



MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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TOP 10 REASONS TO ATTEND THE 1997 LPM CONVENTION AND OTHER USEFUL INFO

By Jerry Coon, Convention Chairman

The LPM Convention is May 2-4, 1997, at the Holiday Inn on Grand Traverse Bay in Traverse City. Besides the fact that the Holiday Inn is located within walking distance of Clinch Park Zoo and historic downtown Traverse City, has heated indoor and outdoor pools, sauna, whirlpool, a nanny service and is in the middle of God's country, here are the top 10 reasons to attend the 1997 LPM Convention!

10. Traverse City is not a suburb of Detroit.
9. May is the start of fudge season.
8. Traverse City is easy to find. Look at the palm of your right hand. It's where the end of your pinky touches your ring finger.
7. You'll get to travel to a foreign nation and see the locals in their natural environment. (Friday night casino trip.)
6. If history repeats itself, this will be your last opportunity to attend a convention in Traverse City. At least, until the next backwoods southern governor occupies the White House.
5. The view of Grand Traverse Bay is nicer than the view of 13 Mile and Gratiot.
4. Rumor has it Hillary will be dusting her Grammy and can't make it the first weekend in May.
3. Barb Goushaw will be there to talk about campaigns and stuff. And she won't be wearing an orange Jon Coon t-shirt!
2. Most people can get to Traverse City without having to cross the Mackinac

Bridge in a Bronco.

1. And the number one reason to attend this year's Convention. Bill Clinton said that Traverse City is one of the most beautiful places he's ever been. (Okay, but don't let that dissuade you!)

To use the nanny service you must call ahead of time to Temporary Nanny, 800-613-1322. For reservations at the Holiday Inn call 800-888-8020 and mention that you're with the Libertarian Party of Michigan to get our group rates.

And finally, for more information about the Convention, contact me at JALH67A@prodigy.com or call 616-369-2395. Your convention brochure and registration form should have arrived by now or will shortly.

JIM LEWIS DIES AT 63

Jim Lewis, the Libertarian Party's 1984 Vice-Presidential candidate died of an apparent heart attack at his home in Norwich, Connecticut on February 22. He is survived by three sons, a daughter and his mother. Lewis had been a Libertarian Party member since 1980. He was a featured speaker at the LPM Convention in 1991 in Lansing where he demonstrated the Operation Politically Homeless booth. He served 10 months in federal prison in 1988 for refusing to file income tax returns. "Jim was a really fine person and a courageous Libertarian," said former LPM Chair Keith Edwards who introduced Lewis at that Convention.

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COLLEGE LIBERTARIANS

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Michigan State	Ben Crawford	517-332-6813
U of D-Mercy	Andrea Baum	313-993-1956
U of Michigan	Martin Howrylak	810-643-6653
Western Mich.	Brian Carnell	616-345-8671

Michigan State University Libertarians meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the MSU Union Iowa Room at 7:30 PM.

VAN BUREN COUNTY LIBERTARIANS ORGANIZE

Libertarians in Van Buren County are in the process of organizing an affiliate of the LPM. Organizational meetings were held on February 20 and March 13.

The first official meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 PM at 746 Lee Street, South Haven. By-laws will be adopted and officers elected.

There will be a special meeting on April 17 at a location to be announced. Call Bill Bradley at 616-637-4525 for further information.

The regular meeting schedule will be posted in this publication calendar starting with the next issue.



Check out the *LPM*
on the *World Wide Web*

<http://www.coast.net/~lpm/>

FROM THE CHAIR

By Emily Hopp Salvette

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as State Chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and working with you in our common efforts for liberty. In both membership and influence, the Libertarian Party has grown tremendously over the past two years. That growth has come from your hard work and commitment, and I congratulate you on the success you have made possible.

When I leave office on May 4, there will be many tools the new leadership can use as they continue to build the Party. The infrastructure of our organization is solid thanks to the volunteers who have made these functions work smoothly: Ben Bachrach database manager; Keith Edwards, newsletter editor; and David Nagy, Treasurer. Two functions, affiliate group support and membership, are working well and will be expanding to serve local leaders and members. At the post-election strategy session and the State Leadership Conference in February Stacy Van Oast, Jim McAbee and Mark Heil received a lot of feedback from you which helped them develop plans to further strengthen these areas. These are plans that have already been set in motion.

