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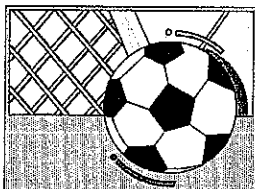
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Soccer teams ready for postseason play

But can they break tournament jinx?



Soccer Tournaments

Boys' team vs. Amity
Today at home, 2:00
Girls' team vs. Conard
Tomorrow at home, 2:00

Pairings were announced Friday for the state tournaments, and the Newington soccer teams might—just might—have finally lucked out.

Maybe. Last year, after tremendously successful regular seasons, the boys and girls soccer teams glided confidently into the postseason, where, on successive days, each was knocked out early by a tough

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Field Hockey team in tourney as 10-seed

Indians hope to prove their strength with continued postseason success

First Game

Tomorrow
at Hall,
2:00 PM

Last year, the Newington field hockey team exceeded all expectations when they went further than either NHS soccer team, advancing all

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INSIDE

NHS student Sara Araoz appears on national TV. *Pictures, page 7.*

Election '96: Time to Decide

National Student/Parent Mock Election



Newington High School results



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■ Clinton ■ Dole ■ Perot ■ others

For more results, please see pages 3-4.

Two NHS Presidents endorse their picks



Sophomore Class President **Tim Stevens** tells us why he supports **Bill Clinton**

Before I begin, I'd just like to make it clear that this article will not be a mudslinging

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Junior Class President **Tim Sheridan** tells us why he supports **Bob Dole**

When people ask me who I would choose to win the presidential election tomorrow,

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Stevens, Sheridan endorse Clinton, Dole

NHS Class Presidents make their picks in race for U.S. President

Tim Stevens for Bill Clinton

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type editorial. I will not be referring to the other candidate's positions or record in any manner. I will only be speaking on Bill Clinton's, the best man for this job, positions and record. So, now without further ado:

President Clinton has proved to us time and time again that he not only has the knowledge to do what is right for the American people, but also the guts to do it. He stands firmly on the ideals of this country and is ready and willing to take a stand on issues which concern us all. Below are some examples of this.

Affirmative Action: Bill Clinton has a "mend, don't end" policy toward this program. He understands that there exist flaws in this program and has narrowed the scope of the government preference program. He, however, also understands that is a good and necessary thing to have and has been fighting to keep it from being completely expelled as a national program.

Crime/Gun Control: Democrats are traditionally referred to by opponents as "soft on crime". This is definitely not the case with Bill Clinton. In 1994, he championed a \$30 billion dollar crime law which included funding for 100,000 new police officers and death penalties for 60 types of heinous and terrifying crimes. He also favors trying violent youth offenders as adults in the eyes of the law to make sure they get no special treatment. Finally, he signed a bill which protected families with children by having them notified when a convicted sex offender moves into their neighborhood.

In addition to being tough on crime, Bill Clinton is even tougher on guns. He worked for the passage of the assault weapons ban, which makes owning, buying, or selling any and all automatic and semi-automatic weapons illegal and punishable under law. He also helped push through the Brady Bill, named for and endorsed by Reagan's former Secretary of State who was shot in the head by a previously convicted madman who wouldn't have been able to own a gun if the Brady Bill existed then. This bill imposes waiting periods and background checks for all handgun purchases. In the future, Clinton would like to expand gun control to banning the sale of guns to convicted spouse abusers.

Drugs: Clinton has been beaten around very much lately for the rise in teen drug use. This is a simple case of misrepresentation of the facts. While it is true that some drug use has risen, use of cocaine, perhaps one of the most dangerous drugs on the market, is down since Clinton took

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Tim Sheridan for Bob Dole

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there is no doubt in my mind who I pick. Senator Bob Dole. If you ask anybody who has ever come in contact with me, they will tell you that I am a right-wing conservative, and very proud to be a Republican. I think I'm one of the only students in my school that is an official member of the Republican National Committee. All right, enough about me, lets find out more about the next president.

Bob Dole has been a United States senator for almost thirty years now, since 1969. That is (to me) a very long time. He has been either the Senate minority or majority leader since 1984. Before he was in the Senate, he was in the House of Representatives from 1961-1969. He was the chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1971-1973. He has also held many state and county offices before he burst on the national scene. When Gerald Ford unsuccessfully ran for president in 1976, Bob Dole was his running-mate.

