

U.S. begins travel on road to elections

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MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) -- The Democratic presidential candidates are putting the Iowa caucuses behind them and retooling their campaigns in an appeal to the independent voters of New Hampshire.

The White House hopefuls also are making decisions on the fly about the vital next stage of the campaign - a spate of February elections in 17 states and the District of Columbia, starting Feb. 3.

And they're doing all this *without the presence of Dick Gephardt*, bounced from the field after an Iowa caucus contest that has candidates thinking twice about going negative in the fast-shifting race headed toward the New Hampshire primary on Tuesday.

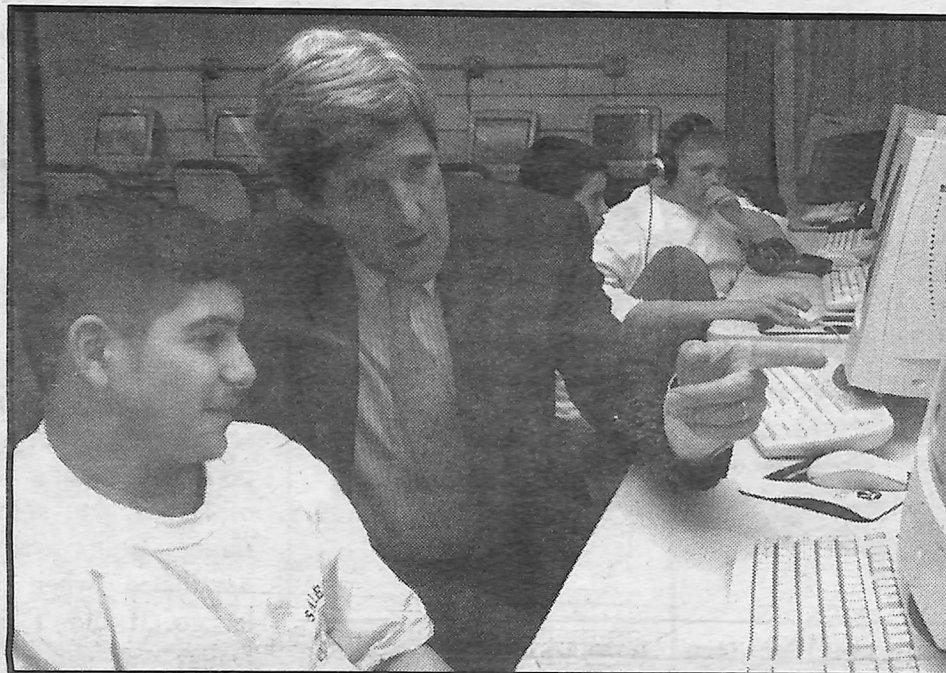
"Everything has changed since Iowa," said Joe Trippi, campaign manager for Howard Dean. "It always does."

The change starts with the voters themselves. Only registered Democrats were allowed to vote in Iowa, and few independents took advantage of rules allowing on-the-spot registration. But New Hampshire has a history of crossover voting.

In 2000, about 40 percent of voters in both the Republican and Democratic primaries identified themselves in exit polls as independents. Bill Bradley defeated Al Gore, 55-43 percent, among independents on the Democratic side; Republican John McCain swamped George W. Bush, 61-19 percent, on his way to a landslide victory over the future president.

Echoes of that GOP race reverberate this year in New Hampshire, where private campaign polls suggest Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, winner of Monday's caucuses, has surged to a slight lead over Dean.

Reeling from his distant third-place Iowa finish, Dean is telling New Hampshire voters that he is the one candidate who has produced reforms,



Democratic candidate hopeful, John Kerry, continues on his campaign path. Photo Courtesy NHPrimary.com

instead of just talking about them. Bush used a similar strategy to salvage his campaign after the 2000 New Hampshire primary, calling himself a "reformer with results" as Texas' governor.

In a nod to McCain, who made campaign finance reform the centerpiece of his 2000 bid, Dean will offer a proposal Thursday to lower the limit of individual campaign contributions.

He also will spend tens of thousands of dollars on TV, radio and mailings to promote himself as a politician willing to take unpopular stands, such as opposing the Iraq war and backing civil unions in Vermont.

Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut has touted his ability to draw former McCain backers to his campaign.

Kerry cast his prescription drug plan Wednesday as a sign that he's "willing to take on the powerful special interests in Washington."

The shift drew a word of caution from state Democratic chairwoman Kathleen Sullivan.

"There's a problem with tailoring a message that just appeals to independents, because they've got to get Democratic rank-and-file to vote, too," she said.

They also must look beyond

New Hampshire to Feb. 3, when seven states hold contests from South Carolina to Arizona and as far north as Delaware. That next stage poses a problem for Kerry, who pulled staff out of the Feb. 3 states to save his sagging campaign in Iowa. He also had money problems, which kept his ads off TV while retired rival Wesley Clark, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, Dean and Lieberman spent millions of dollars in the seven states.

Kerry borrowed money against his family fortune, but needs more. He has asked supporters to donate \$1 million between the Iowa and New Hampshire elections.

Even Dean, the race's top fundraiser, would be forced to trim his Feb. 3 ad plans if he doesn't get the money and momentum he needs out of New Hampshire. "The calendar moves so fast, and there's so many states coming," Trippi said. "We have more money than all those folks, but we don't have more than all of them combined."

Clark is airing ads in five Feb. 3 states, Lieberman in four, Dean in three and Edwards in two.

No decisions will be made until this weekend - and some may wait until Tuesday night - but aides say Kerry will try to cherry-pick delegates with a

small investment in some states while playing for victory in a couple others.

Oklahoma is not a good state for him, but Arizona and South Carolina are full of fellow military veterans.

Kerry will stake a claim to Michigan, site of a Feb. 7 primary. One of his top strategists, Jill Alper, left Iowa this week for Michigan to oversee his team. Alper has worked for Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who is thought to be leaning toward endorsing Kerry.

Edwards' focus is South Carolina and Oklahoma. Clark, who skipped Iowa and is nipping on Dean's heels here, is sticking to a multistate strategy that has him airing ads in three February-voting states without competition from his rivals - Virginia, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Gephardt's departure put the Feb. 3 primary of his home state of Missouri into play, an expensive proposition. His negative ad in Iowa, which helped sink his and Dean's poll ratings, may have had an impact on the New Hampshire race.

Kerry's advisers had prepared ads criticizing his rivals, but the attacks were tabled - for now, in part, aides said, because his poll numbers are rising without taking the risk of tearing down his rivals.

Instead, Kerry's latest ad stresses his experience, integrity and record of fighting special interests - a faint echo of McCain's appeal to independents.

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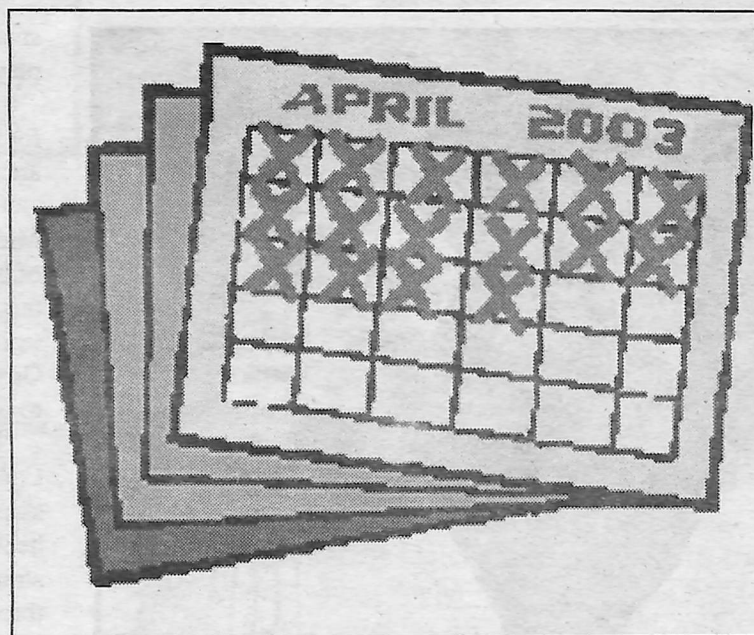
A month by month look at the highlights of 2003 that made it a year not to forget

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This being the first Hermes issue of 2004, we at the office thought it might be interesting to look back and reflect on the previous year. A lot of interesting and sometimes odd things happened in the last year...

