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

NEW YORK CITY'S 22nd ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS' DAY PARADE

The Circus is Coming! The Circus is Coming!

The **22nd Annual April Fools' Day Parade** will march down Fifth Avenue, from 59th Street to Washington Square Park, beginning at 12 noon, Sunday, April 1st, 2007.

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 parading look-alikes.

The parade will be led by **Willie Nelson's tour bus** with all the windows open to provide a free contact high to get revelers in the mood. The **Parade Grand Marshall** will be ex-Secretary of Defense **Donald Rumsfeld** dressed in a body bag. Accompanied by the **Totally-Partisan Clown Band**, he will lead the crowd in a sing-along of the theme song "**Send in the Clowns**" by Stephen Sondheim: "Isn't it rich? Isn't it queer? Loosing my timing this late in my career? Where are the clowns? There ought to be clowns. Well, maybe next year."

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 59th Street and 5th Avenue no later than 11:30 a.m.

This year's floats will include a **Still-Looking-for-Jimmy-Hoffa float** with federal agents digging up a barnyard on wheels; the **King-of-the-Blow-Hards float** starring Donald Trump on a self-aggrandizing rant, with a tearful Miss USA Tara Conner polishing his shoes; the **Blatant-Hypocrites float** featuring ex-Congressman Mark Foley, ex-Pastor Ted Haggard, Boulder, Colorado District Attorney Mary Lacey, and Durham County North Carolina District Attorney Mike Nifong; the **Sadam-Hang-em-High-Execution float** featuring Shiite executioners illegally recording and exalting his death; the **James-Brown-Gold-Casket float** with Tomi Rae Brown and Reverend Al Sharpton rehearsing for an episode of MTV's "Yo Momma"; the **Giant-Election-Ouija-Board float** with Democratic and Republican presidential candidates spinning to find out which way to go.

Marching celebrity fool look-alikes will include: **Senator John Kerry** with his mouth taped shut; **Paul McCartney** sawing **Heather Mills'** wooden leg; **Soccer player Zinedine Zidane** head butting unsuspecting spectators; **John Mark Karr** dressed as **JonBenet Ramsey; "Sara"**, the supposed **29 year old virgin** looking for Mr. Right, naked except for the bag over her head; **Patricia Dunn** and other **ex-Hewlett Packard executives** reciting the 5th Amendment; **Reverend Jerry Falwell** calling for the apocalyptic return of Christ; and **psychic evangelist Pat Roberson** predicting chaos.

Providing color commentary for ABC TV's fictional documentary on the parade will be **actor Mel Gibson**, **comedian Michael Richards** and **Senator Virgil Goode**.

As the parade ends in Washington Square Park, the party begins, featuring live music, food, concessions & entertainment. To kick it off, there will be a **100 yard drug enhanced sprint** between track star Marion Jones on foot and Tour de France winner/looser Floyd Landis on a bicycle. The winner will be rewarded a free ride on Willie Nelson's bus.

Taco Bell will provide free spinach, green onion & lettuce salads for all. A Bio-Medical Tissue Services booth will accept cadaver parts, no questions asked. There will be a Democratic Procreation Booth where George Soros will give \$1,000 per parental pledge to raise an offspring democratic, because "the only way to beat 'em is to outproduce 'em". OJ Simpson will autograph recalled copies of his book, "If I Did It." And, ex-Cincinatti Reds baseball star Pete Rose will autograph his balls. Regretably, the Boston Red Sox had to withdraw their generous offer to fund the parade this year due to another commitment of \$52 million dollars. Instead funding is provided by the Congressional Felons Retirement Fund.

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, 2008.

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