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For Politi-Geeks, A Dizzying Whirlwind Written by Marsha Johnston Wednesday, 27 August 2008





EnviroWonk writer and Obama delegate Marsha Johnston will be blogging from the DNC convention all week. We are still looking for a writer and/or delegate who is interested in blogging from the RNC convention in St. Paul next week. If you're that person, e-mail editor Dave Loos at dave@envirowonk.com

As a hopelessly addicted political geek, trying to figure out what to spend time doing as a delegate is overwhelming. Sunday was bad enough, but Monday was like drinking from the proverbial fire hose. Healthcare not Warfare. 2008 Education Roundtable. Panel on Creating a New American Dream for Workers. Transportation Infrastructure Rountable. Clean Tech Energy Forum.

And the age of new technology didn't give me a bit of help. I had vowed to make a clear schedule of everything I wanted to attend, but trying to use the calendar on my Entourage program on the plane for the first time resulted in a mess, with it alerting me to my desired convention events, but on a

Paris time schedule (I tried to change the Paris time my computer has always been set to, but...). The result was total confusion.

Consequently, it was noon before I actually set out on foot, but excited and armed with every media instrument known to man -- laptop, camera, video camera, cell phone -- to the Pepsi Center, aka Convention Central. I had already seen that the Denver streets of the Democratic Convention have no shortage of spectacle, both good and shameful. But my excitement for the convention got detoured by one of the worst of the latter. The anti-abortion protesters have been out in force at this convention, as you may have seen. For a passionate Obamaniac like myself, who has met him and read of his struggle with that issue, the sight of a graphic banner claiming that a vote for Barack is a vote for killing children made my blood boil.

I know, they are the extremists and one should try to ignore them. But I believe that they provoke moderate voters, and I had to fight an urge to rip the banner in half. I settled for telling one of them, "Shame on you, for saying Barack Obama wants to murder children. Shame on you both."

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