

The economy of sale

By Matthew Hoy

Last Monday an idealistic 14-year-old boy sent President Clinton a check for \$1,000.

Larry Vellella, from Fargo, N.D., wrote Clinton a letter asking that \$900 go toward reducing the deficit and the rest go to programs including the environment, defense, AIDS, and Social Security.

In return for his \$1,000 donation, the 14-year-old naïve sucker received a phone call from the First Man.

All of which gives me a great idea.

Hire Jerry Lewis, make Chelsea the poster child and have the first annual deficit-reducing, health care supporting, all-star telethon.

If you are under the legal age to vote and donate \$1,000 dollars or more, you get a five-minute phone call from Chelsea.

Men who are between the ages of 18 to 44 donate \$10,000 and get a five-minute phone call from Hillary, the subject of which is up to the fantasy, I mean, imagination.

Women between the the ages of 18 to 44 get the same deal with Bill.

For men and women over the age of 45 you get a call from good "old boy" Lloyd Bentsen.

A few lucky philanthropists will receive a special prize.

The lucky first-place winner will receive a junk bond.

The second-place winner will receive two junk bonds.

The 500 third-place winners will receive failed S&L's.

For those of you wealthy enough to afford to send \$25,000 you'll get a real treat. (Send it now while you can get something in return for it, they'll take it later.) You will have the choice of taking in either a Haitian refugee or one of the employees cut from the White House staff.

The next step up is the \$50,000+ liberal donor range.

For just one-half of \$100,000 you can withdraw your nomination as a candidate for attorney general.

For \$100,000 you can be on the Senate (lack of) Ethics committee and rip the guts out of Oregon Senator Bob Packwood.

For a small donation of \$250,000 you can take the environmentally safe camping trip with Al Gore on the west lawn of the White House.

For those of you filthy conser-

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vative rich folks who can afford to donate \$500,000 you will henceforth be referred to as nice, clean, aesthetically pleasing liberals.

For those people who are kind enough (rich enough) to donate \$1 million (scum-sucking leeches stealing from the lower class) will have the privilege of shaking Rush Limbaugh's hand. (I'll capitalize Rush's name because that will irk people's squid.)

You may say: Why would these people consider this a privilege. Simple, anyone who can afford to donate \$1 million could not possibly be a liberal. It just wouldn't be right.

Those 30 or so people in this fine country who can afford to "contribute" \$1 billion dollars will receive the grand prize!

You will get to help Hillary rule. I mean, you will get to be one of President Hillary's closest advisers. I mean you can have

Bill's personal phone number.

We don't need new taxes, we don't need spending cuts, we need to make the United States Government a nonprofit charitable organization.

The good news is that this would do away with the Infernal Revenue Service.

On the other hand, the government would have to compete with other nonprofit organizations for money.

They would have to release annual reports which actually follow some generally accepted accounting principles.

They would have to have poster cabinet members.

They would have to appeal to our sympathies, our feelings, our pocketbooks.

They would have to hire the best qualified applicants to fill their positions.

They would have to get it right the first time.

The philanthropists would want to make sure that they were no longer spending \$1,000 for a toilet seat or \$5,000 for a wrench.

They would never allocate the first \$8 million to redesign the space shuttle toilets.

They would make sure that \$15 million overruns did not occur fixing space shuttle toilets.

They wouldn't spend millions of dollars on grants for the National Endowment for the Arts when diseases like cancer and Parkinson's are still without cures.

They would cut any program which didn't supply basic needs to people. Seriously, exactly who does art feed?

I would except from this, however, any sculpture which could be used as shelter.

They would have to run the government like a business.

Oh, forget it. You're right. It was a crappy idea anyway.

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