January: Dallas Cowboy Dwayne Goodrich was charged with manslaughter after deadly hit and run. Goodrich had a lot going for him – at 24, he was the Dallas Cowboys' top pick in the 2000 NFL draft. At Tennessee, he was the defensive, most-valuable-player of the 1999 Fiesta Bowl. But when he sped through an accident scene in his BMW at an estimated 110 miles per hour, he not only killed two people, but his career.

February: The Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart over Texas. America watched in shock, and then fear, as Columbia gradually broke to pieces as it entered the atmosphere, strewing dangerous debris into backyards, schools, and forests. The shuttle's crew included the first Indian astronaut, killed in the explosion along with the rest.



March: Utah teen Elizabeth Smart was found alive after being kidnapped for nine months. After being taken at gunpoint the previous June, the 15 year old girl was found with a homeless man and another woman, only 15 miles away from her home. Apparently, though Smart was only wearing a wig, several people saw her and the couple and just didn't put two and two together. To this day, there is some speculation as to whether or not she was really held against her will, or voluntarily stayed.

April: U.S. troops secured Baghdad. As Iraqi-Americans waved Iraqi and American flags, they chanted, "USA, no more Saddam." Remembering the reportedly thousands killed by Saddam's chemical weapons, Iraqi residents across the US celebrated the small victory in on-going "war against terror," though skirmishes still ensued at the front.

May: Annika Sorenstam was the first

female golfer in decades to compete in the PGA. In the previous two seasons, no one won more gold tournaments than Sorenstam, and it wasn't long before she received the invitation to compete with the big boys. The last time a female played a PGA Tour event, Babe Zaharias qualified for the 1945 Los Angeles Open.

June: Officials charged Martha Stewart with investment fraud. The queen of home decorating and cooking surprised everyone when she accused of insider trading, an allegation that stemmed, unsurprisingly, from her sale of stock that just happened to drop to the depths the next day. Insisting she was innocent, Stewart rounded up the support of businesses and customers, "but the question everyone asked was, "Will her multi-million dollar business survive?"

July: Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy disappeared and was later found dead. When

the body was found in a field near a rock quarry southeast of Waco, there were two gunshot wounds to the head, which autopsies later confirmed were the cause of death. Dennehy's teammate and roommate was charged with murder.

August: Dallas Police Chief Terrell Bolton was fired. Following a long session of bad judgment, poorly reflecting the city of Dallas, and some shady rumors, Bolton was publicly humiliated when he was let go. It didn't help that Dallas was named the city with the highest crime per capita in the country. Bolton, in response, addressed the City Council, winning the sympathy of several people.

September: College student shipped himself home to North Texas inside a cargo crate. Charles McKinley said he flew hidden inside a wooden crate in the cargo bay of a passenger aircraft from New York to Fort Wayne, Ind., and then to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. No one caught him, and it wasn't until he burst from the crate right in front of the delivery man on the porch of his parent's home that he was taken into custody. "You might think it's a cheap way home. You might think it's a decent ride. That is the worst ride you could ever go through," McKinley said. No kidding?

October: Everman High football player Craig Boatwright died. Just one day before homecoming, a senior football player just

collapsed and died while running laps. His coach tried to unsuccessfully resuscitate Boatwright. It was later determined his surreal and unexpected death was caused by an abnormal coronary artery that was previously undetected.

November: Officials searched Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch. Following the possible sexual abuse allegations of a 13 year old boy, Jackson's home was searched by nearly two dozen investigators from the Santa Barbara County. It was rumored that a "secret room" was found, in which a replica of a child's bedroom was discovered, walls covered with pictures of babies and children – none of which were Jackson's. The nature of the investigation – or what they were searching for – was not disclosed, but Jackson found himself, once again, claiming his innocence.

