

## Twin City Officials Ramp Up for Anti-War Protests at Republican National Convention

MINNEAPOLIS/ST.PAUL—Based on intelligence from infiltrators, wiretaps, and data-mining by the FBI, National Security Agency, Secret Service, and the Geriatrics Studies Task Force of the American Enterprise Institute, local authorities are preparing extraordinary measures to maintain law and order during the Republican National Convention at the Xcel Energy Center here next Sept. 1-4.

In view of the demographic profile of the two hundred plus protestors authorities anticipate will descend on this heartland city to confront the GOP, paddy wagons are being equipped with wheelchair-accessible ramps and front-fender walker storage. Firefighters are stocking garden hoses with gentle sprays for senior crowd control; police are being trained to club aging demonstrators with specially designed night sticks made of bubble

wrap rolled into terry cloth covers; the National Guard is loading its rifles with Nerf bullets; and scientists at nearby 3M laboratories are developing respiratory-sparing tear gas. Traffic signs on both sides of the Mississippi River are being altered to redirect outside agitators away from the convention center with large print “This Way to Garrison Keillor” arrows.

John M. Harrington, St. Paul Police Chief, said: “According to the feds, the median age of the protestors will be fifty-nine, with a range of fifty-one to eighty-seven, so we need to adjust our use of excessive force accordingly.” Asked why he thought the protestors will be limited to the boomers past their prime, Harrington, in his fifth year towards an online master’s degree in public policy from Liberty University, belched. Then he added, “Protest is just so ‘60s.”

## FTC Sues “New Left”

WASHINGTON—As guardian of truth in advertising, the Federal Trade Commission has sued Students for a Democratic Society and forty individuals, including New Left leaders Bobby Seale and Todd Gitlin, for misusing the word “new.” FTC Chairman Deborah Platt Majoras, a Bush appointee, said, “There’s nothing ‘new’ about the so-called New Left. It’s the same old liberal dribble from the 1960s.”

## Berserk Chicago Cops Launch New Defense, Claim Rampage was “Historical Re-Enactment”

CHICAGO—Months after surveillance cameras in Jesse’s Short Stop Inn recorded him beating bartender Karolina Obrycka after she refused to serve him more alcohol, suspended Chicago policeman Anthony Abbate has developed a new defense. Abbate announced today that he was merely engaging in a historical re-enactment to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Chicago police rampage that hospitalized over thirty anti-war demonstrators. Attorneys for the eight off-duty

Chicago policemen similarly video-recorded beating patrons in a rampage at Jefferson Tap & Grille, immediately announced they were revising their defense to reflect Abbate’s “breakthrough” judicial tactic. Mayor Richard M. Daley, whose father Mayor Richard J. Daley directed the police riots forty years ago, commented, “We got a history of great police officers and great lawyers in this great city, and we ought to honor them all and not get caught in petty political finger-pointing.”

## Prince William County Bans ‘60s Nostalgia

MANASSAS, VA—“I just couldn’t take it any more,” explains County Supervisor John T. Stirrup, Jr, a Republican. “Our God-fearing citizens are justly tired of these old fogies sitting on taxpayer-funded benches in taxpayer-funded parks reminiscing about Vietnam, Beatles, marijuana, love beads—all that garbage from the 1960s. Since the federal government isn’t doing anything to stop it, we’ll do it right here. This is a Christian community with family values and we support our President and our troops.”

## Rennie Davis Defends Role in Viagra Commercials

SAN FRANCISCO—Former anti-Vietnam War leader Rennie Davis, countering leftist critics who argue that appearing in Viagra commercials supports Pfizer, which as a major contributor to the Republican Party, shares its culpability for the War in Iraq, said, “Why should Republicans have all the fun? If Bob Dole can do it, why can’t I?” Asked to comment, fellow Chicago Seven defendant Tom Hayden, who was married to anti-war actress Jane Fonda before she married then divorced CNN founder and billionaire Ted Turner, said derisively “What do you expect from a maharaja-loving venture capitalist?”