

# New Hampshire showing boosts Gephardt's campaign

Editor's note: This is the first of a weekly series of presidential candidate profiles.

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After a slow start, Rep. Richard Gephardt's presidential campaign gained enough momentum to win the Democratic caucuses in Iowa and come in second in New Hampshire, bringing him national recognition and rallying support for his bid for the presidency.

"I love New Hampshire," the Missouri congressman said after his finish Tuesday, which put him five delegates behind Mass. Gov. Michael Dukakis.

Gephardt is best known for his stance on trade issues, but he also has a wide range of foreign policy stands. He supports the INF treaty, limited nuclear disarmament, the Arias peace plan, strengthening NATO, making foreign countries assume their own defense budget, negotiating talks with Israel and the Middle East, supporting small farmers in east Africa and strong sanctions against South Africa, said Caroline Fredrickson, Gephardt's campaign assistant.

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Nuclear arms reductions are a Gephardt priority, but he finds complete disarmament unrealistic and dangerous, Fredrickson said.

"He (Gephardt) would work for a strategic triad, meaning we would be protected from Soviet attack, there would be no increased chance of a war and there would be a nuclear balance," she said.

Gephardt proposes that conferences between the leaders of the Soviet Union and the United States become an annual event, Fredrickson said.

Gephardt supports the Arias peace plan for Central America and thinks the role of the U.S. government is to verify the treaty's progress, not to aid the contras, she said.

"He would like to help the people (of Central America) at the root of their problem with programs to end hunger and prevent widespread disease," Fredrickson said.

In domestic policy, Gephardt favors an oil import fee, individual education accounts to support college-bound students, improvements in primary and secondary

education, welfare reform and budget cuts, Fredrickson said.

He opposes prayer in schools, abortion on demand, most SDI funding, mandatory drug testing and capital punishment of minors and the mentally incompetent, she said.

Gephardt supports funding research for the Strategic Defense Initiative, but the program does not have high priority in the face of huge national debts, Fredrickson said.

"It must be understood that the deficit is our greatest enemy right now, which makes President Reagan's request for \$5.8 billion in funding (for SDI) ridiculous," Fredrickson said.

Gephardt wants to cut the deficit by \$30 to \$40 billion. He proposes cuts annually through cuts in the defense budget revenues from closing tax loopholes, an oil import fee and an end to farm subsidies, she said.

Oil import fees, introduced in Congress by Gephardt, would control competition from OPEC nations, Fredrickson said.

For education, Gephardt would create individual education accounts much like IRA's that parents would set up for college-bound students with



Richard Gephardt

the government providing matching funds.

"Education is a top priority, and we believe that increasing the salaries of teachers is a major step toward improvement," Fredrickson said.

Gephardt has been accused of "flip-flopping" on several issues, including abortion, which he used to condemn but now says there can be no law against it.

"Some people have mistaken growth for flip-flopping," said Fredrickson. "A rigid thinker cannot be an effective leader, and through his experience, Gephardt's views have developed."

# Minority students end protest after agreeing on reforms

From Associated Press reports

AMHERST, Mass. — A six-day occupation of a University of Massachusetts building by minority students ended Wednesday after protesters and the school's chancellor agreed on reforms to correct alleged racial harassment on campus.

The five-page agreement worked out between Chancellor Joseph Duffey and nine of the protesters included a promise to change the school's student conduct code to allow suspension of students found to commit acts of racial violence or harassment.

Duffey agreed to increased funding for the recruitment of minority students and teachers, but he rejected a demand for student involvement in hiring faculty members. He also consented to the formation of a student committee to monitor progress of the pact.

## Marine kidnapped in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Gunmen on Wednesday kidnapped a U.S. Marine officer serving with the U.N. peacekeeping force in south Lebanon as he drove along a highway. It brought to nine the number of Americans held hostage in Lebanon.

U.N. and Pentagon officials identified the victim as Lt. Col. William Higgins, 43, a native of Danville, Ky., and chief of an observer group attached to the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the abduction, which occurred about 4:15 p.m. on the coastal highway between Lebanon's southernmost port of Tyre and the border town of

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## Gunman surrenders to police

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — A four-year obsession with a Silicon Valley technician blasting into a top-secret defense plant, killing seven people with a shotgun and wounding four, including the woman who spurned him, police said Wednesday.

