

New York April Fool's Committee

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CELEBRATING NEW YORK CITY'S 13th ANNUAL APRIL FOOL'S DAY PARADE!

The thirteenth 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, Wednesday, April 1st, 1998. The parade will be led by a **Monica Lewinsky lookalike humming "Hail to the Chief."** The crowd along the parade route is encouraged to hum 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 the year's nominees for the coveted Fool crown played by costumed impostors. 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 a **Pat Boone lookalike leading cloned sheep, monkeys and mad cows while singing a heavy-metal version of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm."** The Queen of Fools was **Kathie Lee Gifford.**

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 be constructed by New York City's leading art schools and will include a procession of **"Lovers' Floats"** led, of course by, the **President Bill Clinton-and-Kathleen/Paula/Jennifer-and-Yet-to-be-Identified-Women Float.** This will be followed by a **Sultan of Brunei-and-his-American-Sex-Slaves-Palace Float.** Closely following will be **"Lovers in Cars Floats"** led by a **Princess-Diana-and-Dodi-Fayed-as-Angels-in-a-Wrecked-Mercedes Float** and an **Eddie Murphy-Making-Out-with-a-Drag-Queen-in-his-Car Float.** In tow will be the **Ex-Teacher Mary Kay Letourneaux-and-her-Fourteen-Year-Old-Lover-in-a-Volkswagen Float.** The lovers' theme continues with a **"Lovers' Lookalike Float"** featuring **Frank Gifford and Susie Johnson, Ellen Degeneres and Anne Heche, Marv Albert and his mutilated Latin lover, Woody Allen and Soon-Yi-Previn.**

Bringing up the rear of the parade will be the **Heaven's-Gate-Spaceship-Following-a-Comet Float** and the **Texas-Cattle-Ranchers-vs.-Oprah-Winfrey Float** featuring lots and lots of real bull doo. Marching lookalikes will include: a crying **Farrah Fawcett**, a smiling **Ken Starr**, a poker faced **Saddam Hussein**, and a "What me worry?" **Hillary Clinton.**

At the end of the parade, there will be an auction to raise money for next year's event. Among the items to be auctioned will be a **bobbing head dashboard doll in kneeling position, one hundred sets of knee pads with the presidential seal embroidered in gold,** and **Pamela Anderson and Tommy Lee videotapes.** The concession booth will serve **stir fried Hong Kong chicken.** The King of Fools will be chosen by the cheers of the crowd in attendance at Washington Square Park. The winning national fool of the year will reign as King (or Queen) through March 31st, 1999.

WARNING: This parade features a lot of bull. We are hoping for an El Nino rainstorm to help the clean-up.

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