If you ever see the presidential hopeful on television, you can see there is something wrong with his right hand. He was injured in World War II. He was awarded two bronze stars for his duty in W.W.II. He was in the US. Army from 1943-1949.

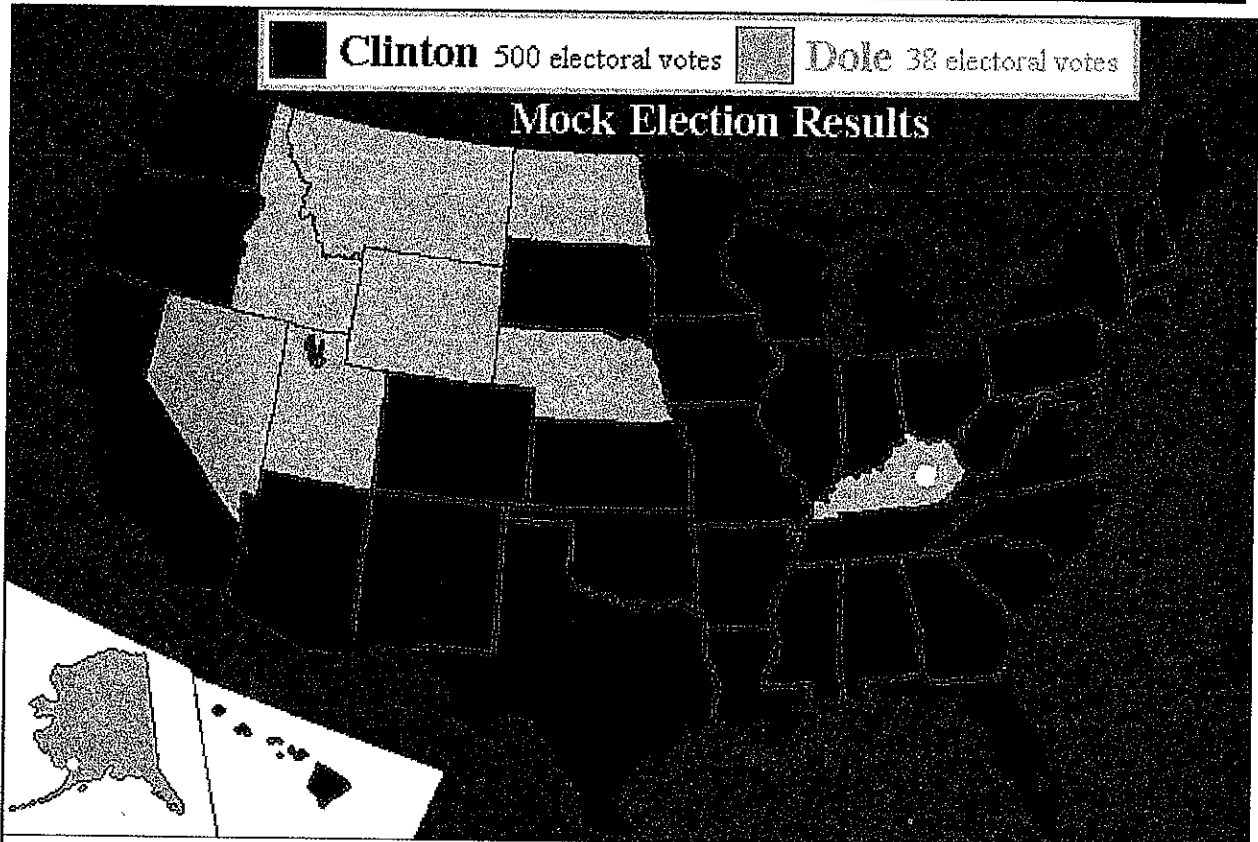
For Bob Dole's Education, there is plenty to talk about. From 1941-1943, he went to the University of Kansas. He also went to the University of Arizona from 1948-1949. The senator received his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law in 1952 at Washburn University.

I'd now like to briefly touch on all the issues facing our nation, where Bob Dole stands on each of them, and how they are good for the United States of America.