With operations going smoothly, we can bolster the Party's most important area, the campaign function. The Libertarian Campaign Committee, serving upper-level educational campaigns, and the Libertarian Campaign Managers Association of Michigan, serving active campaigns, will be the vanguard committees for the next two years. I am delighted that Doug MacDonald, Barb Goushaw, Richard Clark and Fred Collins have directed their considerable talents towards helping all Libertarian candidates in Michigan through these two committees. Their efforts will help elect more Libertarians in November, 1998, which will continue the cycle of growing membership and influence.

While we have made progress over the past two years, there are two areas I hope can

be developed in the near future: Fundraising and media outreach.

We do not do much fundraising at the state level because we want donors to support local groups and candidates with their contributions. But as membership grows and our growth depends on presenting a more professional image, the time will come when we must start buying some infrastructure services--when we reach the limit of our volunteer efforts. A planned fundraising program could include special events, direct mail and an expansion of our pledge program. The money generated could be used to do such things as hire a mail house to send out big mailings, have our outreach publications such as newsletters, convention brochures and information packets laid out by professional graphic artists, and hire other professionals such as bookkeepers. A good fundraising program could be up and running in one or two years. What we need to do now is to find the right volunteer to coordinate the fundraising function.

With the help of Darryl Schmitz, a new volunteer with public relations experience, we are starting to put a media outreach program together. Darryl, with assistance from the national LP staff in Washington, DC, is developing a professional media packet that introduces our ideas and organization to the press. The next step is to develop a current, comprehensive media list with contacts and fax numbers for all media outlets in the state. Ideally, we should also find a spokesperson (perhaps the next State Chair?) who LIKES to be in the spotlight and talk with the media. That person could cultivate our public presence and raise the Party's profile statewide. The elements of a media program are well within our reach right now, but it will take a well-directed effort to get this function up to full speed. But once it's running well, it will produce the public attention the ideas of liberty deserve.

YOUR help has made the Libertarian Party of Michigan successful and will take that success into the next millennium. As the

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leadership of the LPM changes, there will be new and exciting opportunities to pursue --new reasons to renew your enthusiasm, participation and support! Again, I thank each and every one of you for making my tenure as State Chair such a wonderful experience. I look forward to seeing you at the state convention in Traverse City.

 PARTY PORTRAIT

Ben Bachrach Has been a member of the Libertarian Party of Michigan for over 15 years. He served as Treasurer in the 1980's and as newsletter editor in the '80's and early '90's. He created and still maintains the LPM database, has been membership chair, and an on-and-off member of the Executive Committee. Ben was the creator and ramrod of the Michigan 16-5 Committee in the last presidential campaign and still found time to serve as Wayne County LP Chair.

Through it all, Ben Bachrach has avoided the limelight. When he is nominated to the LPM Executive Committee, he usually says, "I don't need a title in order to get the work done."

No one has been more generous with his time and financial support than Ben, and he is a wise counselor in party policy discussion.

 OOPS!

"Mistakes were made." The January-February issue of the Michigan Libertarian contained an article on Donald Flatt, a libertarian member of the Portage Parks and Recreation Board. His last name was misspelled for which we apologize.

"It is easier to deceive yourself, and to do so unperceived, than to deceive another"
 Maxims of La Rochefoucauld

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MERIAN'S FRIENDS MISS THE POINT

BUMPER AS DUKE

As a long-time supporter of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, I am dismayed by the ballot proposal of "Merian's Friends" to put physician aid-in-dying on the November ballot. These are well-meaning people who want very much to give people the opportunity to seek medical help in ending the pain, misery and hopelessness of terminal or agonizing disease. As one who watched his father die in total agony, aware of nothing but excruciating pain, I can agree with Merian's Friends on their goal, but not their method.

We already have the right to assisted suicide. A right is a moral principle sanctioning action in a social context. We have the right to peacefully preserve our lives as human beings which includes the right to control our own life, to end it and to seek help in doing so. We had this right long before governments existed.

To seek governmental approval for this process is to give away our freedom to exercise our rights. Note the difference. We always have the right, government cannot take that away. We do not always have the freedom and that is what governments are so good at: taking freedom away. Why invite them to do so in this case? If the voters say no, that would invite prohibition. If they say yes, we've still conceded the power for government to say no.

