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**SECOND ANNUAL APRIL 1st PARADE
TO PROCLAIM FOOL OF THE YEAR**

The second 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, Wednesday, April 1st.

The parade, featuring the winning hula troop from Hawaii's Merrie Monarch Festival, will spotlight impostors costumed as this year's nominees for the coveted Fool crown. The nominations were made by a select board under the auspices of the April Fools' Committee.

The New York April Fools' 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 the day designated to commemorate the perennial folly of mankind -- April 1st. 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. The winner last year was Ferdinand Marcos.

Among the nominees this year are Colonel Oliver North, Eugene Hosenfus, John Poindexter, Sylvester Stallone, Joan Rivers, Ronald Reagan, Nancy Reagan, and Ivan Boesky.

The public is invited to participate in or out of costume, with or without floats, and may join the procession at any point along the parade route.

The King of Fools will be chosen by the cheers of the crowd in attendance at the end of the parade in Washington Square. The winning National Fool of the Year, who will reign as King or Queen through March 31st, 1988.

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