

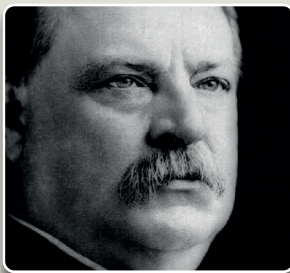
Ugly U.S. presidential election campaigns



■ **1800 Negative campaigning.** President **John Adams** (above left) finds himself running against Vice-President **Thomas Jefferson**. Jefferson's camp accuses Adams of being a hermaphrodite, while Adams' supporters accuse Jefferson of being the son of a half-breed Indian squaw, sired by a Virginia mulatto father, and of having an affair with one of his female slaves. **Jefferson defeats Adams**



■ **1828 Nastiest contest.** Slurs fly back and forth between war veteran General **Andrew Jackson** (above left) and **John Quincy Adams**, with Adams accused of being a pimp. Jackson's mother is labelled a prostitute brought to America by British soldiers, and his wife, Rachel, is called a slut and "convicted adulteress." **Jackson wins election.** White House inauguration day party descends into a drunken brawl



■ **1884 Sex and morals.** Republican nominee **James G. Blaine** (above left) is accused of selling his influence in Congress to business interests. Democrat **Grover Cleveland's** public image as crusading opponent of corruption is tarnished by stories of his lecherousness. Cleveland, while single, fathered a child with a widow named **Maria Crofts Halpin**. Republicans chant "**Ma, Ma, where's my Pa?**" at Cleveland's public appearances, Democrats counter with "**Gone to the White House, ha, ha, ha.**" **Cleveland becomes president**

■ **1952 Tricky Dicky's doggy tale.** **Dwight D. Eisenhower's** Republican running mate, **Richard Nixon** (right), is accused of hiding \$18,000 in campaign funds and accepting pet cocker spaniel, named **Checkers**. "Secret fund" overwhelms presidential campaign, with Eisenhower's staff calling on Nixon to resign. In an emotional TV speech defending himself, Nixon refers to Checkers. "**The kids, like all kids, love the dog... regardless of what they say about it, we're gonna keep it.**" The speech works. **Eisenhower keeps Nixon on ticket and wins election**



■ **1992 More sex and morals.** Leading into New Hampshire primaries, **Gennifer Flowers** (above right) — former model and one-time cabaret dancer — nearly wrecks Democratic candidate **Bill Clinton's** run for presidency. Flowers claims she had a 12-year affair with Clinton while he was governor of Arkansas. Clinton aggressively denies Flowers' allegation and goes on to defeat President **George H.W. Bush** in November



■ **2016 Gloves are off, nothing is out of bounds.** Republican nominee **Donald Trump** responds to an outcry over his lewd remarks about groping women by claiming Democrat **Hillary Clinton** attacked women who accused her husband of sexual abuse, and promises to send former secretary of state to jail if elected