If government had been empowered to decide the case, would it have allowed Dr. Jack Kevorkian to help Merian Frederick to seek release from Lou Gehrig's Disease? Not likely. But she needed no such permission and we do not need a law on the subject.

K.E.

"Victory is never final." Winston Churchill
With this quote, Jack Kemp closed his letter to Republican leaders in which he pleaded with them to pursue tax relief.
"At the top of legislative steps we must undertake to realize our great vision is a complete overhaul of the tax code and elimination of the Internal Revenue Ser-

Jacob "Bumper" Hornberger, in his Ann Arbor speech (see page 8) was his usual uncompromising, inspiring self that makes him arguably the best speaker in the libertarian movement. During that address, he hit hard at Libertarians who soft-pedal the principles of libertarianism for a few quick votes at the expense of long term freedom.

Newt Gingrich, who is just two indictments away from the White House, has already destroyed the Republican revolution with, among other cowardly displays, his cave-ins on the minimum wage and tax cuts despite his professorial pretensions. We expect departures from stated principles among Republicans. Alas, sometimes it occurs among Libertarians.

In the last election, a number of Libertarian candidates, either through inadequate understanding or a desire to appear more "responsible", caved in on the education issue by advocating vouchers rather than privatization. They blanked out the fact that a government voucher is a government promise which means government control, not liberty. Who is to define what qualifies a school, or a teacher? Why not the free market?

Hornberger condemned vouchers as being a compromise. One does not uphold principle by backing away from the truth or from one's opponents. If you say you're for liberty, then always back the libertarian position. As John Wayne used to say, "I've given my WORD!" Maybe Jacob Hornberger, a Texan, should be called "Duke."

K.E.

vice as we know it. If Republicans cannot reach agreement on this fundamental priority, we should break up the party and start over."

Since they won't do so, why not get a head start, Jack, and break it up right now?

NATCOM REPORT

By Ken Bisson, M.D.
Region 3 LNC Representative

The National Leadership Conference, SUCCESS 97 was held March 1-2 in Washington, DC. The attendees were LP officers and headquarters staff, LNC members and State Chairs (from the eastern half of the U.S.) A similar conference for the western half was held the next weekend.

The headquarters staff included the newest member, Ron Crickenberger. His new position of Political Director was filled 48 hours prior to the conference. Ron has worked long and hard for all of us as Chair of the LP Campaigns Committee and was re-elected as at-large member of the Libertarian National Committee at the July convention. As he assumes his new position he steps down from the LNC. He will shift from 20-30 hours per week of voluntary work for the Party to 50-60 hours for pay. Ron will be a great addition to our talented staff.

Nine topics were covered over the two days. Each segment included a presentation and ample time for discussion and sharing by the participants. The blend of great instruction with years of experience resulted in highly effective sessions.

Topics included: The Road to Victory, LPHQ Services, Convention and Meeting planning, Building a Strong State Party, Building a

Strong Local Party, What's New from LPHQ, Fundraising, and Looking Toward the Future

The wrap up was enthusiastic and many participants expressed the view that this had been their most important LP function. It is difficult to share in this brief report the depth of contribution and sharing that was developed. I have not tried to do that I would be happy to hear from any of you to give more detail on any topic.

I challenged myself to accomplish two tasks as I left the conference. I will renew my commitment to lead this party in the right direction, as guided by the attendees of this conference. I will foster two-way communication about that vision with the LP members of the four states I represent. Thanks to your newsletter editor, I'm better able to do that!

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"It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself.

Thomas Jefferson, Notes on Virginia

Help Wanted:
Serious candidates who want to win local elections!
Serious campaign managers who want to get Libertarians elected!

No Experience Necessary; Training Available
Positions Available: Candidates, Campaign Managers and Staffers

*For additional information call the Libertarian Campaign Managers Assoc. at (810) 399-9177
or your County Campaign Coordinator*

Unlike history, in the present, success IS attainable!
It's a GREAT time to be a LIBERTARIAN!

