# Democrats party, but GOP delivers

epublicans sure know how to have a convention. From location site to press packets to the weather, the conservatives of Texas have one up on the Democrats.

This month I covered the Texas state conventions — Democratic and Republican.

All I can say for the Democrats is they can party with the best of them. Hanging out with Al Franken, dancing to a live blues band and tossing back all the suds one could ever desire made for a

But beer and blues do not a convention make. The Republicans, on the other hand, may not have thrown a party to end all parties, but they did put on a top-notch convention.

The Democrats met in the Dallas Convention Center - not as classy as the Republicans' stomping ground, the Alamodome. And the minute I arrived at the GOP convention, I was given a press packet. Can't say the same for the Dems. Refreshment stands were scattered around the Dome, whereas I had to push my way to one lemonade kiosk in Dallas. Also, the media was given ample room to move around and plenty of opportunities to interview the speakers. Not at the Democratic convention. Even the weather was better — Texas finally got some rain over the weekend.

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Delegates rallied when Alan Keyes took the stage at the 1996 Texas Republican convention in San Antonio.



ALAN KEYES

I went all over this country. I went to Republican gatherings, large and small. ... When I stood up to defend the truth that this party must not depart from the principles upon which it was founded, that we must stand for justice today as we stood for justice in the 19th century, that we must demand respect for the rights of all human beings, regardless of their color, their race, their creed or their position in the womb ... everyone would stand with me and declare that these are the Republican truths, that this is the American way.

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## STEVE FORBES

.. has a president who has to get up each morning and look at the polls to see what it is he sincerely believes that day. ... There are days when Bill Clinton uses Bob Dole's speeches the way students use Cliffs Notes. I'm surprised that the animal rights people haven't gotten on Clinton's case for giving chameleons a bad name. ...

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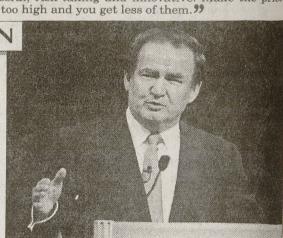
PAT BUCHANAN

America needs a new conservatism of the heart. Not only for the innocent pre-born, but for the elderly, the men and women who brought us through the Depression and World War II. ... We've got to provide a voice for them, and we've got to provide a voice for the working men and women of this country. Look at what happened as a consequence of NAFTA

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lion-dollar trade deficit, 360,000 lost jobs this year, illegal immigration is soaring, narcotics are pouring into Bill Clinton put together a 50 billion-dollar bailout for the Mexican government of Carlos Salinas and his

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RALPH REED

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Since 1994 ... it's almost as if [Bill Clinton] has been born again. I had a friend of mine say to me after he heard one of Bill Clinton's recent speeches ... 'If I had closed my eyes I would have thought I was listening to the voice of Ronald Reagan.' Well. I knew Ronald Reagan. Ronald Reagan was a friend of mine, and Bill Clinton, you're no Ronald

The media is worked up into a full-frothed frenzy. Because they have discovered to their horror that the Republican Party is full of Christians. ... People ... who work Monday through Friday, coach Little League on Saturday and go to church on Sunday. That's what's right with America - not what's wrong with America - and we're not going to apologize anymore. ??

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