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Where's the beef? We need to tell them
a little more - like Ed's idea - how much
Bill Clinton will cost them taxes.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARLINGTON PICNIC
ARLINGTON, OHIO
SATURDAY, SEPT, 26, 1992
1:30 P.M.

Governor Voinovich, thank you for that introduction. And to all of you, for letting us help celebrate Arlington's 100th birthday. What a wonderful turnout in the heartland of Ohio!

I look out here and see real people -- real lives -- who believe in the real values. Honor / loyalty / faith in God / dedication. /

Talk about dedication. I understand your deputy sherriff, Kreg Sheets, is here although he's getting married later today. / Kreg, give our best to your bride, Kris Martin. All I can say is that if you're marrying someone as wonderful as Barbara Bush, you'll look back on today as the best day of your life. //

Already, today's been wonderful for Barbara and me. First, the sendoff from my dad's birthplace, Columbus. Next, a grand stop in Marrysville. Then, the trip here through sweeping farmland and gentle hills. People greeting us on both sides of "The Spirit of America." Great sounds. Even greater sights. /

Early on, we passed through cornfields with scarecrows. One scarecrow was really scary. / He was dressed up like Dan Rather. / Actually, he sort of reminded me of Bill Clinton's policies of tax and spend. He was so scary some crows brought back the corn they had stolen two years ago. //

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No, won't be able to hear. Press will know.

I especially liked it on the way here from Marysville when one dairy farmer shouted at me. Said / he'd be / pulling for us. / And all along I got the sense there's support out there for our ticket. We passed a farm and a herd of cows did the wave. // good

And always, we knew the best still lay ahead of us. This town / this lunch / and Rosemary Orwick's pasta noodles. / I'm not quite sure what's more difficult -- working with Congress or getting Rosemary to divulge her secret recipe. //

Well, it's no secret what's at stake in this election. An America of good schools, and safe streets. Low taxes, and less regulation. An America working / hoping / building / dreaming. Where every day is the 4th of July -- for our families, and for our kids. //

I know some people don't get this. One in particular tells us America is being ridiculed around the world. Folks ask me why my opponent keeps saying these things. Beats me. Maybe he's inhaled too many bus fumes. //

People that run around the country running this country down will always be in the caboose. Arlington knows better. Knows America isn't last -- it's first. Knows we are the locomotive that pulls the world forward -- and we always will, ^{be.} //

One hundred years ago, Arlington was incorporated. Jim Huff became the town's first Mayor -- William Smith the town "lamplighter." / A local history book wrote ^{of how} "You could see ^{him} [Bill] every evening with his little stepladder and five gallon can, working both ways from the square." //

We've come a long way since 1892, Mayor Huff, and gasoline streetlights. / In 1900, for instance, Arlington got its first telephone. In 1901, Jerry Brown's great-grandfather installed the first 800 number. / Today, we're on the brink of a New Millennium. America is ever changing / ever resolute / always romancing the unknown.

Yet some things never change. Character is changeless. Values are ageless. / Maybe that's one reason I got such a kick this year out of swimmer Pablo Morales at the Olympics. Think of it. Missed out in '84, didn't make the team in '88, then came back this year to earn a gold medal -- the ripe age of 27. Let that be a lesson: Youth and inexperience are no match for maturity and determination. //

At 100, Arlington is mature -- yet ever-young. Determined to keep alive the Spirit of America -- victorious, confident, and free. / Thank you for doing that -- and for this magnificent welcome. God bless you, and God bless America.

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Just look at these ten workout stations we'll be visiting in several minutes. One involves aerobics, another volleyball. A third salutes academics -- for America must be mentally as well as physically fit. // A special workout honors true heroes -- representatives of the Special Olympics. // Still another stars the great Harlem Globetrotters. // ((Just like the Globetrotters, I got a lot of laughs when I played basketball. The difference is they're funny on purpose.) //

Then, there's a workout I particularly like -- family sports from putt-putt to horseshoes. / I believe in family sports. I remember Little League back in Texas. Our four boys played it. I coached it. ((Back then there were tens of thousands of kids playing ball. There were times I thought Barbara Bush was car-pooling them all.)) //

Family sports is only one way fitness can enrich the human mind and body. Lowering stress, blood pressure, and cholesterol. Reducing heart disease and stroke. / Here's where we've made progress. Far fewer Americans smoke than, say, 25 years ago. / Today, Americans get less of their energy from fat and more from carbohydrates than in the late 1970s. / Increasingly, Americans are concerned about the nutritional content of foods. /

We have to build on these beginnings. Eat a balanced and nutritional diet. Avoid drug use. Avoid excessive alcohol use. We also have to act on another front -- namely, putting new emphasis on quality physical education in our schools. / Today, the lack of such activity is one reason our kids are more

overweight than 20 years ago. We have to change that. Only one State -- Illinois -- requires daily physical education. We have to change that, too: Let's make it fifty -- just as Arnold has done as Chairman of the President's Council. //

That's why today we're encouraging physical activity beyond that usually practiced in Washington: Chasing rumors / pumping for information / exercising caution / sidestepping issues / and jumping to conclusions. // We're saying: Let's diet / exercise / and make smart choices mentally and physically -- and thus enhance the quality and longevity of each American's life. //

A man to my left here knows this: Knows that an America that is physically fit -- and mentally fit -- is fit to take on the world. / At 83, Milton Berle still rides his stationary bike, does a lot of walking, punches the heavy bag, and maintains a healthy diet. / No wonder he was just named a special assistant to Arnold. / ((It was Uncle Miltie who helped suggest this early kickoff time. Some surprise: He's usually played 18 holes of golf by now.)) //

To Milton Berle -- to Arnold -- to every participant -- my thanks for what you've done. Thanks for showing what fitness means -- American excellence -- and for helping it link the American family -- fathers and daughters, mothers and sons. Now, let's all practice what we preach. Let's visit the stations of The Great American Workout.

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