EDUCATION: He favors an amendment that would allow voluntary prayer in school. He wants many choices to be turned over to the schools themselves. He thinks grants to colleges with community service as a payoff are wrong. Also, schools should teach U.S. achievement. These are all very good ideas because it seems he wants to set up a basic agenda for the schools, but also wants to leave many choices left for them.

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National Student/Parent Mock Election Results

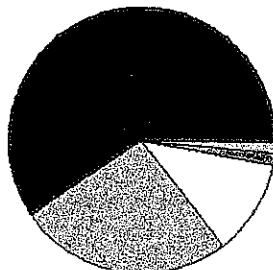
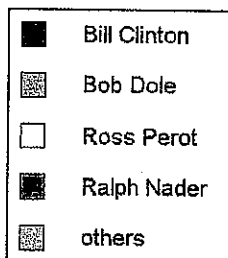


Nationwide Results: Presidential Election

Popular Vote: Clinton 54.5%, Dole 32.5%, Perot 10.1%, others 2.9%

Electoral Vote: Clinton 500 (41 states), Dole 38 (9 states), Perot/others 0 (0 states)

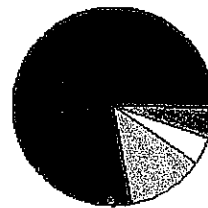
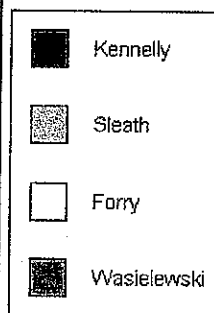
Connecticut Results: Presidential Election



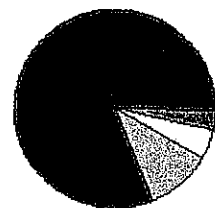
STATEWIDE:

Clinton (Democrat)—48,069 (59.7%)
 Dole (Republican)—20,810 (25.8%)
 Perot (Reform Party)—9,320 (11.6%)
 Nader (Green Party)—1,224 (1.5%)
 Browne (Libertarian Party)—503 (0.6%)
 Phillips (Concerned Citizens)—333 (0.4%)
 Hagelin (Natural Law Party)—284 (0.4%)

Local Results: For Congress



NHS results



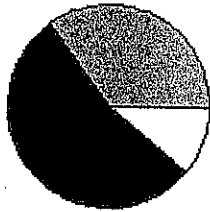
overall results (entire district)

<u>DISTRICT #1</u>	<u>NHS voters</u>	<u>All voters</u>
Barbara Kennelly	679 (78.0%)	7,470 (81.4%)
Kent Sleath	109 (12.5%)	984 (10.7%)
John Forry	38 (4.4%)	416 (4.5%)
Dan Wasielewski	44 (5.1%)	312 (3.4%)

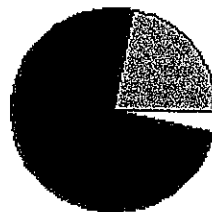
More Results from the National Mock Election

Results from around Connecticut: The other races for Congress Connecticut's other five Congressional races

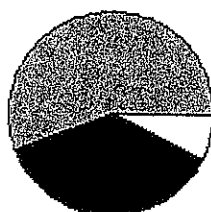
Republican
 Democrat
 others



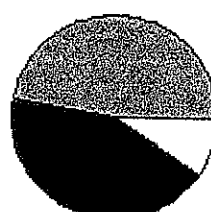
DISTRICT #2
Sam Gadjenson (D)
 6,161 (53.6%)
Ed Munster (R)
 4,056 (35.3%)
others
 1,274 (11.1%)



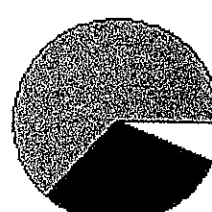
DISTRICT #3
Rosa DeLauro (D)
 3,627 (74.5%)
John Coppola (R)
 1,082 (22.2%)
others
 162 (3.3%)



DISTRICT #4
Chris Shays (R)
 2,544 (56.1%)
Bill Finch (D)
 1,666 (36.7%)
others
 325 (7.2%)



DISTRICT #5
Gary Franks (R)
 2,468 (47.1%)
Jim Maloney (D)
 2,272 (43.4%)
others
 498 (9.5%)



DISTRICT #6
Nancy Johnson (R)
 5,790 (63.4%)
Charlotte Koskoff (D)
 2,750 (30.1%)
others
 595 (6.5%)

