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More On Planned NYC Protests of Repub Convention

by [Michael in New York](#) on [8/17/2004 10:10:00 AM](#)

The Washington Post has a very good story on the tug-of-war between safety and civil liberties during the Republican National Convention in NYC. They detail a lot of planned protests and do a round-up of recent events where the police went overboard and squashed appropriate protests.

But my favorite bits include descriptions of some of the [clever events protestors have planned](#):

One "Paul Revere" protest will have a person riding through the city with the warning, "The Republicans are coming! The Republicans are coming!" (God, that's funny.)

Another will feature the world's longest unemployment line.

But one they missed is also sure to gain lots of attention: it's a one-day genuine vomitorium, with volunteers being served endless amounts of food and then throwing up so they can keep eating. All in the spirit of comparing Bush to the Roman Empire and its hubris in overextending itself, gorging the filthy rich and so on.

Hopefully, these are the sorts of events the media will focus on, rather than any hooligans, which cops describe as expected in the hundreds (as opposed to the half a million or more protestors overall).

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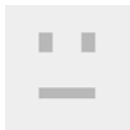
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