

# New York April Fool's Committee

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **CELEBRATING NEW YORK CITY'S 12th ANNUAL APRIL FOOL'S DAY PARADE!**

The twelfth 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, Tuesday, April 1st, 1997. The parade will be led by a **Pat Boone look-a-like leading cloned sheep & monkeys and mad cows while singing a heavy metal version of *Old MacDonald Had A Farm***. The crowd along the parade route is encouraged to sing along.

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. The parade spotlights impostor costumed as the year's nominees for the coveted "Fool" crown. Each year, the nominations are made by a select board under the auspices of the April Fool's Day Committee. Last year the parade was led by **the Republican Out-of-step, Out-of-time, Out-of-time, All Wind Marching Band** and the King of Fools was **the entire O.J. Simpson criminal trial jury**.

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 the **White House Lincoln Bed Float** which will charge \$100 a block for a ride, a **Bob Dole Continuously Falling Off His Float** float, a **Tupac Shakur Death Reenactment Float**, the **Larry Flynt in a Wheelchair Chasing Chickens Float**, **Cathy Lee Gifford's Honduran Sweatshop Float** sponsored by WalMart, the **Roswell Alien Autopsy Float**, the **Ebonix Float** followed by a **Texaco Float** featuring executives expounding racial slurs, the **Roberto Alomar Spitting Float**, the **Presidential Advisor Float** featuring Dick Morris talking on the phone while having sex with a prostitute, the **Crashed Dodge Viper Float** featuring Kelsey Grammer sucking the toes of a nurse, a **Live Bomb Float** featuring a pyrotechnic display and the FBI chasing Richard Jewell, and the **Gulf War Float** featuring burning toxic chemicals, followed by a **Veterans of the Gulf War Float**.

Marching look-a-likes will include: **Ted Kaczynski, Tim McVeigh, Newt Gingrich, Dennis Rodman, Author Joe Klein, Defense Attorney Robert Baker, Reverend Al Sharpton, and all tobacco company executives**.

At the end of the parade, there will be an auction to raise money for next year's parade. Among the items to be auctioned will be the names of the people who have slept in the Lincoln bed, Cathy Lee Gifford's WalMart collection of clothes, Dennis Rodman's wedding dresses, Mars rocks with microscopic life, Larry Flynt's personal chickens, more Jackie Onassis artifacts. Mad Cow Burgers will be served. The King of Fools will be chosen by the cheers of the crowd in attendance at in Washington Square Park. The winning national fool of the year will reign as King (or Queen) through March 31st, 1998.

**WARNING:** There have been an abundance of extraordinary fools this year. Most of the impostors in this parade are potentially dangerous. This is definitely a parade for the brave and the foolhardy only.

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