How NHS voted for State Senate

Bill Ciotto (D) 480 (62.6%)
P.J. Hallisey (R) 287 (37.4%)

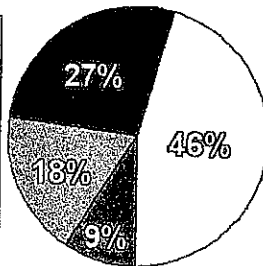
How NHS voted for State Representative

25th Assembly District **27th Assembly District**
John Geragosian (D) 515 (60.6%) **Dom Mazzoccoli (R)** 543 (63.3%)
John Gubbins (R) 335 (39.4%) **William Cariseo (D)** 315 (36.7%)

Results from the *Living Room Times* NHS survey

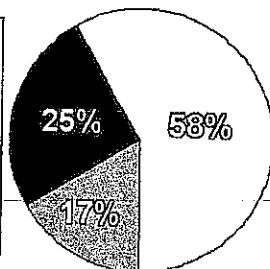
How NHS Seniors voted in our survey

Perot
 Clinton
 Dole
 others



Of students 18 or older who actually plan to vote in the election, who will they vote for?

Perot
 Clinton
 Dole
 others



Students' comments on the candidates and the issues

One question on the *LR Times* survey asked students who they would vote for in a head-to-head race between Clinton and Dole. The next question asked them why they voted the way they did. Here are some responses:

- "Dole has more trust in America than Clinton and his high moral standings appeal to me. Dole is more realistic."
- "I hate everything about Clinton!"
- "People don't give [Dole] a chance, I think he could do a good job, if people just let him. He can't screw the United States up any more than it already is."
- "Clinton is the Anti-Christ, Bob Dole rules"
- "I feel Bob Dole is a man who has proven over and over his ability to lead and his fierceness in standing up for the rights of people in America."
- "We need someone different, I'm sick of Clinton."
- "I personally like Clinton better and Dole has never been good with people; he wants people to forget about his past mistakes. Democrats are my favorites."
- "The economy has turned around since [Clinton] was first elected."
- "I don't like Dole. I think he's fake and dishonest."
- "[Clinton] has been doing a good job in the White House, even though he's made mistakes. But all people made mistakes."
- "Bob Dole didn't come to the pre-debate rally, and I waited over an hour for him. He also charged for food."
- "I don't like Bob Dole and Clinton hasn't screwed up our country really bad in the last four years, so why not?"
- "I don't like either of them. I would rather see Perot or Griffey."

FALL SPORTS: STATE TOURNAMENTS

Field Hockey aims for more tournament success

#10 Indians begin their postseason tomorrow with game at Hall

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the way to the state quarterfinals, where they just barely lost, 3-2, in a tremendously hard-fought game against Guilford.

Asked at the time how it felt for the field hockey team, often the butt of jokes told by soccer players and others, to surpass both of Newington High's highly-acclaimed soccer teams, Coach Patty McComb said it was "very sweet."

But Coach McComb suggested Friday that, even after last year's success, the field hockey Indians still are not on a level playing field with their soccer counterparts in the eyes of many observers.

"We'll always have something to prove," she said.

In what could be considered something of a jab at the soccer teams, McComb added, "We play a lot tougher teams in our division. And, in my season, I play tough teams. And so our record doesn't always show how well we are. But when we start playing in the state tournament, people can see how strong we are."

McComb's team, whose 6-5-5 record earned them the #10-seed in Class L, will begin their quest to show that strength tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 in a road game with #7-seeded Hall.

As for that first game, McComb said the Indians' being matched up against Hall is both good and bad. "It's not

good because we've played them before, and usually, I like to play someone that we haven't played, so the girls have no outlook. However, when we played Hall, we tied them the first time, and the second time, we lost 1-0 when we were in our slump. So that's good for me, because I know that we can play better than we played them that particular day."

Another possible disadvantage for the Indians is their health. "I have to keep my girls healthy right now. A lot of kids sick, a lot of kids injured, a lot of kids hurt. So, we have to work on that over the weekend."

