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# GOP Senate Hopes Once Again Rest On Insurgents

BY HENRY C. JACKSON  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For Senate Republicans, 2012 is starting a lot like 2010.

They have a shot at taking control away from Democrats as long as insurgent conservatives who are defeating the party's more establishment candidates in primaries don't frighten too many independent voters like they did two years ago.

Deb Fischer, a little-known state senator, became the latest unexpected Senate GOP nominee Tuesday, rallying late to upset the favored — and better funded — choices of both the party's mainstream and tea party establishments: Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning and state Treasurer Don Stenberg.

Her victory occurred just a week after tea party and other conservative groups embraced Indiana state Treasurer Richard Mourdock, who scored an arguably bigger upset — knocking off six-term Sen. Richard Lugar, the Senate's longest-serving Republican.

The message for the GOP: Insurgents are back. What's yet to become clear is whether they exemplify 2010's class of conservative upstarts — Florida's Marco Rubio, Kentucky's Rand Paul, Utah's Mike Lee and Wisconsin's Ron Johnson. All were early underdogs in the primary season and are now U.S. senators.

Or will the 2012 class turn out to be more like Christine O'Donnell in Delaware, Sharron Angle in Nevada and Ken Buck in Colorado? They, too, emerged from relative obscurity to defeat more established Republicans early in the election season, only to stumble later and cost the GOP three seats many thought it should win.

Once again the GOP will rely on lesser-known candidates in key races. The seats in Indiana, currently held by the GOP, and Nebraska, a pickup opportunity, represent must-wins if Republicans are to have any chance at capturing the Senate majority. They need a net gain for four seats to take control — three if a Republican also wins the White House.

While the GOP establishment has the presidential candidate it wanted in former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, the jolts to its strategy for winning the Senate may not be over.

In Missouri, three Republicans are vying to take on vulnerable Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill. Among them is John Brunner, a businessman who has never run for office before. In Wisconsin, former Gov. Tommy Thompson is the big-name Republican running for a seat the GOP is trying to flip, but he faces a number of lesser-known, more conservative challengers. In Arizona, six-term Rep. Jeff Flake is the favorite to get the GOP Senate nomination, but he is being challenged by wealthy businessman Wil Cardon, who casts himself as the tea party candidate and accuses Flake of being a Washington insider.

For now, Republicans say they're optimistic 2012 won't mirror 2010 in the end. Where O'Donnell, Angle and Buck all stumbled, Republicans say a more polished group of insurgents is emerging this year.

"What the victory of someone like Mourdock shows is that the tea party still has the energy and that's a valuable strength for Republicans," said Jeff Berkowitz, a GOP consultant. "But it also shows the movement has matured. He has great credentials, he has a track record and he is a statewide official."

Berkowitz said the same applies to Fischer, whose credentials — she's a two-term state senator and a rancher — make her a plausible nominee.

Democrats say the GOP is simply spinning primary results that will actually make it harder for them to win in November. Party officials have been quick to label both Fischer and Mourdock as novices and too conservative, arguments that worked well against O'Donnell, Angle and Buck in 2010.

Within minutes of Fischer's victory in Nebraska, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee sent out an email calling her the "accidental candidate."

"These results set up a promising general election match-up between Bob Kerrey, a proven independent leader, and Deb Fischer, an untested hypocritical politician whose record and positions have never been scrutinized," said Matt Canter, a spokesman for Senate Democratic campaign arm.

Kerrey, a former governor and two-term senator, is the Democratic nominee in Nebraska, returning to the state after 10 years as a university president in New York City. In Indiana, Democratic Rep. Joe Donnelly is the party's Senate nominee after two terms representing a swing district in the House.

## S.D. Man Sentenced For Robberies

STIOUX FALLS (AP) — A 61-year-old man who was a successful banker and community leader before his life spiraled into despair has been sentenced to eight years in prison for a string of convenience store robberies in the Sioux Falls region.

David Mentzer never used a weapon in his crimes and was polite to the clerks he robbed — he even said "please" and "thank you" during one of the robberies, according to his attorney. But a prosecutor says the robberies scared clerks. The judge who sentenced Mentzer on Wednesday was perplexed by his failure to reach out for help.

"You were embarrassed about your financial situation, you were embarrassed to ask for help, but for some strange reason, you were not embarrassed about putting your fellow citizens in danger," Judge Peter Lieberman said.

"Maybe you have an answer, but that I cannot understand."

Mentzer pleaded guilty in March to two robbery charges in Minnehaha County. In addition to the prison term he will have to repay about \$2,200 he took from the stores. He still faces charges in Lincoln County, where a plea hearing is scheduled May 29 on robbery and attempted robbery counts.

