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If your dog were a Republican...

DOUG ROGBACH

"It's too hot, now that everyone was gone on Thursday, the floor of the Democratic National Convention would have been much less crowded. But I'm sure of this, the excitement of the floor and the energy of the delegates would have been much higher." It's been a long time since I last attended a Democratic National Convention, but my memories of them are still vivid. The energy, the passion, the sense of hope and possibility that I felt then are the same energy that I feel now.

"Republicans" are a word that we don't use anymore. It's a term that we reserve for the other side. But the reality is that we are all Republicans in one way or another. We are all part of the Republican Party, whether we are Democrats, Independents, or even Republicans themselves.

"We're all part of the same family. We all want the best for our country. We all want to see it thrive. We all want to see it grow and prosper."

Charlotte Street Circus

"For a few days this week, the streets of Charlotte turned into a festival of the streets of New York. And not just the quiet side streets of Manhattan. We're taking Times Square, Madison Avenue, and 5th Avenue. From the Charlotte Convention Center to the Epicenter, to The Square at Trade and Tryon, even in the few seconds of quiet Church Street, there were throngs of people, music, and art."

Handouts are not a road to success.

PHIL VAN HOY

"The Observer assigned me to write a special daily column about what was happening during the DNC. I took to the streets and met with many different people, from the to the people who were just passing by. It was a great opportunity to hear from people who were passionate about their candidates and their country."

"I was asked to do a column on the DNC, and I was happy to do it. It was a great opportunity to hear from people who were passionate about their candidates and their country."

"I learned a lot from these interactions. I learned about the different perspectives that people have on the issues and the candidates. I learned about the passion that people have for their country."

"I also learned about the importance of creating a positive and inclusive environment. It's important to create a space where people feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and ideas."

"I want to continue to write about the DNC and the Charlotte Street Circus. It was a great experience and I learned a lot from it."

"I hope that I can continue to learn and grow from these experiences, and that I can continue to share what I learn with others."

With speech swing, Obama watches Putin

THOMAS L. ROBERTS

"There will be a speech swing tonight. Obama's campaign is coming to an end, and Putin's campaign is just beginning."

"Obama's campaign has been marked by speeches that have been passionate and powerful. Putin's campaign has been marked by speeches that have been calculated and calculated."

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Michael Vangerov of San Diego is almost as colorful as the name of his band, Liquid Blue. They played Saturday night at the media party at N.C. Music Factory and stuck around. A recent show in Greensboro was their 500th city, and they've played in 115 countries. DIEDRA LAIRD - dlaird@charlotteobserver.com