

UNMASKING THE CRUSADERS

HALLOWEEN'S NOWHERE NEAR AS SCARY AS THE PROSPECT OF UNINFORMED VOTERS

Late October gives us the chance for moonlit walks and perhaps even a bit of Halloween decadence. But beware—it'll be November 4 before you know it. Time to do some cramming on the statewide candidates while you still can. —Margaret Bauer

		CANDIDATE	BEYOND THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL	POLITICAL TIES	KEY ISSUES
GOVERNOR		JEREMIAH "JAY" NIXON (D) Age: 52 Hometown: De Soto Website: jaynixon.com	Playing basketball, especially pickup games against rival Kenny Hulshof (true story); fishing, reading and hiking	Serving 16th year as attorney general; previously served six years as a state senator; his father, Jerry, was mayor of De Soto when <i>Life</i> named it an "All-American City"	Expand healthcare coverage, make higher education more affordable, provide property tax relief
		KENNY HULSHOF (R) Age: 49 Hometown: Bertrand Website: kenny08.com	Watching fireworks; running the family farm; playing drums in a band of congressional members known as The Second Amendments; collecting wine	Serving sixth term as U.S. representative; formerly special prosecutor for the attorney general	Cut taxes, aid small businesses, support homegrown fuels like biodiesel and ethanol
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		PETER KINDER (R) Age: 54 Hometown: Cape Girardeau Website: teamkinder.com	The Lions Club; volunteering with a number of civic causes	Incumbent lieutenant governor; 12 years in the Missouri Senate, at one time serving as Senate president pro tem	"Deliver positive change," defend gun ownership, increase tourism, care for seniors, advocate for troops
		SAM PAGE (D) Age: 43 Hometown: Van Buren Website: sampage.com	Spending time with the family; camping and canoeing on the Current River; playing basketball; taking on his sons in chess; being an anesthesiologist	Serving his third term as a state representative; previously served two terms on the Creve Coeur City Council	Expand healthcare coverage, end eminent-domain abuse, provide affordable education and keep MoDOT in line
SECRETARY OF STATE		ROBIN CARNAHAN (D) Age: 47 Hometown: Rolla Website: carnahanformissouri.com	Managing the family farm; skeet shooting; riding horses; promoting democracy in central and eastern Europe; flying planes; running marathons; hiking and canoeing	You noticed the last name, right? The incumbent secretary of state is daughter of the late Gov. Mel Carnahan and Sen. Jean Carnahan, sis of Rep. Russ and green entrepreneur Tom	Make sure elections go smoothly, cut red tape, protect Missourians from investment fraud
		MITCH HUBBARD (R) Age: 35 Hometown: Marshall Website: mitchhubbard.com	Playing catch with his kids (he has seven, nearly enough to field his own team); fishing and hiking; studying the Bible	Former instructor for the Missouri Department of Corrections	Ensure fair elections, audit state government to find ways to increase efficiency
STATE TREASURER		BRAD LAGER (R) Age: 33 Hometown: Savannah Website: bradlager.com	Owens a car wash and a small land development company; member of St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Savannah	State senator; served as a state representative for four years	Help small businesses—something he relates to as an entrepreneur himself; self-described "taxpayer watchdog"
		CLINT ZWEIFEL (D) Age: 34 Hometown: Florissant Website: clintfortreasurer.com	Enjoys the outdoors, running, trips around Missouri, taking his daughters swimming	State representative serving third term	Make college tuition more affordable, encourage job growth, reduce real-estate taxes, make homeownership more attainable
ATTORNEY GENERAL		CHRIS KOSTER (D) Age: 43 Hometown: St. Louis Website: chriskoster.com	Practices civil litigation with Dollar, Burns & Becker, L.C. in Kansas City	Missouri senator; former Cass County prosecuting attorney; his father, Rich, was a sportswriter and columnist for the <i>St. Louis Globe-Democrat</i> and later a commentator on <i>Donnybrook</i>	As you might have heard, the formerly Republican senator became a Democrat last year. Not surprisingly, he's mainly focusing on nonpartisan issues, such as consumer protection and workers' rights
		MIKE GIBBONS (R) Age: 49 Hometown: Kirkwood Website: michaelgibbons.com	Playing softball on the same team for 20 years; fishing; running; practicing law at Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP in St. Louis	Senate president pro tem, in second term as state senator; served eight years as a state representative	Fight crime, protect consumers and "crack down on illegal immigrants"