Mentzer once had a successful career and served as president of the Aberdeen Jaycees and the Chamber of Commerce, before losing a daughter to leukemia, a wife to divorce and a son to drug abuse and prison, the *Argus Leader* reported (<http://argusne.ws/J9UrJ5>). He lost jobs to downsizing, lost money in real estate deals and eventually declared bankruptcy. He was depressed, living with a roommate and unable to pay his

bills when he decided to commit the first of five robberies.

He apologized for his crimes and told Lieberman that no amount of prison time would be worse than the shame he had caused his family.

"It's going to be quite small compared to the sentence I've given myself in trying to restore my family name," he said.

Minnehaha County Deputy State's Attorney Ryan Sage said Mentzer's financial troubles and personal tragedies cannot excuse or explain repeated, premeditated criminal behavior, particularly for a man who once worked as an overnight convenience store clerk.

"These were planned-out, violent events. He knew what he was doing," Sage said. "He knew that this was these staff members' worst fear."

## UNL Looks To Stop Rural Exodus

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is looking for ways to stop rural population losses through a proposed institute that would focus on improving Nebraska's small towns.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* reported that university officials hope to launch the Rural Futures Institute in September, drawing from \$1.5 million a year in existing funding. The university also plans to seek a larger gift or allocation, similar to the \$50 million gift it used to launch the Daugherty Water for Food Institute in 2010.

"It's focused on a problem, a problem very important to Nebraska but (that) has implications above and beyond Nebraska," said Ronnie Green, vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. "You're talking about health, nutrition, business development, telecommunications systems."

Last week, a conference on

improving rural communities drew 475 people from 29 states and several foreign countries to Lincoln. Green said conference organizers had hoped for 300.

"It was a huge success," he said. "It was very much set up to be a dialogue with us."

In 2002, the university committed \$1.5 million a year to a rural initiative that was used to fund revitalization efforts. Green said all or part of that would be used for the Rural Futures Institute and the university would seek significant additional funding.

In early 2010, a subcommittee of the university's Board of Regents approved Green's proposal to begin designing the institute. The larger board has yet to approve it, but Green said he hopes to get it done soon.

The university has hosted 550 people in 16 focus groups across Nebraska during the past two years to seek ideas for the institute, Green said.

"We wanted people's thoughts

on whether this was a worthy effort and whether it made sense to do it across the system," he said.

Regent Chuck Hassebrook, who also is executive director of the Center for Rural Affairs in Lyons, said he supported the institute, although he believes it will require a far greater investment in funding and staff than the university has supported so far. He said he had been discouraged to see the number of tenure-track rural sociologists and economists at UNL shrink to zero in recent years.

Hassebrook said the \$1.5 million the university allocated to its Rural Initiative hasn't been used to fund staff or faculty, but rather has covered temporary costs and commitments.

"There's enough core funding that could really make it possible to get this thing off the ground in a good way," Hassebrook said. "What this really represents is an effort to re-invision it in the hopes it can achieve more."

Dave said.

"The Captain and Belle from previous years have been people who promote the events and the community," Dave said. "It's humbling because there are a lot of great people in the Yankton community who could be selected. We're happy to do it and promote a great community."

The Spencers have been married for 26 years and have three children — Maggie, Eric and Adam. Dave works for Farmer's Pride in Nebraska while Brenda is a paraprofessional with the Yankton School District.

Gullikson said the Yankton community is blessed to have members like Dave and Brenda.

"They have always been there to help anyone who ever needs anything," Gullikson said. "They have provided a lot of great services to the Yankton community."

son said. "They are Yankton's representation and bring people in the surrounding areas to our celebration of Riverboat Days."

Brenda said her family is excited to partake in the activities during the summer and talk to people about the festival.

"The first event we will be attending is the Mental Health Awareness Conference here in town (next month) to welcome people," Brenda said. "Then we will proceed to Czech days, which is so much fun to be a part of."

The Spencers have also been asked to take part in the Chicken Days in Wayne, Neb., Danish Days in Viborg, the Rivercade event in Sioux City, Iowa, as well as the Scottic Stampede in Scotland.

It is an honor to be selected among so many great people,

## S.D. Woman Sentenced To 35 Years For Killing

PIERRE (AP) — A judge sentenced a South Dakota woman who admitted killing her husband to nearly double the time recommended by prosecutors, calling what she did "cold-blooded murder."

Connie Hirsch, 49, of Blunt, pleaded guilty in March to first-degree manslaughter in the May 2010 shooting death of her 65-year-old husband, Jerold Hirsch, in a home east of Pierre. In exchange for her plea, prosecutors dropped a murder charge and agreed to seek a prison term of no more than 20 years.

