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The New York April Fools' Committee  
is proud to announce:

## NEW YORK CITY'S 20th ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS' DAY PARADE

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual April Fools' Day Parade will march down Fifth Avenue, from 59th Street to Washington Square Park, beginning at 12 noon, Friday, April 1st, 2005. After two decades, New York's most irreverent parade has finally been officially sanctioned by the City of New York. Also a first, the parade will be broadcast live from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Time Warner Cable channel 25. The New York April Fools' Committee thanks the Mayor, the city, all our sponsors and participants over the years for their support.

The New York April Fools' Day Parade was created in 1986 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 parade, "**Divided We Stand**", will memorialize the efforts made by people around the world to maintain their power, whether political, religious or personal, at the cost of the greater common good. The **Parade Grand Marshall** will be **Ex CBS Anchor, Dan Rather**. The theme song "**Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition**" will be sung by **President George W. Bush**. 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. Large float entries must be at 59<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue no later than 11:30 a.m..

This year's floats will include the **Swift Boat Veterans for Truth** float, sinking in a sea of lies; the **New York Governor George Pataki** float in a canoe up a canal without a paddle; the **Mud Wrestling** float, with **Michael Moore** taking on all challengers; the **Indiana Pacers and Detroit Pistons "We'll Kick Your Butt"** float (bystanders are invited to throw beer); the **NHL Ice Rink** float featuring owners and players kicking each others' butts; and the **Airlines' Lost Luggage** float. The rear of the parade will be flanked by an empty flatbed truck representing the "**Where's God?**" float.

Marching celebrity look-alike fools will include: **Donald Trump** handing out pink slips while wearing one; **Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger** shouting "girlie man!"; **Ex New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey** announcing "I am a gay American"; **Sponge Bob** screaming "I am not gay!"; **Jimmy Swaggert** looking to kills gays if they look at him romantically; **Bill O'Reilly** looking for lust; **Anna Nicole Smith** looking for money; **Attorney General Alberto Gonzales** looking for someone to torture; **Bill Burkett** handing out forged documents to any reporter who will take them; **Jeff Gannon**, White House pseudo-reporter, handing out fake IDs; **Zell Miller** ranting "Dissent is treason!"; **Howard Dean** just ranting; **Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps** toasting the crowd again and again; **Prince Harry** dressed as a Nazi looking for the Halloween Parade; and **Ann Coulter** being **Ann Coulter**.

There will be a party with live music, entertainment and food concessions at the end of the parade in Washington Square Park. Revelers can visit the **Ukrainian Home Cooking** booth featuring the famous **Dioxin Borscht** served by **Ukraine's Ex Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich**; a **Social Security Casino** concession; and a **Steroid Sampling** booth manned by **Baseball players José Conseco, Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi**. **Mel Gibson** will also be on hand to man his **Crucifix Photo-Op** concession featuring a ten foot cross with a portrait portal. **Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld** will be collecting scrap metal donations for his **Soldiers Vehicle Rearmament Program**. And, **Harvard President Lawrence Summers** will oversee an innate intrinsic gender aptitude research booth featuring **Condoleeza Rice** and **Karl Rove** naked as test peek-a-boo science of sex comparison subjects. For \$5.00, which will help to support next year's parade, the public will be allowed to seek essential differences by asking one question each. Also, **Kofi Annan** will host a **U.N. Food for Oil** concession stand. Generous funding for this parade is provided by **Pfizer and Merck** who will distribute **free Celebrex and Vioxx**. 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, 2006.

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