Looking back on the regular season, McComb said she is "pleased" with how things went. "We did a little better than I expected," she said. "I asked for a 50% season, and we came up a little bit higher than that. (With wins counting as two points and ties as one point, their percentage was slightly higher than 53%.) We qualified for the tournament early again, which is great. So all in all, I'm pleased. We had a little slump there for a couple games, but we seemed to come back."

If that comeback can continue, the Indians might get a rematch against #2 Simsbury, a team which barely beat them 1-0 during the final week of the regular season, on Thursday.

But that'll have to wait. For now, the hopeful Indians are taking things "one game at a time."

Is this the year for NHS soccer in November?

Both teams hope to put past tournament disappointments behind them

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Fairfield County team.

This year, Fairfield County teams are nowhere to be seen—at least, nowhere near Newington's early-round matchups—and the Indians might finally have a chance to shine in November. The boys soccer team plays Amity today, and then if they win, either Holy Cross or Fairfield Prep on Wednesday. The girls play Conard tomorrow, and then potentially New Britain on Lyman Hall on Thursday. All those games would be at home at 2:00.

"It's not as difficult [as last year]," said boys coach Dave Clarke of his team's tournament placement. "The draw was kind. That's the type of draw that we needed. Just, you know, get your feet wet, hopefully get a couple of rounds behind us, and get ready for the tests ahead."

Girls coach Paul Mallia was somewhat more cautious in his optimism. "On paper, it looks a lot better...but still, it's similar [to last year's draw, when Newington lost in the first round to Fairfield Country power Ridgefield] in that Ridgefield was second in the conference down there, and Conard is, maybe, third or fourth in the conference [the CCC West] with Simsbury, Glastonbury, and Hall... We've drawn somewhat the same type of team from the same type of conference, but I think that Ridgefield, overall, probably is a lot better as a team."

Neither team, boys or girls, has anything more to prove in the regular season. The girls just finished their second straight undefeated season, and both teams have been CCC South champs for the at least past two years. But

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- Due to computer problems, Page 6, which contained tournament brackets for boys soccer, girls soccer, and field hockey could not be printed.

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NHS life

IN WORDS
AND
PICTURES

Sara Araoz appears on *Entertainment Tonight*

Newington High School sophomore Sara Araoz made an appearance on national TV last Saturday on *Entertainment Tonight*. *ET* was doing a pre-Halloween story about the nation's best haunted houses, and Connecticut's own "Haunted Happenings," where Sara worked, was featured in the story. Sara appeared briefly twice during the segment. Asked about her national TV debut, Sara said simply, "It was great."

Below are two pictures from *Entertainment Tonight* which include Sara.



Halloween Pictures



NHS QUOTES

"People who haven't been down to the DMV don't know what waiting is. People can meet, marry, and have kids, and they're still not in the front of the line." —**Mr. Aros**

"Thank God for bees. If it wasn't for bees, we'd actually have to work every second." —**Mrs. Perkins, when a bee flew into her room**

"I'm a teacher. Teachers and elephants do very similar things—they both work for peanuts." —**Mr. Sudo**

"Ever heard of a telegraph? Who's never heard of a telegraph? It was an early form of E-Mail." —**Mr. Aros**

"Another belief that I have about human nature is that if someone drones on and on in abstractions like I'm doing right now, Todd Stigliano will fall asleep." —**Mrs. Perkins**

LATE SHOW TOP TEN

Election '96 special

SNL

Below are *Late Show With David Letterman* Top Ten lists and *Saturday Night Live* jokes about tomorrow's election. To see three more, non-election related, Top Ten lists, turn to Page 9.

TOP TEN WAYS CLINTON COULD STILL LOSE THE ELECTION

10. End every speech by shouting, "Let's give California to the Belgians"
9. Hire new campaign manager: Michael Dukakis
8. Appear on CNN giving back rubs to Saddam Hussein
7. Agree to "spot" Bob Dole two hundred million votes
6. Announce his plan to raise taxes 30% and spend all the money on hookers and Cheetos
5. At final rally, surprise walk-on by the Menendez brothers
4. Replace entire National Guard with New York Jets defensive line
3. Reveal he's already arranged a date with Madonna's baby for the year 2014
2. Former White House physician publishes tell-all book about his pasty white thighs
1. New campaign slogan: "I'm only in it for the chicks"

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TOP TEN WAYS BOB DOLE CAN GET ROSS PEROT TO DROP OUT OF THE ELECTION

