

SWIM Globetrotter

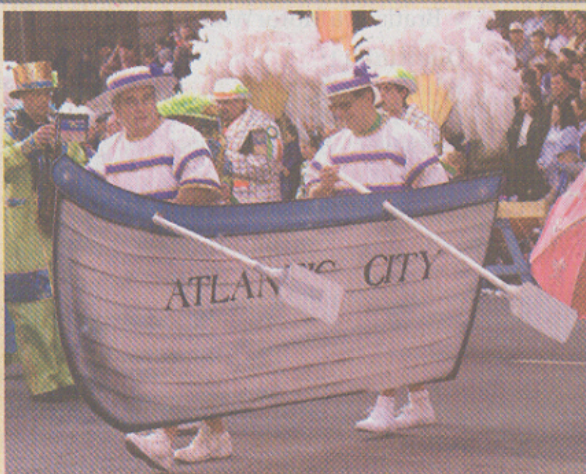
Fireworks burst over the Independence Square in Kiev 01 January 2005. Yushchenko rang in the New Year with Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili, who led a "rose" uprising in Tbilisi last year, in an appearance sure to irritate Russia.



Italian Marco Fois dives into the Tiber river from Rome's Cavour bridge as part of a New Year Day tradition.



Members of the Irish American String Band perform "4 Shore 2005" during the Philadelphia Mummers Parade in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The parade is the nation's oldest folk festival, featuring string bands, fancy divisions, fancy brigades and comic division participants competing for \$100,000 in prizes.



The official mascot "Oryx" or Qatari Oryx, representing the spirit of the 15th Asian Games, Doha 2006, is revealed during the initiation of the countdown to the games in Doha. PHOTO: AFP