December: Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was captured alive. For decades, Hussein tormented and tortured his country. According to officials, when the remote farmhouse was stormed by the 4th Infantry division, Saddam was not in the building, but was found in a hole 8 to 10 feet from the house. He was not the man he used to be, and at first, people wondered if it was really him. Following a medical examination, however, it was confirmed that the busy-haired, grey-bearded man with the dead eyes was indeed the former President of Iraq.

Opinion

Student's personal struggle with PC

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When I came home from Christmas break, I had the joy of bringing with me a computer for my very own use. Being the self-professed nerd that I am, I immediately dubbed my computer Frankenstein, because it was made from scratch with mismatched parts dug up in my brother's cemetery of computer parts.

Right away, I installed all the "latest" games, like Diablo and WarCraft II. I giggled with glee as I burned copies of music CDs I'd normally never be able to afford. When the first warning signs came that my computer may not have been as technologically advanced as I thought, I ignored them. Sure, the fan inside the tower was abnormally loud. Okay, so occasionally it had difficulty starting up. So long as my internet was connected and hard drive in tact, I wasn't worried.

Then it happened. When I returned from class to turn on Frankenstein, it didn't even make the pretense of starting up. Like the prophetic words of a soothsayer, the white text flickered at me: "Windows XP Professional could not start up. A file is either missing or corrupted." I gasped with horror. What illness had befallen my precious? What evil had tainted his glorious visage?

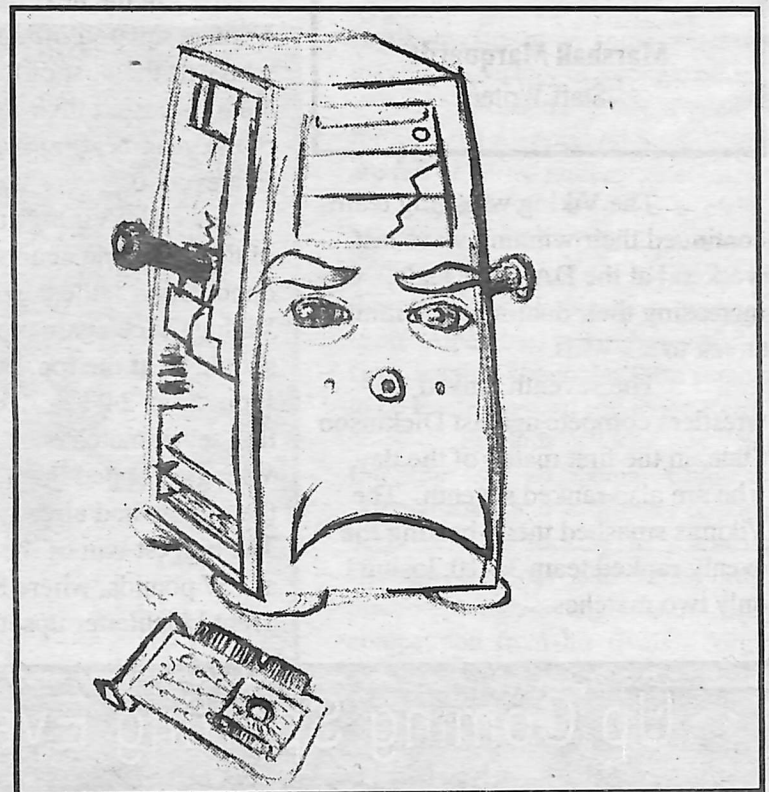
It's always been like this for me, though. The more I learn about computers, the more computers mock me in my efforts by repeatedly refusing to work properly. My brother and boyfriend, both experts in their own right in the vast field of computers; would merely have to tap a few keys, arrange the cables in a certain way, and behold! The computer would politely work with a friendly hum. I always watched with the awe of ignorance; to me, they seemed like medicine men, trained in the art of divination and mysterious arrangements of runes and

sticks. So I vowed to learn more.

Was I discouraged at the obstinate message of insubordination? Nay! I knew I had but to reinstall my coveted copy of Windows XP Professional! And, lo, it worked. Frankenstein was once again his old self – disregarding the common occurrence of the screen freezing, of course.