10. Threaten that if he doesn't drop out, he'll never see his imaginary friend Larry again
9. Arrange for debate between Perot and a crate of angry wolverines
8. Try the old classic: "I'll drop out if you drop out"
7. Mesmerize him with a shiny object, then shove him into a meat locker
6. Create new cabinet position: Secretary of Pint-Sized Nutcase Billionaires
5. Give him a delicious cashew—then say, "No more cashews until you drop out"
4. Offer to fix him up with a hot republican babe like Jeane Kirkpatrick
3. Promise he'll not only cut Perot's taxes, he'll also cut his hair every day for a year
2. Drive him to Tijuana, get him drunk, ditch him
1. Just ask him—no one can resist that famous Bob Dole charm!

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TOP TEN SIGNS BOB DOLE HAS GIVEN UP

10. His latest fund-raising pitch: "Help me retire comfortably"
9. He's doubled his number of daily naps to twelve
8. Just canceled a huge rally in Omaha to watch a "Home Improvement" rerun
7. Allowed himself to be photographed standing with Newt Gingrich
6. He's become much more open about his homosexuality, his alcoholism, and his belief in flying saucers
5. Doesn't have another smile scheduled until January '98
4. Attended Halloween costume party as Michael Dukakis
3. Even though it alienates many voters, he's been delivering all his speeches in the form of "gangsta rap"
2. When he falls off the stage, he just lies there
1. His new campaign slogan: "Hey America -- Bite Me"

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ELECTION QUOTES FROM SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

- "I'm glad we're getting this chance to chat a little bit. I wanna tell you the bottom line: Bob Dole wants to be President, but *not gonna do it*."
—George Bush character
- "Bob Dole is gonna do it! Two days is a long time in politics!" —Bob Dole character
- "Read my lips: No chance in hell." —George Bush character
- "Tell me, George, why do people like [Clinton] so much?" —Bob Dole character
- "Well, Clinton's like a laid-back uncle, the guy who'll buy them beer when they're underage. Bob Dole's the scary old neighbor, the guy who cuts up nerf footballs that accidentally fall in his yard." —George Bush character
- "I like Clinton. You know why I like Clinton? Because he's got real problems. He don't got President problems, he's got *real* problems, like you and me. He's running out of money, his wife's a pain in the ass, all his friends are going to jail. I know Bill Clinton. I *am* Bill Clinton." —Chris Rock
- "At a rally in California this week, Dole urged voters to ignore polls which have him trailing President Clinton by double-digits. In addition, Dole asked them to ignore newspaper headlines next Wednesday that say 'DOLE LOSES IN LANDSLIDE.'" —Norm MacDonald
- "Bob, it's getting kind of late. We've been rehearsing your acceptance speech for the past five hours. Maybe we ought to try your concession speech, just in case." —Elizabeth Dole character
- "The polls are wrong, lady. Bob Dole's going to win." —Bob Dole character
- "No, Bob. On Tuesday, you're going to get your ass handed to you on a silver platter. You're going to be beaten like a rented mule. So, just to be thorough, why don't we give your concession speech a try?" —Elizabeth Dole character
- "All right then, well... My fellow Americans, after a 35-year career in Congress, after giving my body and soul to this country in times of war and peace... you ungrateful scum have crushed an old man's dream! Shame on you, America!" —Bob Dole character
- "Bob, I think going back to your first draft at this point is counterproductive." —Elizabeth Dole character
- "Yeah, well, that's easy for you to say. Next week, you'll still be President of the Red Cross. Bob Dole will be sitting in his underwear watching The Weather Channel." —Bob Dole character

**TOP TEN SIGNS
YOU'VE HIRED
THE WRONG KID TO
RAKE YOUR LEAVES**

10. He charges you by the leaf
9. Keeps asking where he should plug in his rake
8. Picks up leaves one at a time, dips them in nacho cheese, and eats them
7. Says, "This'll just take a minute," and starts soaking your lawn with gasoline
6. Your neighbor calls and asks, "Who's that naked guy chasing my dog with a rake?"
5. Half an hour after he starts, you notice he's sitting on your back porch
4. You recognize his work gloves from the O.J. Simpson trial
3. Comes to your door and says, "I've had a long talk with the leaves, and they've decided to stay"
2. Constantly reminding you that he used to be famous for those "Home Alone" movies
1. His motto: rake a leaf, do a shot

