

Scanning the Web

Frank Andorka reviews political sites for election 2000

I'm in a horribly uncomfortable position this year as the 2000 election looms. I've always loved politics and have followed it passionately. But this year Al Gore is evil and George Bush is vapid, so whose name will I punch on November's ballot? I turned to the Web for help and found a couple of sites that can help us ALL make the right choice (all sites start with <http://> unless otherwise noted):

(**** - Bookmark it and return frequently; * - Look at only if absolutely necessary)

▶ **** www.speakout.com/selectsmart - Created so people would have a forum in which to express their political opinions, this site offers a candidate-choosing section that includes 17 issue-oriented questions. When you submit the survey, the site will tell you which top candidates most closely match your views. From there, you can follow the sites' hot links to candidate pages, issue



pages and other great links. For those of you who don't have a political label, this site will also help you find where you fall on the political spectrum. It's a lot of fun.

*** www.self-gov.org/quiz.html - I'm a little suspicious that this page was set up by the Libertarian Party in an attempt to spread its message. That said, its "World's Smallest Political Quiz" will place you on the political spectrum, though it doesn't recommend a candidate. It's not as in-depth as you might expect, but its analysis of your views is still fairly accurate.

** www.vote-smart.org/index.phtml - This is a site designed for the hard-core political junkie. Its questionnaire will take you at least 20 to 25 minutes to fill out because it gets into the absolute minutiae of public policy (so you can feel just like Al Gore). It's not particularly user-friendly, but it does show all presidential candidates, most from parties you've never heard of. If you're easily frustrated, ignore this site.

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Falling for Autumn Leaves

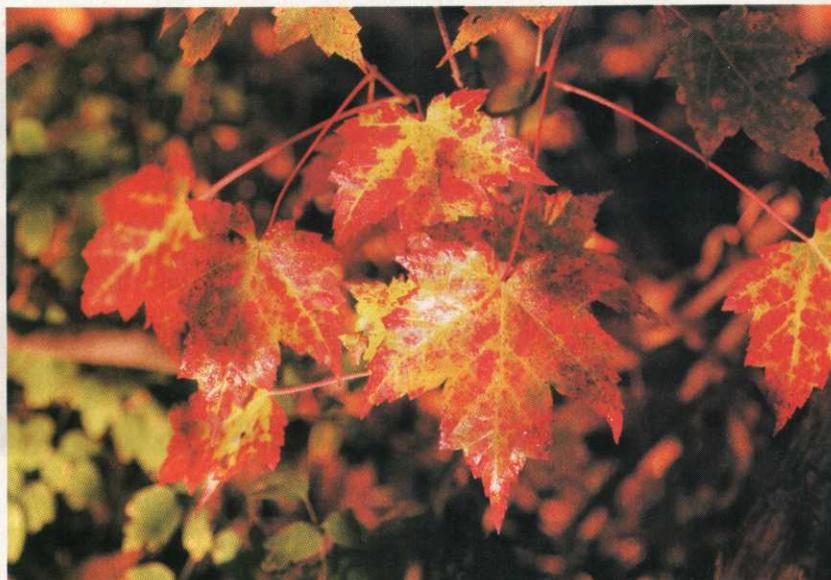
It's that time of year when nature paints its breathtaking colors on oaks, maples, dogwoods, hickories and other trees. Nothing beats working on a golf course this time of year. Science

maintains that a succession of warm, sunny days and cool-but-not-freezing nights bring about the most awesome autumn displays. But who cares about science; we just want to soak in the

view. Chief photo editor Mike Klemme allows us to do that with this brilliant photograph (below) of autumn leaves adorning Giants Ridge GC in Bibawik, Minn.

Those Darn Decimal Points

For unknown reasons, we managed to move a decimal point in the Real-Life Solutions story ("Superintendent Gives Thumbs Up to Burn-Down Herbicide") in the August issue. A paragraph in the story should have read: "The superintendent and his crew spent two days applying 275 pounds per acre of Basamid with a drop spreader." We originally reported "2.75 pounds per acre." We apologize for any inconveniences.



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