The happy period of obliging machinery soon passed, though. Like all of my technology, my computer once again threw a fit...a fit it wouldn't recover from. I looked on in horror as my computer tried, again and again, to start up, only to be stopped by a scary clunking noise deep in the hard drive, and it would shut down and restart on its own, only to have the same thing happen. Screaming of possession and the devil, I quickly turned it off. Frankenstein hasn't been turned on since.

Now I'm faced with two options – call my brother or boyfriend and see what they have to say, or give my love a proper Viking



funeral, complete with fire and cool horned helmets. I imagine my eulogy would be a lot like Hamlet's final words to his dear friend, Yorick:

"Alas, poor Frankenstein! I knew him, Horatio: a computer of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy: I hath borne him on my desk a thousand times; and now, how abhorred in my imagination it is! My

gorge rims at it. Here shone that monitor that I have kissed I know not how oft. Where be your games now? Your programs? Your songs? Your flashes of errors, that were wont to set my temper on a roar? Not one now, to mock your own silence? Quite broken? Now get me to my love's chamber, and tell him, let him see you now, to this favour he must come; make him work on that!"

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Sports

Dana Wrestling team keeps moving towards victory

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The Viking wrestling team continued their winning ways last weekend at the DAC 10 Duals, increasing their dual-match winning streak to six wins.

The seventh ranked wrestlers compete against Dickinson State, in the first match of the day, who are also ranked seventh. The Vikings smashed them, beating the evenly ranked team 34-10, losing only two matches.

In the next match, the Vikings squared off against Huron, who was the host of the meet. The Vikings posted their first shutout of the year, beating the Screaming Eagles 53-0.

The Vikings third dual of the day came against a tough opponent in Jamestown. The Vikings once again proved they should be at the top, beating Jamestown 24-15. After winning the first seven matches of the dual, the Vikings dropped the last three, but the victory had already been sealed. The biggest win of the match came at 157 pounds, where Sophomore Trent Leichter upset his fifth

ranked opponent by two points.

In their last dual of the day, the Vikings took on the University of Mary. The final score of the dual was 24-16, winning 6 of the 10 matches against the Marauders.

The Vikings currently have a 6-4 dual record, with three of their losses coming to non-NAIA teams. The Vikings only NAIA loss coming to the Northern Lights of Montana State Northern.

The following are the results by individual weight class from the DAC 10 Duals
Dana #1, 4-0
125-Craig Trampe (Ord, Neb.), 3-1,

2 falls

133-Brian Tsutsumi (Kaneohe, Hawaii), 3-1

141-Jason Lozier (Omaha, Neb.), 3-0, 1 fall

149-Ben Henderson (Federal Way, Wash.), 3-1

157-Trent Leichter (Harvard, Neb.), 3-1, 1 fall

165-Leister Bowling (Lyons, Colo.), 4-0, 2 falls

174-Marshall Marquardt (Altoona, Iowa), 3-1, 1 fall

184-Chris Egan (Omaha, Neb.), 2-2

197-Wynn Fangmeier (Hebron, Neb.), 3-1, 2 falls

285-Ryan Tonkin (Lincoln, Neb.), 2-2, 1 fall

Up Coming Sporting Events

Wrestling

Jan. 23 Missouri Valley (Senior Night) Blair, NE 6 p.m.

Jan. 24 Northwestern Invite Orange City, IA 9 a.m.

Jan. 31 Spartan Open Dubuque, IA 10 a.m.

Feb. 4 Briar Cliff University Sioux City, IA 7 p.m.

Track

Jan. 23-24 Holiday Inn Invitational Lincoln, NE

Jan. 31 Dordt Open Sioux Center, IA

Women's Basketball

Jan 24 University of Sioux Falls Blair, NE 2:00 p.m.

Jan 28 Hastings College Blair, NE 7:30 p.m.

Jan 31 Briar Cliff University Sioux City, IA 2:00 p.m.

Feb 3 Midland Lutheran College Blair, NE 7:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Jan. 24 Univ. of Sioux Falls 4 p.m. Blair, NE

Jan. 27 Hastings 7:30 p.m. Blair, NE

Jan. 31 Briar Cliff 4 p.m. Sioux City, IA

Feb. 4 Midland Lutheran 7:30 p.m. Blair, NE

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