Liberty Calendar

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

APRIL 1997

		1 Meeting Western MI. Pizza Hut 1640 44th St. Kentwood, 7:30 PM Wayne Co. La Tratorria		2 Lapeer/Genessee Co Commissioners Rm 255 Clay St. Lapeer, 7:30 PM	3 Meeting Washtenaw Co. Dominick's 812 Monroe St. Ann Arbor, 7:30		4	5 Hash Bash (Marijuana legalization rally) U of M Diag. Ann Arbor, noon		
6	7	8 Meeting Ottawa Co. China Garden Rest. 133 Washington Grand Haven, 7:30		9 Meetings Macomb Co. Georgian Inn Gratiot/13 Mile		10 Meetings Mid-Michigan , Sneekers Rest. 600 Homer, Lansing, 6:30 PM Washtenaw Co. Dominick's		11	12	
13	675 Grand River Brighton, 6:30 PM South Central LP Tom's Grill/Pub 3075 Ann Arbor	15 TAX DAY Protests by local groups.		16 Meeting Ionia Co. Party Corcoran's Downtown Ionia, 7:30 PM		17 Meetings Washtenaw Co., Dominick's 812 Monroe, Ann Arbor, 7PM Van Buren Co. call Bill Bradley for info:616-637-4525		18	19 Meeting Northwest LP. Cottage Cafe 420 Munson Ave. Traverse City, 7PM	
20 Meeting L.E.C. Georgian Inn Roseville, 11AM	21	22 SPECIAL Separation of School & State discussion, Marshall Fritz, Freedom Hill		23 Meeting Oakland Co. Gino's Rest. 1999 Cass Lake Rd. Keego Harbor, 7PM		24 Meeting Washtenaw Co. Dominick's 812 Monroe St. Ann Arbor, 7:30		25	26 Meeting Livingston Co. Elias Bros. Rest. Grand River Brighton, 10:00AM	
27	28	29	30	1 MAY DAY Celebration of the Death of Communism Washtenaw Co. Dominick's 812 Monroe, Ann Arbor, 7:30		STATE CONVENTION				
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Affiliate Report

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3rd Annual Sam Adams Dinner A Success

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County held its Third Annual Sam Adams Dinner on Saturday March 8. Over one hundred people attended the dinner to celebrate the memory of Sam Adams, the founding father and brewer/patriot. The dinner's speaker was Jacob Hornberger, who gave the keynote address last July at the National Libertarian Convention in Washington DC. Mr. Hornberger, founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation, did not disappoint the audience as he gave a passionate and uncompromising defense of liberty and the libertarian philosophy. He presented an uncompromising moral, philosophical, and economic case for individual freedom and limited government. The popular and successful dinner is the annual fundraising event for the Washtenaw Co. LP.

SEPARATION OF SCHOOL AND STATE

"No More Reform!" will be the theme at a Libertarians of Macomb Co. sponsored forum on "Separation of School and State: Why it's Necessary. How it's Possible." The forum is scheduled for April 22, 1997 at Freedom Hill County Park from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (location is subject to change, call Diane Barnes at 810-774-1193 for more information).

This event will feature Marshall Fritz who is a longtime libertarian activist and founder of the Advocates for Self-Government. Fritz is currently the director of the Separation of School and State Alliance, a nationwide group dedicated to eliminating government control from all aspects of education. After a short presentation, Mr. Fritz will answer questions of local educators, administrators and reporters who will be asked to sit on a special panel of cross-examiners. There will be ample time given for questions from the audience.

from LMC Newsletter.

LP GROUP ELECTION RESULTS

Many local groups elected officers in the first two months of 1997. Listed below are some of the results.

The **Macomb County** Libertarian party elected the following people to party offices in their meeting on March 12.
Chair: Paul Soyk,
Vice Chair: Diane Barnes,
Secretary: Mark Heil,
Treasurer: Marnie Edwards,

At-Large Central Committee Members:
Kyle Blair,
Joe Zemens,
Russ Kohler,

New officers were elected for the Libertarian Party of **Mid-Michigan** at their February 13, 1997 Meeting. The following are the results of the election.

Chair: Michael Miller
Vice-Chair: Bob Broda*
Secretary: William Morgan
Treasurer: Bob Vojtech

*Bob decided not to run again, but was appointed interim vice-chair until a replacement can be found.

