

The President. You can. You can buy combined; you can buy separate. You can buy licenses—in the hunting season you can buy a hunting license, or you can buy a license to hunt separate things by season if you want. And also, you can buy different fishing licenses. We have a lot of people coming in on weekend fishing trips, tourists and all that, so there is a whole—the game and fish commission has a whole different menu of things depending on what it is you want to hunt, whether you want to hunt or fish, what you want.

Q. [Inaudible]

The President. That's "American Gothic." Have you ever seen it?

Q. Oh, yes, the original. I hadn't seen this version of it.

The President. That's just sort of a tongue-in-cheek thing that an Arkansas artist did.

Q. Your favorite?

The President. Yes, yes. We've got one. We've got the original back at the White House. And they've got an old Governor's picture of me, and another one about 10 years old, unsigned.

Q. When you only hunt once a year, how do you keep your timing to be able to lead a duck?

The President. I hit the one. It was on the fly. And the other one I hit at a very long distance. It was almost—but it was a very long distance. I just—it was a good gun. I had a good gun. It was a little Remington with a shorter barrel, three-shot limit.

That's another interesting thing about this assault weapons deal. Some of these people that were opposing the 10—magazine limit on the assault weapons overlooked the fact that they were very happy to have a three-shot limit on the semiautomatic for shooting ducks. That's the law today. And when I was in Maryland last year, I was laughing—some of the folks up there—

Q. You can only put in three cartridges?

The President. Yes. You put in three, and you've got to—if they hold four, you put in three instead of four.

Q. Are you tickled about the school dedication tomorrow?

The President. Oh, yes. Yes, I'm real happy about that.

[At this point, the President finished his lunch and then went outside, where he again spoke with reporters.]

Q. You're ducking us. [Laughter]

Q. Thanks, Mark [Mark Knoller, CBS Radio]. Now you've wrecked his mood. [Laughter]

The President. I'll tell you what, I heard you on that duck call, it was like a magnet—[laughter]—come flying into the pond. [Laughter]

Q. We went out shopping last night. We had to go to three stores to get them. We went to Montgomery Ward, and they were sold out of duck calls.

The President. Well, they would be, here.

Q. Well, they were.

The President. This is our pastime at this time of year. But you can buy—you can have a duck call, pay anywhere from \$5 to \$125.

Q. We saw that, \$40 for a duck call. The one around your neck looked like an expensive one, too.

The President. Yes. Well, like I said, those are hand-made. And the guy that hand-made that is the mayor of Stuttgart, which is where they have the international duck calling championship.

Q. [Inaudible]

The President. Oh, yeah. You know, I've worked like a dog for the first 2 years. I worked every weekend. I worked at night. And I think I need to do a little more of this. And I'm glad I did the work, and I'm glad we got done what we did, but I also think it's important to kind of keep your batteries charged, your roots watered.

Q. Batteries charged for the start of a Republican Congress tomorrow?

The President. I'm looking forward to it.

Q. Somebody has to ask that question, right?

The President. I'm looking forward to it.

Q. Not dreading it?

The President. No. I just don't want to talk about it until tomorrow. [Laughter] I want to enjoy my—

Q. So much for the duck call.

Q. Got everything?

The President. No, no. These guys don't have their hamburgers yet. They said 5 minutes they'd have everybody's. I'm sorry, I thought you all had been fed.

Q. It's been a great day, Mr. President. Thank you.

The President. It has. I'm sorry it's raining on us. I guess I'd better not go play golf. [Laughter]

Q. [Inaudible]—worse than when you played golf in Martha's Vineyard on Labor Day?