

New York April Fools' Committee

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ANNOUNCING:

NEW YORK CITY'S 17th ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS' DAY PARADE

“SLIP SLIDING CLOSER TO THE DRAINHOLE”

The seventeenth annual April Fools' Day Coronation of the King of Fools will be marked by a parade down Fifth Avenue, from 59th Street to Washington Square Park, beginning at 12 noon, Monday, April 1st, 2002.

The New York April Fools' Day Committee was formed in order to remedy a glaring omission in the long list of New York's annual ethnic and holiday parades. These events fail to recognize the importance of April 1st, the day designated to commemorate the perennial folly of mankind. In an attempt to bridge that gap and bring people back in touch with their inherent foolishness, the parade annually crowns a King of Fools from the parading look-alikes. Each year, the nominations are made by a select board under the auspices of the April Fools' Day Committee.

The public is encouraged to participate, in or out of costume, with or without floats, and may join the procession at any point along the parade route. **WARNING:** This year's parade will feature many terrorist imposters. In light of challenging world events, a caution is hereby issued to all participants and viewers. Security will be especially tight and the parade's advance down Fifth Avenue will be much slower than usual. In addition, land mines placed along the parade route will add to the excitement and suspense. To enhance the mood, the parade will be videotaped by Fox TV for a new reality-based television series called “**Surviving Reality.**”

Leading the parade will be the **U.S. Intelligence Float** featuring **Pentagon, CIA, FBI, NORAD, ATC, FAA agents** and **President George W. Bush** scratching their heads (which are up their butts) as the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon burn. This will be followed by an **Atlanta Airport Security Float** featuring **Michael Lasseter** running down an up escalator; a **U.S. Greenville Attack Sub Float** featuring **Captain Scott Waddle** cruising for Japanese fishing boats; a **U.S. Postal Service float** with postal authorities handing out free antibiotics; a **God's on My Side Float** featuring **Saddam Hussein** and **Yasir Arafat** in the ring with **Pat Robertson** and **Jerry Falwell** as the almighty Allah takes on the almighty Dollah. Bringing up the rear of the parade will be **Lizzie Grubman** driving a Mercedes SUV in reverse attempting to mow down all bystanders.

Marching impostors will include: **Osama Bin Laden** driving a yellow cab; **President George W. Bush** tossing pretzels to the crowd; **Mayor Michael Bloomberg** handing out dollar bills; **Mark Green** making complaints; **Ariel Sharon** shouting threats; **shoebomber Richard C. Reid** still trying to light his sneakers; and **American Taliban John Walker** trying to escape on a “Ginger” scooter.

All floats, confetti, food concessions, and free gift certificates for the **President's “Shop, Shop, Shop” Campaign** are provided by the **generous contributions of the Enron Corporation.**

To raise money for next year's parade, there will be a **“Date a Creepy Celebrity” Auction.** Prizes will include a date with **Gary Condit, O.J. Simpson, Robert Blake, Mike Tyson, and Rudy Giuliani** look-alikes.

Public Relations for the parade this year is being handled by **Donald Rumsfeld's Pentagon Propaganda Unit.** **Buddha sculpture fragments** will be sold at the Taliban concession stand to raise money for their future efforts. At the end of the parade a fireworks display will be generously provided by **Peruvian fireworks street vendors.**

The King or Queen of Fools will be chosen based on the loudest cheers of the crowd at Washington Square Park. The winner will reign through March 31st, 2003.

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