The Libertarian Party of **Washtenaw County** elected officers for 1997 at its Feb. business meeting.
Chair: James Hudler
Vice-Chair: Geoffrey Foster
Treasurer: Brett Cashman
Secretary: Doug MacDonald

A budget committee was also formed as per county by-laws. The committee is made up of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and two at-large members: Richard Clark and James Montgomery

The LP of **Livingston County** re-elected its officers for 1997.
Chair: Rian Klestad
Vice Chair: Brian Ludwig,
Secretary: Theresa Pollok,
Treasurer: Matt Dickinson,
Membership director: Doug MacDonald

ELECTION COMMITTEES FORMED

Michigan Libertarians have two new committees that are dedicated to finding and helping candidates for public office. Doug MacDonald is Chair of the Libertarian Congressional Committee (LCC) which has been formed to help recruit and train people interested in running for congressional office.

The goal of the committee is to put together a campaign co-ordinators manual that will outline the responsibilities of candidates and what the LCC can do for them. The committee will appoint a campaign co-ordinator in each congressional district and supply candidates with information for their campaigns.

Barb Goushaw has formed the Libertarian Campaign Managers Association (LCMA) which is concentrating on helping candidates win on a local level. Richard Clark and Fred Collins are also bringing their campaign experience to these two important groups. The LCC meets every Wednesday evening in Ferndale, call 810-399-9177 for directions. Contact Doug MacDonald at 810-231-3137 if you are interested in having a LCC member speak at your local meeting.

MID-MICHIGAN LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

On April 4-6 the LP of Mid-Michigan will be using an Operation Politically Homeless Booth at the Ingham County Fair Grounds at a gun show. They are looking for volunteers who would like to help operate the booth for 2-3 hours. Rides will be provided.

On April 15 join Libertarian Party of Mid-Michigan members in their Annual Tax Day Protest by distributing "Million Dollar Bills" to help people pay their taxes. The "Million Dollar Bill" leaflet contains many facts about how the government wastes millions of your tax dollars every hour. They had a great time last year, and created some very valuable P.R. They're looking for volunteers who would like to help operate the booth for 2-3 hours. Rides will be provided.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for either opportunity may call Mike Miller at 616-351-0514.

bv Mike Brinkman

NATIONAL LP FIGHTS CDA

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Libertarian Party challenged the Supreme Court today to "leave censorship behind as America blasts into cyberspace" by rejecting the Communications Decency Act -- an attempt by politicians to control speech into the next millennium. "The so-called Communications Decency Act is a case of politicians using 19th-century censorship laws to control 21st-century technology," said party Chairman Steve Dasbach as he urged the justices to overturn it. "But free speech is free speech -- whether distributed via an 18th-century printing press or a 20th-century modem -- and restricting it is a clear violation of the First Amendment."

The court will hear oral arguments on the constitutionality of the law, which Democrats and Republicans passed overwhelmingly in February 1996. Under the CDA, Americans can be jailed for two years and fined \$250,000 for transmitting "indecent" material to minors. The Libertarian Party vehemently opposed the CDA from the outset, blacking out its Web site for 24 hours as part of a symbolic, worldwide protest and joining an Internet coalition to fight the bill.

On June 12, 1996, the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals denounced the CDA as a "profoundly repugnant" violation of free speech and struck it down. "What could be more repugnant in a free society than jailing Americans for committing First Amendment crimes with their computer keyboards?" Dasbach asked. "And what could constitute a greater leap backward than giving politicians control over technology that could have an impact equal to that of Gutenberg's printing press?"

On the issue of electronic free speech, the Libertarian Party Platform states: "We oppose any abridgment of the freedom of speech through government censorship, regulation or control of communications media, including laws concerning electronic bulletin boards, communications networks, and other interactive electronic media. We hold them to be the functional equivalent of speaking halls and printing presses in the age of electronic communications, and as such deserving of full freedom."

Announcing the:
Campaign Management Training Workshops
Schedule for 1997

- Workshop #1: Candidate and Campaign Manager Training: Candidate Activities**
Saturday, May 3, 1997. A three hour workshop to be presented at the L.P. State
Convention. Offered at no charge as part of the convention.
- Workshop #2 Campaign Management: Strategy, Tactics, and Organization**
Saturday, June 7, 1997. 12:00pm to 5:00pm. A five hour workshop.
Located at the Church Hall, 1017 Hilton, Rd. Ferndale Cost \$10.00
- Workshop #3 Campaign Management: Getting your message Out.**
Saturday, June 28, 1997. 12:00pm to 5:00pm A five hour workshop
Located at the Church Hall, 1017 Hilton Road in Ferndale. Cost \$10.00

The \$10.00 per workshop cost will help to defray the cost of the printed material, and munchies that we will provide, but if it is a problem for you let me know. The church hall is located in Ferndale, on Hilton Road, between 8 and 9 mile roads, 1 mile West of I-75. Call (819) 399-9177. Barb Goushaw

AT RIGHT: Jacob "Bumper Hornberger speaking at the third annual Sam Adams dinner in Ann Arbor on March 8. Story on page 8, commentary on page 5.