Judge Mark Barnett, who was not bound by the agreement, on Thursday imposed a harsher penalty of 35 years in prison, KCCR and KGFX radio reported. Barnett gave Hirsch credit for time served, essentially reducing her sentence to 33 years. She will be eligible for parole after serving half the sentence.

Defense attorneys maintained that Hirsch took out a handgun because she felt threatened by her husband, and that he made a sudden move off a bed and startled her, causing the gun to go off.

But Barnett said during the sentencing hearing that lasted more than hour that the evidence showed Hirsch shot her husband in the back of the head while he slept. He acknowledged she likely had been verbally and physically abused but said it did not give her the right to take the law into her own hands.

## Tribal Grocery Store Says It's Trying To Reopen

PINE RIDGE (AP) — It's taken nearly a week, but residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation wondering when their lone grocery store might reopen at least are greeted with a sign in the window.

It reads: "We are trying to reopen as soon as possible." No other information is posted at the Sioux Nation Shopping Center, aside from an apology for the inconvenience.

The store closed after the Oglala Sioux tribe filed a temporary restraining order claiming the store was selling residents outdated meat. The tribe's attorney general dismissed the order earlier this week. She told The Associated Press that it's up to the store's owners to decide when to reopen.

The store remained closed Thursday evening. Residents have had to shop at convenience stores or travel off the reservation to buy food.

## Flags At Half-Staff Sat. In Abdnor's Memory

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard is asking that all flags in South Dakota be flown at half-staff on Saturday in honor of former U.S. Sen. Jim Abdnor.

Abdnor died Wednesday at age 89. His funeral is Saturday at Lutheran Memorial Church in Pierre. Daugaard's request is that flags be at half-staff from 8 a.m. until sunset.

Abdnor was the South Dakota Republican who ousted George McGovern from the Senate. He also served four terms in the U.S. House, headed the U.S. Small Business Administration for two years, served six terms in the state Legislature and was lieutenant governor from 1968-71.

## Dismissal Of Flood Insurance Lawsuit Upheld

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court says a Hermosa woman cannot sue a lender for failing to make sure her home was covered by flood insurance.

Court documents say Rachelle Hunter signed a document indicating she needed flood insurance when she borrowed money from Highmark Federal Credit Union to buy a home in 2005. Her home was damaged by a flood in 2007.

Hunter then sued the credit union, arguing it was negligent in failing to make sure the home was covered by flood insurance.

The Supreme Court on Thursday upheld a lower court's decision to dismiss the lawsuit.

The high court says federal flood insurance law does not give people a right to sue lenders in such a situation.


## Leno Mocks S.D. Tourism On 'Tonight Show'

RAPID CITY (AP) — Late-night comedian Jay Leno poked fun at South Dakota tourism, and state Tourism Secretary James Hagen was among those laughing.

In a short sketch on "The Tonight Show" on Tuesday night, Leno ran a fake advertisement for South Dakota tourism. It implored watchers to spend a week in South Dakota.

The narrator said, "Spend a week in South Dakota. On Monday, see Mount Rushmore. On Tuesday, see Mount Rushmore again. On Wednesday, visit the gift shop at Mount Rushmore. And on Thursday, relive your first experience, at Mount Rushmore."

Hagen tells the *Rapid City Journal* he loved the Leno bit and also the exposure it gave the state. He says his department is planning a humorous response to Leno pointing out other things tourists can do in South Dakota.



# With Fondest Memories

**We remember those who have passed  
away and are especially dear to us.**

*On Saturday, May 26th we will publish in print and online at Yankton.net a Memorial Day section devoted to those who are gone but not forgotten.*

Select one of the verses below to accompany your tribute.

1. We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
2. May God cradle you in his arms, now and forever.
3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together.  
My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in Gods heavenly glory.
6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
8. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
9. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
10. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
11. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
12. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
13. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
14. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.
15. I have written my own message and it is included.

**Aneta Burrows**  
 Dec. 30, 1960-Nov. 8, 2002

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**Dan, Ann & Sarah**

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Number of selected verse \_\_\_\_\_ OR Personal message \_\_\_\_\_

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## Spencers

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as well as many other activities in Yankton, he said.

"We select who we feel have been good leaders in Yankton," Gullikson said. "The Spencers were there pretty much nonstop during the river cleanup and have been really involved with the Ice Board Association, contributing a lot to the Yankton community."

The job of the Captain and Belle includes representing Yankton in area towns during the summer, Gullikson said.

"The Captain and Belle go to the surrounding communities as Yankton's ambassadors," Gullik-