"I'm not crazy — I know I will die as a result of this," Robert Wade Farley, 39, told hostage negotiator Ruben Grijalva before surrendering Tuesday night, more than five hours after a fusillade announced his arrival at the ESL Inc. plant.

Little was known of Farley's past, police Capt. Al Scott said. He was never married and had no children. Farley had relatives in California, Texas and Germany and had served 11 years in the Navy, mostly shore duty, Scott said.

## Schultz, Sakharov to meet

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George Shultz will meet with noted Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov on his trip to Moscow next weekend to underline U.S. support for the human rights movement.

Other key items are the slowed-down negotiations in Geneva to produce a treaty cutting U.S. and Soviet strategic nuclear weapons in half and a prospective withdrawal of 120,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

# Task force to look into intercity rail system

By LAURA SUMMER  
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N.C. Governor Jim Martin proposed an intercity rail service Monday to help ease North Carolina transportation growth problems, although a similar Amtrak system was discontinued.

A Rail Passenger Service Task Force was formed to study the feasibility of a passenger rail system linking major Piedmont cities, Martin said. But members of the rail industry said the rail service will not be profitable and should not be state-funded.

"We say that for a train to be successful, it must cover out-of-pocket expenses in the first year," said John Jacobsen, Amtrak's director of public affairs.

Amtrak allows a train to operate for one year before its success is determined. The Amtrak line between Raleigh and Charlotte, the Carolinian, ran for 10 months before it was shut down.

While the Carolinian carried more interstate passengers than anticipated, it did not carry enough high-revenue interstate passengers, state officials said, and the General Assembly discontinued the state subsidy. Under the Amtrak agreement, the state pays for 40 percent of the first year cost, and about 66 percent of the cost thereafter.

"In North Carolina, the state couldn't let it go a second year," Jacobsen said. "It was a political decision based on the Department of Transportation selling the project to

the legislature . . . (it's) a tough political call."

According to state officials, politicians were averse to spending large state subsidies at a time when federal subsidies for the program were being reduced. The legislature didn't know where it was going to get the money, said Larry Sams, director of the DOT

planning department.

"There's a strong sentiment that funds should come from trust funds — that is, funds set up to receive a dedicated stream of revenue from a dedicated source, not from taxpayers," Sams said. "Highway taxes should not be used for anything other than highways."

# Candidates gear up for 'Super Tuesday' primary

By AMY WINSLOW  
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After heading south in the wake of the New Hampshire primaries, presidential candidates are generally sticking to their original campaigns and changing few strategies for the upcoming Southern primaries, said representatives from the candidates' N.C. headquarters.

Vice President George Bush, who placed third in the Republican caucuses in Iowa and first in New Hampshire, will target all Southern "Super Tuesday" states and continue

to stress the same issues, said Rob Schuler, campaign director for the N.C. Bush campaign.

The Democratic winner in New Hampshire, Mass. Gov. Michael Dukakis, will pay special attention to Florida, Texas, Georgia and North Carolina but will not stray from the issues he has previously stressed, said Deirdre Koppel, press secretary for the N.C. Dukakis headquarters.

"He is running a national campaign, but our staff has been working to address regional issues such as development, tobacco issues and

coastal issues," Koppel said.

The Southern campaign for Tenn. Sen. Albert Gore Jr. will take an aggressive approach but will also maintain previous campaign strategies, said Tom Hendrickson, N.C. campaign director for Gore.

"North Carolina is not a new state on his political map," Hendrickson said. "We've been going strong throughout (the South)."

North Carolina remains a very important target area for Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, said Carolyn Bechtel, state vice chair for Dole's N.C. campaign. Dole, who is battling Bush for front-runner status in the Republican race, is very strong in Western North Carolina but needs a good showing throughout the South, Bechtel said.

It is crucial for all three Republican candidates to do well in the Southern polls on March 8, said Merle Black, associate professor of political science. He said Dukakis is the only Democrat who could survive a poor showing.

With the Southern primaries in about three weeks, UNC student affiliations are also busy drumming up support for their presidential candidates.

"We'll be doing phone banking to call frequent democratic voters, holding out signs for name recognition purposes and helping with a fund-raiser in Orange County," said Tina Bessias, coordinator for the Carolina Campaign for Dukakis and co-chair for the Orange County campaign.

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