

New York April Fools' Committee

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ANNOUNCING:

NEW YORK CITY'S 14th ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS' DAY PARADE CELEBRATING THE END OF THE WORLD

The fourteenth 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, Thursday, April 1st, 1999. The parade will be led by the **Why 2K? Blues Band**. They'll be performing Bob Dylan's *A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall*. The crowd along the parade route is encouraged to sing along.

The New York April Fools' 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 Fools' Day Committee. Last year the parade was led by a **Monica Lewinsky lookalike humming "Hail to the Chief."** The King of Fools was **Kenneth Starr**.

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 sponsored by New York City banks and public utility companies. Over one hundred artists have volunteered to create the floats this year. The parade will be led by the **Doomsayer Apocalyptic Survivalists Float** which will resemble a fortress created entirely from cans of spam. This will be followed by the **End of the World as We Know It Chicago Bulls Float** which will feature a sinking ship with a giant replica of Michael Jordan's NBA Jersey # 23 on the sail. Closely following will be the **End of the Republican Party Float** pulled by Newt Gingrich and other GOP lookalikes; the **Popeye and Olive Oyl Marriage Ceremony Float** marking the end of a good working relationship (the crowd is asked to throw Viagra instead of rice); the **International Olympic Committee's Throwing the Moon Float** towed by Salt Lake City Officials; the **Clinton Little Piggy Float** featuring the portly pepperpot Monica Lewinsky dressed in a foxy wolf's outfit huffing and puffing and blowing the White House down. Bringing up the rear will be the **Reverend Jerry Falwell's Tinky-Winky Float** sponsored by the Gay Men's Alliance.

Marching lookalikes will include: **Mike Tyson** throwing punches at passersby; **Jessie "The Body" Ventura** throwing his opposition; **Linda Tripp** throwing the bird; **Bob Livingston** throwing apologies; **Mick Jagger** throwing kisses; **Hillary Clinton** throwing cigars for votes; **Mayor Giuliani** throwing accusations.

Local and national newscasters have volunteered to pick up the trash along the parade route to be recycled on the nightly news. At the end of the route, parade sponsors will be dispensing free **Bubba Rubba's**© (prophylactics featuring the President's smiling face). And, in addition, there will be an auction to raise money for next year's event (if there is a next year). Among the items to be auctioned will be the **Russian Government's Nuclear Arsenal** offered to the highest bidder. The concession booth will serve **MREs** (military meals-ready-to-eat). No Euro dollars accepted. The King of Fools will be chosen by the loudest cheers of the crowd at Washington Square Park. The winning fool will reign as King (or Queen) through March 31st, 2000, we hope.

WARNING: This may be the last April Fools Day Parade as the world may possibly end. Don't miss it!

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