

New York April Fool's Committee

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CELEBRATING NEW YORK CITY'S 11th ANNUAL APRIL FOOL'S DAY PARADE!

The eleventh annual April Fool's 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, Monday, April 1st, 1996.

The parade, led by **the Republican Out-of-Step, Out-of-Tune, Out-of Time, All Wind Marching Band**, 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 Fool's Day Committee.

The New York April Fool's Day 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 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. Last year the parade was led by a white Ford Bronco driven by an Al Collings look-a-like. That year's winner was **O.J. Simpson**.

Among the nominees this year are: **Pat Buchanan, Princess Di, Louis Farrakhan, Hugh Grant, Calvin Klein, Al D'Amato, the entire O.J. Simpson Jury, the Mainland Chinese Government, F. Lee Bailey, Johnny Cochran, Steve Forbes, Magic Johnson, and Hillary Clinton.**

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 floats featured this year will include a library of the missing Whitewater files, a Colin Powell for '2000 float, the Radioactive Waste Material Searching for a Home float, the National Rifle Association's Automatic Weapons Demonstration on their Portable Shooting Range, and the Center for Disease Control Display of Up & Coming Lethal Viruses. The planned Howard Stern in Drag float was canceled for lack of interest.

The King of Fools will be chosen by the cheers of the crowd in attendance at the end of the parade in Washington Square Park. The winning national fool of the year will reign as King (or Queen) through March 31st, 1997.

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