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Hillary Clinton's Staff Looking to Avoid Embarrassing Anti-Obama Demonstration

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Now some fresh pickings from the Political Grapevine:

Miracle Whip

Hillary Clinton's staff is trying to avoid an embarrassing anti-Obama demonstration by her supporters during the floor vote at next week's Democratic convention in Denver. The Politico newspaper reports Hillary's staff has created a 40-member "whip team." Members will coordinate with Obama's floor organizers to help present a unified front during the roll call.

Taxing Ticket

Last week we told you about some Obama supporters being informed they must volunteer in order to receive a ticket for the senator's nomination acceptance speech at Denver's Invesco Field. Now, a Denver TV station reports some Democratic supporters are furious because they have been solicited to buy tickets for the speech.

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Funny Math

It appears the joke is on John McCain rather than Barack Obama, at least according to late night comics. A study by the Center for Media and Public Affairs found network comedians were much more likely to pile on jokes about President Bush and Senator McCain rather than the Democratic candidate. The study covered all jokes between January 1 and July 31 in late-night monologues by Jay Leno, David Letterman and Conan O'Brien.

The center found there were 428 jokes about President Bush, 328 jokes for John McCain and just 169 jokes about Obama. Hillary Clinton, despite dropping out of the race in June, was the target of more than twice as many jokes as Obama with 382.

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