

Kerry ends bus tour by promoting new technology in the Rust Belt

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TOLEDO, Ohio — John Kerry, on the final leg of his bus tour of industrial states, on Wednesday called for new technology investments to revitalize the Rust Belt and create an economy that is based on people and products not perks and privilege.

Speaking at a United Auto Workers union hall, the Democratic presidential candidate said President Bush has a responsibility to help people out of work, even if he's not entirely to blame for some job losses.

"I'm not going to tell you that every job lost is his fault," Kerry said. "I'm not going to say that to you. But you know what, at least come out and look the people in the eye who've lost their job and say we're going to give you the job training, we're going to give you the health care."

Kerry's bus tour took him by the mines of West Virginia, the

steel communities of Pennsylvania and Ohio and the auto plants of Michigan. All four states have lost manufacturing jobs under Bush, and all four are up for grabs in the presidential race.

Kerry promises voters that if he is elected, he would create 10 million jobs during his first term.

"I want an economy that is based on people and products not perks and privilege for the wealthy and the connected," Kerry said.

Since Bush took office in January 2001, some 1.8 million jobs have been lost, according to government figures. In March, the economy added 308,000 jobs.

Among the initiatives Kerry was proposing Wednesday is a guarantee program that would help small- and medium-sized manufacturers get credit to invest in new technology.

He also said he would increase funding for military research and direct the Defense Dept. to invest in broadband, biotechnology, nanotechnology and energy independence. To prepare the work force, Kerry pledged to improve math and science education and enhance job training.

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"The bottom line: I believe that the best days of the Rust Belt aren't behind us, they're ahead of us," Kerry said in text prepared for delivery Wednesday afternoon at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, Mich.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Third party candidates hope to keep ads out of campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Texans in a pitched battle for the same U.S. House seat are sending letters to hundreds of third-party groups, telling them their advertisements are not wanted in the 32nd congressional race.

Democratic Rep. Martin Frost and Republican Pete Sessions, both of Dallas and up for re-election in November, signed an agreement to bar unapproved third-party advertising from the contest. They pledged to send the letter to local, state and national organizations. The two incumbents ended up vying for the same seat because Texas' Legislature redrew congressional district boundaries last year, carving up Frost's former District 24 so that a Republican would be heavily favored.

The candidates pledged to "publicly disavow" any advertisement of any sort that has not been authorized by one of the campaigns. They also asked third

parties already advertising to cease the ads. "It is very unsocial. I've never heard of anything like it before," said Quin Monson, assistant director for the Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy at Brigham Young University.

Enron agrees to pay \$35 million to settle trading allegations

Now the bankrupt company is emulating its former imitators in agreeing to pay millions of dollars to settle allegations of market manipulation.

However, the \$35 million Enron has agreed to pay the Commodity Futures Trading Commission will go to the back of the line behind thousands of other creditors — meaning the agency won't pocket any cash.

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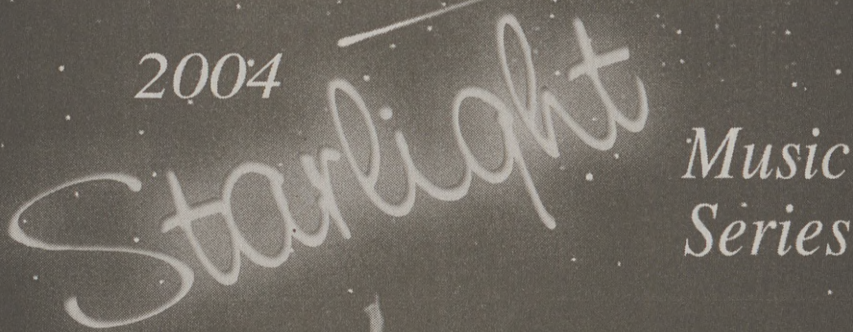
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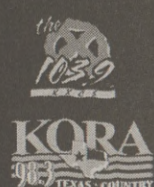
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