE SAVINGS IN
THE PRESIDENT'S DEFICIT
REDUCTION PLAN CAME FROM
NON-DEFENSE PROGRAMS. IN
OTHER WORDS, TWO-THIRDS OF
THE GOVERNMENT IS BEING**

**ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE A
GRAND TOTAL OF \$11 BILLION
OVER 5 YEARS TO REDUCE THE
DEFICIT.**

***AND THE MASSIVE CUTS IN
DEFENSE WILL DEVASTATE
MANY COMMUNITIES IN
AMERICA--INCLUDING SOME IN
MISSOURI AND KANSAS.**

***THE FACT IS THAT THE**

**DEMOCRATS' ECONOMIC PLAN
IS NOT A PLAN TO REDUCE THE
DEFICIT. IT IS NOT A PLAN TO
CONTROL SPENDING. AND IT IS
NOT A PLAN TO KEEP THE
ECONOMY MOVING.**

***PLAIN AND SIMPLE, IT IS A
PLAN TO RAISE TAXES TO
FINANCE MORE GOVERNMENT
SPENDING.**

***AND PRACTICALLY NO ONE
WILL BE AN EXEMPT FROM A
HIGHER TAX BILL.**

***DURING THE CAMPAIGN,
PRESIDENT CLINTON SAID HE
WOULD JUST RAISE TAXES ON
"THE RICH."**

***UNDER THIS PLAN, RICH IS
DEFINED AS ANYONE MAKING
\$25,000 A YEAR. AND THE**

**"REALLY RICH" PEOPLE ARE
SMALL BUSINESSES AND FAMILY
FARMS THAT WILL PAY ABOUT
70 CENTS OUT OF EVERY
DOLLAR OF THESE TAXES.**

***SO KIT AND JACK AND
NANCY AND I ARE UP THERE
FIGHTING TO CHANGE THINGS--
AND TO MAKE SURE THAT
GOVERNMENT MAKES ALL THE**

**SACRIFICES POSSIBLE BEFORE
WE HIT YOU UP WITH A BIG, BIG
INCREASE IN TAXES.**

***BUT LET ME BE BLUNT.
THESE ARE CHALLENGING TIMES
FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.
THE DEMOCRATS ARE IN
CHARGE. BUT WE'VE GOT A
DUTY TO DO MORE THAT JUST
STAND ASIDE AND LET THEM**

**PASS ANYTHING THEY WANT.
WE'VE GOT TO STAND UP FOR
WHAT WE BELIEVE--LESS
SPENDING, LESS TAXES, LESS
BUREAUCRACY, AND A STRONG
AMERICA.**

***AND I BELIEVE IF WE DO SO,
THEN WE'RE GOING TO WIN
SOME VICTORIES IN 1994 AND
1996.**

***AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT
THAT ONE OF THOSE VICTORIES
TAKE PLACE RIGHT HERE IN
MISSOURI.**

***I'VE SERVED AS MAJORITY
LEADER, AND I'VE SERVED AS
MINORITY LEADER, AND I KNOW
WHICH JOB I LIKE BETTER.**

***AND I'M NOT GOING TO BE
MAJORITY LEADER--AND NANCY**

**KASSEBAUM ISN'T GOING TO BE
CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION
AND LABOR COMMITTEE--IF WE
DON'T ELECT A REPUBLICAN TO
SUCCEED JACK DANFORTH.**

***AND THE FUNDS RAISED
TONIGHT--WHICH WILL GO TO
THE "MISSOURI REPUBLICAN
FUTURE FUND"--WILL HELP US
REACH THAT GOAL. AND**

**THEY'LL ALSO HELP REACH THE
GOAL IN 1994 OF GAINING
CONTROL OF THE MISSOURI
STATE SENATE--FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN OVER 40 YEARS**

***ONE THING FOR SURE IS
THAT REPUBLICANS WON'T
SUCCEED UNLESS WE ALL
WORK TOGETHER.**

***A FEW MONTHS AGO, I
SPOKE TO THE REPUBLICAN
NATIONAL COMMITTEE OVER IN
ST. LOUIS, AND I SHARED WITH
THEM SOME WORDS THAT
RONALD REAGAN SAID NEARLY
28 YEARS AGO. BUT THEY'RE AS
TIMELY TODAY AS THEY WERE
THEN.**

REAGAN SAID:

**"WE CAN'T MEET THE
PROBLEMS OF A DIVIDED
WORLD AND A DIVIDED NATION
WITH A SPLINTER PARTY. FOR
TOO LONG, YOU AND I HAVE
BEEN REPUBLICANS COMPLETE
WITH DESCRIPTIVE ADJECTIVES
AND HYPHENS. WE'VE BEEN
MODERATE REPUBLICANS,
LIBERAL REPUBLICANS,**

**CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS,
AND MAIN STREET
REPUBLICANS.**

**THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS
WE'VE BEEN SUCKER
REPUBLICANS. OUR
OPPONENTS GAVE US THOSE
ADJECTIVES AND THOSE
LABELS, AND ITS HIGH TIME WE**

**BUNDLED THEM UP AND GAVE
THEM BACK."**

RONALD REAGAN WAS RIGHT.
**IT'S TIME TO ELIMINATE THE
HYPHENS AND THE ADJECTIVES.
IT'S TIME WE TOOK PRIDE IN
CALLING OURSELVES
"REPUBLICANS"--NOTHING LESS,
NOTHING MORE. JUST PLAIN
"REPUBLICANS."**

***AND IN CLOSING TONIGHT,
THERE'S ONE REPUBLICAN I
WANT TO SALUTE--AND THAT'S
YOUR SENIOR SENATOR, JACK
DANFORTH.**

***JACK STILL HAS ABOUT 20
MONTHS LEFT TO SERVE IN THE
SENATE--AND I KNOW THERE
WILL BE PLENTY OF OCCASIONS
TO SALUTE HIS RECORD--SO LET**

ME JUST SAY THIS:

***IF YOU WENT TO ANY
SENATOR--BE THEY REPUBLICAN
OR DEMOCRAT--BE THEY
CONSERVATIVE OR LIBERAL--
AND ASKED THEM TO DESCRIBE
JACK DANFORTH IN ONE WORD--
I'M WILLING TO BET THAT ABOUT
EVERY ONE OF THEM WOULD
SAY "INTEGRITY."**

***HIS INTEGRITY, HIS
INTELLIGENCE, AND HIS
LEADERSHIP WILL BE GREATLY
MISSED IN THE SENATE--BUT I
HAVE A FEELING THAT JACK
WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE
MISSOURI AND AMERICA FOR A
LONG TIME TO COME.**

**SO THANK YOU, MISSOURI,
FOR SENDING JACK DANFORTH
TO THE SENATE...THANK YOU
FOR SENDING KIT BOND TO THE
SENATE...AND THANK YOU FOR
ALL YOU'LL BE DOING IN THE
COMING MONTHS TO ENSURE
THAT JACK DANFORTH'S VERY
BIG SHOES WILL BE FILLED BY A
REPUBLICAN.**