

New York April Fools' Committee

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ANNOUNCING:

NEW YORK CITY'S 15th ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS' DAY PARADE

THE WORLD HAS SURVIVED Y2K SO THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

The fifteenth 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, Saturday, April 1st, 2000. The parade will be led by **The New York Homeless Blues Band**, playing Brook Benton's "The Bol Weevil Song." The crowd is encouraged to sing along: "Gotta getta home..., Lookin for a home all right..." The band will continue marching long after the parade ends this year to avoid arrest for loitering or sleeping in the streets.

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 the "**Why 2K? Blues Band.**" The King of Fools was **President Bill Clinton**.

The public is encouraged to participate, in or out of costume, with or without floats, and may join the procession at any point along the parade route. The lead float will be the **A Man's Home is His Castle Float**, a fully occupied portable castle on wheels constructed entirely out of discarded trash and cardboard boxes. This float was created by New York homeless volunteers sponsored by **Rudolph Giuliani's New York Senatorial Election Committee**. Next will be three **Beat 'em, Bust 'em, Book 'em Floats** created by the New York, Los Angeles and Seattle Police Departments, portraying themes of brutality, corruption and incompetence. These will be followed by a **Where's Mars? NASA Float** portraying missed Mars missions. (This float cost at least \$10 billion dollars). Following that will be the **Atlanta Braves Baseball Tribute to Racism Float** featuring John Rucker who will be spewing racial epithets at the crowd along the parade route.

Marching lookalike fools will include: **Mayor Rudy "Doody" Giuliani** throwing elephant dung at passersby; **Brooklyn Museum Director "Shock and Schlock" Lehman** handing out free tickets to the museum; **Hillary Clinton** handing out New York Yankee baseball caps; and **George W. Bush, Al Gore, Bill Bradley, and John McCain** tossing promises.

New York City taxpayers have "volunteered" to pick up the trash along the parade route. At the end of the parade, a concession booth will sell surplus Y2K food. Every purchase comes with a complimentary can of Spam.

To raise money for next year's parade, there will be a **Special Auction for Custody of Elian Gonzalez**. Will he remain in the U.S., return to Cuba, or go someplace else? Let the money talk!

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, 2001.

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