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## New York April Fools' Committee

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### ANNOUNCING: NEW YORK CITY'S 19th ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS' DAY PARADE

#### "Looking for a Miracle"

The nineteenth 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, Thursday, April 1st, 2004.

The **New York April Fools' Day Parade** was formed 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.

This year's theme song is "**We're Off to See the Wizard.**" The public is encouraged to participate and sing along, in or out of costume, with or without floats, and may join the procession at any point along the parade route. The **Grand Marshall** will be **John Hinckley, failed presidential assassin**, released from prison for this event. He will be handing out new \$3 bills featuring the face of President Ronald Reagan.

This year's floats will include the **Iraqi War Float** featuring President Bush showing off Saddam Hussein and taking collections to pay for the war and his re-election; the **Michael Jackson Giant Bed Float** where parents can hand off their kids to ride the length of the parade; the **Catholic Church Miracle Float** featuring hologram visions of the Virgin Mary weeping real chicken broth known to cure colds; the **Export American Jobs and Illegal Aliens Float** handing out one way tickets to the third world country of your choice; the **Exposed CIA Operatives Float** sponsored by unknowns in high places at the White House; the 2.5-ton **Ten Commandments Monument Looking-for-a-Home Float**; the **Smoker's Only Bar/Restaurant Float**; a **Rush Limbaugh Free Prescription Painkiller Float**; and bringing up the rear, the **Democratic Presidential Candidates Float** on the way to see the wizard.

Marching celebrity look-alike fools will include: **Kobe Bryant** bouncing his balls; **Scott Peterson** looking for an alibi; **Britney Spears** looking for a clue; **Pete Rose** taking bets; **Robert Durst**, acquitted cross-dressing murderer, carrying a chainsaw; **Glen Campbell** attempting to kneel police officers; and **Gary Ridgway**, the Green River Killer, checking out the crowd.

At the end of the parade a party will begin in Washington Square Park. There will be surprise entertainment and concession booths including a food booth hosted by the **German cannibal Armin Meiwes**. He will not be serving mad cow burgers, as he apparently has other gourmet specialties in mind. And, for five bucks you can kiss **Paris Hilton** anywhere you want and get a free video. All proceeds will be donated to PETA. In addition, there will be a **Marriage Chapel** where anyone can marry anyone or anything; and for those of you who still haven't gotten yours, **killer, ex-nurse Charles Cullen** will be dispensing free flu shots. At least he says they're flu shots...

All gasoline for this year's parade floats is generously provided by the **Halliburton Corporation**. Additional financing is provided from skimmed profits courtesy of the **Wall Street Mutual Fund Industry**. Former NY Times writer **Jayson Blair** will provide live color commentary for CNN. 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 31, 2005.

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