Introduction

The legal requirements to be the President of the Unites States of America are enumerated in Article II, Section 1, of the Constitution. That document limits the office to natural-born citizens who have lived in the United States at least 14 years and who are at least 35 years of age. The 22nd Amendment limits a president to two terms.

Perhaps less known, is the requirement that a candidate for the presidency prove himself to be a competent Hearts player. A secret study conducted jointly by the National Security Council and the League of Women Voters, found that the abilty to play a good game of Hearts was absolutely correlative to the ability to lead the Free World. This scientific evidence merely reinforced what savy politicians, pundits, and voters had long suspected and gave a clue as to what actually went on in those famous "smoke-filled rooms" in the back of political convention halls.

Knowing, deep down, that YOU are the best person to lead America into the next Millenium, and sensing your time has finally come, you have thrown your hat into the ring! YOU will run for President! So what if you aren't on the ballot in all fifty States-(It is fifty, right?). So what if your only endorsement is from Islamic Jihad?   So what if you have prior felony convictions for stalking Gary Hart? You can play a mean game of Hearts and you're willing to prove it...

YOUR OPPONENTS

PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON - Democrat

CURRENT JOB: 42d President of the U.S.A.
BORN: Aug. 19, 1946 in Hope, Ark.
EDUCATION: Georgetown University (1964-68), Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar (1968-70), and Yale Law School (1970-73).
MILITARY SERVICE: None.
MARRIED: Once to Hillary Rodham since 1961???
CHILDREN: Daughter, Chelsea
MAJOR POSITIONS: Govenor of Arkansas, 1978-80, 1982-92

SENATOR ROBERT J. DOLE   - Republican

CURRENT JOB: Senator 1968-96,   majority leader   1985-87, 1994-96
BORN: July 22, 1923, Russell, Kans.
EDUCATION: University of Kansas, 1941-43; University of Arizona, 1948-49; Washburn University, B.A. and LL.B., 1952.
MILITARY SERVICE: Army, 1943 as second lieutenant, released as captain in 1948. Wounded 1945. Awarded two Bronze Stars.
MARRIED: Divorced once and remarried to Mary Elizabeth Hanford since 1975.

CHILDREN: Daughter, Robin, 40, from previous marriage.
MAJOR POSITIONS: Kansas House of Representatives, 1951-53;   Republican
National Committee chairman, 1971-1973; Senate majority leader, 1984-86; minority
leader, 1987-94; elected majority leader, Dec 1994.

MR. H. ROSS PEROT - Reform Party

CURRENT JOB: Founder Perot Systems Corp.   Very Rich Man.
BORN: June 27th, 1930.   Texarkana, Texas.
EDUCATION: U.S. Naval Academy
MILITARY SERVICE: U.S.   Navy 1953 - 1957
MAJOR POSITIONS: Worked for I.B.M, 1957-1962.   Founded E.D.S. in 1962 which he
later sold for $2 Billion dollars in 1984.   In the1992 election he won 19% of the popular
vote.

HOW A COMPUTER PLAYS HEARTS

In much the same way that Santa's reindeer are able to fly, the "chip" inside
your computer is able to The computer doesn't play like you do, but rather as
you think you do.   It is a rule-based "Expert System" that uses human advice
to make its own choices.   It develops general rules based on specific
examples, i.e., leading high hearts when not Shooting the Moon is bad policy.

These rules allow your computer to look at any trick, in the context of the
whole game, and decide which card to play.   This choice does not always
turn out for the best –most choices are gambles and sometimes the
computer gambles poorly.   The evaluation of these possibilities is how the
different playing styles, discussed below, are achieved in Hearts Deluxe. A
careful reading of the strategy guide will tell you much about how Hearts
Deluxe plays hearts.

"You have a world model and you consider alternatives.   If this thing could
talk, it could describe this internal process, and it could tell you, 'Yeah..I
considered going around there, but it didn't seem like a good idea
because...'"

                                    Hans Moravec

The telepathy window under the Show Me menu is an attempt to get "this
thing to talk."   I hope you find it interesting.