

New York April Fools' Committee

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ANNOUNCING:

NEW YORK CITY'S 16th ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS' DAY PARADE

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The sixteenth 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, Sunday, April 1st, 2001. The parade will be led by the **Marching Los Alamos Forest Rangers**, who will be back-burning trash along the parade route in an attempt to ward off any accidental flash fires. They will be immediately followed by a **Kathie Lee Gifford** lookalike wearing a girdle outside her stretch leather pants singing "Come On Baby Light My Fire." The crowd is encouraged to light and throw matches and sing along to celebrate their efforts.

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 **New York Homeless Blues Band**. The King of Fools was **Mayor Rudy Giuliani**.

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. Caution is advised this year as many of the floats will have pyrotechnic special effects. Parade confetti consists of shredded dot-com stock options and missing Florida election ballots.

Leading will be the **Dante's Inferno Float** featuring Supreme Court Justice lookalikes begging for forgiveness. This will be followed by the **WTO Protest Spoilers Float** featuring anarchists pelting the crowd with stones and Molotov cocktails. Next will be the **LA Lakers Fan Club Float** featuring an appliance store burning while it is being looted. Bringing up the rear, will be the **Jerusalem Peace Float** featuring Christians, Muslims, and Jews duking it out. Lurking behind the floats, we anticipate **Unreformed Puerto Rican Day Parade Thugs** will be roaming the streets. Females in the crowd can expect to have their butts pinched.

Marching lookalike fools will include: Reality-based television celebrity wannabes **Rick Rockwell** looking for a wife, **Darva Conger** looking for a buck, and **Richard Hatch** looking for his clothes. Other celebrity fool nominees include **George Bush** handing out tax rebates; **Al Gore** collecting missing election ballots; **Slobodan Milosevic** looking for a place to hide; **Osama Bin-Laden** assessing future targets; **Dr. Laura Schlessinger** begging for ratings; **Robert Downey, Jr.** trying to score; **Sean "Puffy" Combs** rapping alibis; and **Reverend Jesse Jackson** asking for forgiveness.

To recoup the rising cost of the parade (due to soaring gas prices), there will be a **Special Auction for Missing Los Alamos Hard Drives**. Concessions will be sponsored by **Taco Bell** featuring their **Genetically Altered Corn Products**.

Parade floats this year were constructed in penitence by **Ralph Nader and Green Party volunteers** using salvaged lumber from the 50,000 acres and 200 homes that burned in New Mexico forest fires. The floats' frames and chassis were donated by **Ford** from their Explorer SUVs. Tires are by **Firestone**.

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, 2002.

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