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**LATE SHOW
TOP
TEN**

**TOP TEN WAYS
NEW YORKERS ARE
CELEBRATING THE
YANKEES' WORLD
SERIES VICTORY**

10. Loan sharks collecting debts with autographed Bernie Williams baseball bats
9. Street vendors boiling their hot dogs in tobacco juice
8. Statue of Liberty replaced with gigantic life-size statue of Cecil Fielder
7. All chalk body outlines drawn in catcher's squatting position
6. Sports bars serving beer in cups worn by actual Yankees
5. Mob corpses in East River are now wearing those foam rubber "we're #1" fingers
4. Mayor Giuliani shaving "Yankees Rule!" into his comb-over
3. Cast of "Cats" ending eerie show by scratching themselves
2. Two words: Pinstriped Hookers
1. Smokin', Drinkin', and Fightin'

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**TOP TEN SURPRISES
IN O.J. SIMPSON'S
CBS INTERVIEW**

10. Soon as trial is over, he's agreed to play "The Phantom" on Broadway.
9. His new strategy: replace costly defense team with Psychic Friends Network
8. No matter what the question was, O.J. kept insisting that he and Princess Di are "just friends"
7. He's renting a time-share in the Poconos with Mark Furhrman
6. His new E-Mail address: www.I can't believe I got away with murder.com
5. Kept playfully lunging at interviewer with butter knife and yelling, "Gotcha!"
4. He's been asked to come out of retirement by the New York Jets
3. Spent entire interview leafing through copy of Playboy muttering "Had her," "Had Her," "Almost had her"
2. Admitted that he sometimes thinks about killing musician John Tesh
1. His opening act: The Menendez Brothers

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Vote for Clinton

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office four years ago. He has not ignored the problem. He elevated the Drug Czar to a cabinet position and filled it with a former four star general, and definite patriot. He also proposed a \$15-billion 1997 budget for fighting drug use, an increase of 9.3%. This is *not* an issue that Clinton isn't facing head-on.



Education: Bill Clinton is a friend to all families with children in school. Since taking office, Clinton has been one of the most education protective Presidents to come along in a while. He backs increased public-school choice, including more publicly funded, but independent, charter schools. He opposes private school voucher proposal which forces towns to pay for private schooling for children if their parents decide to enroll them in one. He isn't ignoring the hardships of paying for college, either. He has called for a \$43-billion plan of tax credits and deductions to make college more affordable to working families everywhere.

Environment: Bill Clinton is the environmental friendly President. Besides the fact that his Vice President, Al Gore, is one of the most environmentally interested people in Washington, Clinton has proven he cares for our planet through his actions. He vetoed a Republican attempt to weaken the Clean Air Act and to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to development. He also opposes the "property rights" movement, an act which would force the U.S. government, using your taxes, to compensate those who are more worried about their property value than saving our Earth.

Jobs and the Economy: We are better off now than we were four years ago economically. Clinton took our country from recession to what he calls "the strongest economy in three decades". To keep this upswing going, he favors more spending on education and job training to reduce unemployment and prepare workers for jobs of the future. And to make sure young workers aren't lost in this new explosion of business he strongly supports an increase in the minimum wage so that young adults' salaries match that of a strong economy.

Taxes: Now here is a hot topic. Bill Clinton has a program that will work. He has proposed a \$107 billion dollar package of "targeted tax cuts" over the next six years, including a family tax credit of \$500 a child so working families can keep as much of their hard earned money as possible. He also opposes a general capital

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Vote for Dole

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ABORTION: He is against abortion. But, not totally. With the exception of rape or incest, or when the woman's life is in danger, he thinks abortion should be allowed. He sets this up, but thinks the states should have a right to set up restrictions.



IMMIGRATION: Pat

Buchanan, a former presidential candidate, wants to put up a fence on the border of The U.S. and Mexico and double the Border Patrol Force to stop immigration. This is clearly the wrong solution. Although Bob Dole is not that extreme, he wants states not be able to give services to illegal immigrants. He also wants to ease the requirements it takes to be a U.S. citizen. Along with most of the other candidates, he wants English to be the official language of the U.S. Immigration is a big problem in America, and Bob Dole's solution is right.

