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# Unconventional Wisdom

“You guys will have to give up.”  
—Sen. Claire McCaskill on the media’s frenzied hunt for Hillary-Obama tensions



“Can we drill your brains?”  
—Nancy Pelosi responding to McCain protesters yelling, “Drill here! Drill now!”



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## BILL'S SPEECH

# Don't Count the Big Dog Out

**H**OW WILL BILL CLINTON GET OUT OF THIS ONE? DURING A CAMPAIGN IN WHICH HE COMPARED Barack Obama to Jesse Jackson, hogged media attention from his candidate wife and was forced to explain, “I am not a racist,” national affection for the ex-president waned. It won't be easy to recover. But, like Houdini manacled in a shark tank, Clinton will escape tonight. He's at his very best under these circumstances: seemingly doomed by his own excesses, he triumphs with an amazing fluency, a roguish likability and a keen political sense. If given enough room to run by organizers, Bill should deliver one of the most effective speeches of the convention and recover some of his standing in the party. —MICHAEL GERSON

## BLOGGERS

# Namaste, Denver

**S**PORTS ANALOGIES litter political discourse—candidates run marathons, they score points with voters. Sara Avant Stover, Yoga Journal's DNC blogger, thinks this lexicon should include yoga. She's been teaching a 7 a.m. yoga class on site and, after watching stressed journalists and delegates do their downward-facing dogs, she sees a connection: “Yoga is all about centering yourself, what's important in your life. And what the Democrats are doing now is ... focusing on what they want for this party and this country.”

—SARAH KLIFF



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