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On March 24, the Detroit News Macomb section carried an article by Jeffrey Savitskie on the Macomb County Libertarians entitled "Libertarian goals are to grow ranks, find candidates." The article covered our basic beliefs, history and goals and captured the spirit of optimism in the Macomb group. The evening's speaker, Doug MacDonald, was quoted as were several local activists. Who says the media ignores us?

Keith Edwards was interviewed by the Objectivist Club of Michigan's monthly publication, Full Context. The interview spanned eight pages and covered the issue of the long split between the Objectivist and Libertarian movements. Edwards, a long term activist in both, pointed out that the similarities in political philosophy far outweigh the obsolete and trivial differences between the two rational groups.



OUR WACKY GOVERNMENT

The Federal Highway administration spent \$21 million to pay for unused and unneeded roads and bridges.

- \$900,000 for a four lane bridge that had no road leading to it.
- 6.5 miles of new roadway, because traffic was supposed to double in 20 years. Traffic declined by 50%.
- \$26,000 for two extra long overpass bridges because it was expected that the road underneath would be widened to four lanes. Twenty five years after the money was invested, the road underneath remained two lanes.

\$100 million is spent each year to pay for free subway rides for federal employees.

The Department of Defense spent \$28,000 to shuttle nine members of Congress to Washington in a posh executive jet so they wouldn't miss a close vote on the MX missile. The vote lost. So the DOD flew them back at a cost of \$16,016. The same trip on a commercial airline would have cost \$1,367.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration established the Office of Aircraft Operations (OAO) to improve aircraft management. OAO bought two helicopters for \$1.9 million to be used to improve safety in the Arctic by exploring the Arctic Continental Shelf. The choppers are stationed in Miami.

The Rural Electrification Administration (REA) was established to loan money to bring telephone and electric service into rural areas. By the 1950's however, 96% of the country had been wired, so the REA's job was done. Instead of closing down shop, REA began making loans to nuclear power plants that later went bankrupt.

Now the money is going:

- to provide touchtone telephones to Micronesia
- to run ski lifts in Vale and Aspen, Colorado
- for electricity that powers golf carts in Hilton Head, S. C.

An employee at the US Forest Service receives an annual salary in excess of \$42,000 to oversee the trademark the government holds on Smokey the Bear. ("Goofy Gov't Grants, Lindsell-Roberts)

David Letterman's**TOP TEN REJECTED PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION**

10. President may not use Army and Navy to get back at the guy who used to beat him up in High School
9. Give vote to dogs "who think they're people"
8. When the flag passes, everybody has to open their eyes as wide as they can and say "Gollee!"
7. Third House of Congress to be filled with really fat guys
6. If President and Vice President die suddenly, office shall be filled by People magazine's "Sexiest Man Alive"
5. Cruel and unusual punishment is okay on Andy Rooney
4. The national bird must be served on a bun, never a stick
3. Each state will have the right to claim they have the hottest looking babes
2. Damage deposit of \$25 required before renting White House for keg parties
1. The President can change his last name as often as he likes

They said it.....

about **Bill Clinton**:

Bill Clinton's foreign policy experience stems mainly from having breakfast at the International House of Pancakes.

Pat Buchanan

about **Jimmy Carter**:

Depression is when you are out of work. A recession is when your neighbor is out of work. A recovery is when Jimmy Carter is out of work.

Ronald Reagan

about **Ronald Reagan**:

He's done the work of two men-Laurel and Hardy.

Joey Adams

about **Ted Kennedy**:

Senator McGovern was making a speech. He said, "Gentleman, let me tax your memories." And Ted Kennedy jumped up and said, "Why haven't we thought of that before!"

Robert Dole

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