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Greening Up The Delegate Goodie Bags

Written by Marsha Johnston

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*EnviroWonk writer and Obama delegate Marsha Johnston is blogging from the DNC convention all week.*

Every political convention provides its delegates with gifts to make them feel special about being given the privilege to validate the party's choice for the presidency. Apparently the delegates of 2008 are particularly privileged, because we got two bags full of jun ... er ... stuff.

So much for minimalist consumption! I know, I know, everyone (including probably me) would have been disappointed to be told that, in the interest of reducing our environmental footprint, goodie bags had gone the way of the do-do bird. But it must be said that the corporations, unions and politicians who showered us with gifts did their best to ensure that the goodies were green, or at least green-themed. Here are some of the highlights:

The Best of the Bunch: A large water bottle to help us stay hydrated in the mile-high atmosphere and avoid buying bottled water. The Joint Juice we also got from two other groups was, frankly, awful.


The "Who Knew I Needed This?" Prize: A pedometer, not one, but two!

The "Huh?" Prize: A fake lump of coal from—who else—the clean coal industry. So this is going to make me change my mind about the wisdom of building coal plants? Not likely.

The Booby Prize: A blue plastic slinky with a green earth map printed on the outside.

The "Not Afraid to Flaunt His Ego" Prize: To Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for bestowing a bobble-head doll in his likeness upon all of us. No doubt he is gearing up for the California governor's race.

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Lump of Coal in Their Stocking  
written by moe33, August 28, 2008



Traditionally, on Christmas day, when a child finds a lump of coal in his or her stocking, it usually signifies punishment for that child's bad behavior. Now, I'll be voting for our man Obama in the election, but I can't help but take this nugget as an opportunity to point out that the Dems have NOT been entirely good. Besides the wasteful goodie bags and the rampant corporate sponsorship, Democrats also top the list of coal industry campaign contributions. Interesting that the three top receivers of money from the coal lobby in the House are Democrats, topped by Frederick Boucher of Virginia at \$144,054. In the senate, yet again another Dem tops the list with Rockefeller at \$123,000. While it's true that the oil lobby, another dirty industry, targets mostly Republican members, Democrats are by no means clean.

For More Info  
written by moe33, August 28, 2008



... see [www.oilchangeusa.org](http://www.oilchangeusa.org). Good stuff.

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written by Charlie, August 28, 2008



Personally, I'd have been delighted with the slinky. Endless hours of entertainment - and can you imagine the lil' fella hopping down the stairs at the Pepsi Center?

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written by Clinch, August 28, 2008



Macaroni & Cheese?!? Did they expect you to be carrying around a microwave with you or something?  
And why's it got a picture of a donkey on it? Does it taste of donkey or something?!?

I'm disappointed that they gave out bottled water, but I had a rant about the environmental evils of

bottled water here at the beginning of the month, so I wont rant about that now.

And why would you need 2 pedo-meters? Why would you even need 1?

The only good I can think for it, is if you hang one next to where your car keys are, whenever you go to reach for them, you might think 'would it be better to walk instead' (but seeing as you're on this environment based site, you probably don't need the reminder).

And I hope all the paper was recyclable as well, and the actual goody-bag was one of those reusable fabric ones.

But I suppose, in the end, it's not meant to be an environmental goody bag, but a political one.

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written by Rob Howard, August 28, 2008  
the clean coal industry? ain't no such thing.



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written by Ruth S. McCreery, September 02, 2008  
Macaroni and cheese--the boxed stuff makes a great rattle, ideal for shaking passionately while chanting slogans. And, under desperate circumstances, can be eaten as well!



Maybe the bottled water was bottled Denver tap water, not some designer liquid shipped at great expense? Would be nice, when trapped standing in line for an hour to get through security, to be able to have a sip.

Re:Clinch

written by Charolem, September 02, 2008

The Best of the Bunch: A large water bottle to help us stay hydrated in the mile-high atmosphere and avoid buying bottled water. The Joint Juice we also got from two other groups was, frankly, awful.



I think this means that they gave them something akin to a Nalgene bottle, not that they gave them bottled water.

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written by Clinch, September 02, 2008

I think you're right about that, (it seeps to be the bottle in the top right of the picture), but I was referring to the 3 bottles in the top left of the picture (the "frankly awful" Joint Juice and 2 other bottles)



re:

written by Charolem, September 03, 2008

[quote=Clinch]I think you're right about that, (it seeps to be the bottle in the top right of the picture), but I was referring to the 3 bottles in the top left of the picture (the "frankly awful" Joint Juice and 2 other bottles)[/quote]



I see that now. I had not really paid attention to the picture. Obviously there was no coordinating.

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written by dd, October 10, 2008

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thanks.

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I liked to read it. it was verry wel written. Thanks.



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There are several tbcgold races stand up and take the fightakgame to the demons under assault by the Legion. The races are unaligned at character mygamestock start, and can choose to become ttgaming friendly with either Horde or Alliance over the course of their careers. Faction gained belrion with one side eventually live4game causes faction loss with the other, until the character is as much Horde or Alliance as an Orc or mmopawn Human. Each race has awowgoldget starting city with 1-20 zone content.

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