DEFENSE: Bob Dole wants to increase defense spending. This is vital to America's stand in the world. The cost of veterans' programs (he who is one of them) can be cut without cutting the services themselves.

ENVIRONMENT: In the Senate, he sponsored legislation to compensate owners whose land values are cut by some regulations. He also sponsored a bill that would cut the acreage of wetlands. Bob Dole is against raising the fees of ranchers who have cattle on federal land. In 1990, he voted for the strengthening the Clean Air act.

HEALTH CARE: He is in favor of the Republican congressional plan to slow the growth of Medicare. He thinks there should be more private-sector plans. Along with that, there should be medical saving accounts. Bob Dole sponsored bills to keep the same insurance plan when switching to another job. Private sector plans are the key to balanced health care.

TRADE: He supports North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Global Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) but also thinks the United States should be harder in objecting to violations. The United States has been too easy dealing with these types of violations in the past.

JOBS: Bob Dole wants to give tax credits to companies that are job creating and move to areas with high unemployment rates. That is a great idea and it definitely will create more jobs.

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gains tax cut in favor of an exempting tax of up to \$500,000 in profit from the sale of a home.

Welfare Reform: Another misrepresentation of the Democratic Party is that they want people on Welfare to stay there and continue to soak up free handouts from Uncle Sam. This is not the case with Bill Clinton. He recently signed a reform bill which requires recipients to find work in two years and limits lifetime Welfare to five years. There are harsh parts to this bill as well, however. Clinton is in favoring of softening these parts, including cuts in food stamps and the racist restrictions on the rights of legal immigrants.

Medicare: Here is another hot topic in which the average American has no idea what is truly happening. Here is the truth of the matter. President Clinton vetoed a Republican-backed effort to control the cost of Medicare. His reasons were that he felt such an idea would hurt senior citizens and close hospitals. With this in mind, he did what was right and decided against the risky bill.

Character: Here is one of the biggest non-issue issues of this campaign. Clinton has had to wade through gallons of mud being slung at him in a completely partisan manner. To prove that he is not a "slick willie," but rather a good and honest man, I am highlighting two supposed scandals, Whitewater and Clinton's avoidance of the draft.

Whitewater. Simply and easily put, only Republicans would think losing money is a crime. Seriously, if there was anything there, something would have been found amid all the scrutiny involved with this issue.

Then there is Clinton's status as a "draft dodger." Why would we punish a man for standing up for what he believes in? Americans are supposed to be loyal to their country's ideals, not necessarily the government which represents them. Some have called him a coward; I believe he was far more courageous than those who simply followed orders like lemmings following each other off a cliff. This is not an example of Bill Clinton's lack of character, but rather proves how much character he truly has.

So, when the polls open tomorrow, I trust that you will make the right decision. Vote Bill Clinton and help us build a bridge to the future.

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TAXES: He promises no increase in the income tax, and, in fact, has pledged to enact a 15% across-the-board tax cut. Steve Forbes, another former candidate, was in favor of a plan called "Flat Tax". Bob Dole says it should be studied before it is put into action. He is in support of tax free deposits in IRAs.

WELFARE: He thinks welfare should be turned over to state control. He thinks they can deal with it in a better way, locally. There should be a 5-year lifetime welfare time limit. One issue that I think is very important and I feel is very right is that there will be no added benefits given to single mothers who have extra children. Single, teenage mothers would be required to live at home and stay in school to get benefits.

Just in the last year and a half the Republicans have brought welfare, medicare and medicaid reform to President Clinton. They also put forward the first balanced budget plan in years. Clinton vetoed them all. Except Welfare. Clinton was forced to sign welfare reform after Dole left the Senate. He stole the entire reform plans from the Republicans. Now, it is time to "veto President Clinton".

When people tell me why they wouldn't want Bob Dole to be our next president, the issue of his age always comes up. Currently he is 73. To me, age shouldn't be an issue in this race. To me, if his age is a real issue in the campaign, it should mean experience. If he was 173 or 273 I would still support him because I believe he is the right man for the job. He is the man who can lead us into the next century.

"There is one responsibility only the federal government has, and that is to protect our freedom."

-Sen. Bob Dole