



## Krewe du Vieux Presents The Idiots & The Oddities

### Walt Handelsman To Guide Epic Carnival Odyssey

**NAWLINS** -- The ancient saga of warring nations and destroyed lives continues, as hypocritical leaders, rapacious businessmen, and false prophets (and profits) lead us into the depths of Hades. Technology unchecked by ethics and driven by greed has created a true chamber of Harrah's. Odds are it will take an idiot savant to lead us back to civilization.

In its own never-ending quest for truth, justice and a better buzz, Krewe du Vieux presents its 2000 parade, "The Idiots and the Oddities". The legions will be roamin' as this annual odyssey takes place on **Saturday, February 19**. Rosy-palmed night will be settling in as the journey begins at 7:00 PM, following the Krewe's traditional parade route through Faubourg Marigny and the French Quarter to this year's ball at the State Palace Theater (see parade map for route).

Guiding the Krewe on its epic schlep will be Walt Handelsman, the Pull-It-Sir Prize-winning editorial cartoonist of the *Times-Lickmyspoon*. With a pen as his spear, King Walt has magnificently lampooned many a deserving idiot and oddity.

Spectators are advised to wax their ears and lash themselves to the lamp-posts as the sirens, sorcerors, seamen, sea gods, oddities, oddballs, cue balls, screwballs, ballbusters, blockbusters, blockheads, blind poets, blind drunks, village idiots, and Trojan whores of the Krewe straggle home to their Olympian orgy.

The Krewe du Vieux's seventeen sub-krewes will present their own idiotic, idiosyncratic, ideological, illog-



**Parade route of the Krewe du Vieux, Saturday, February 19, 2000 at 7:00 PM.**

ical, ill-advised, illusory, and inadvertent interpretations of the theme. Sub-krewes include the Krewe of C.R.U.D.E., Krewe of Space Age Love, Krewe of Underwear, Seeds of Decline, Krewe of Mama Roux, Krewe of L.E.W.D., Krewe of Drips and Discharges, Krewe of K.A.O.S., Knights of Mondu, T.O.K.I.N., Krewe Rue Bourbon, Krewe de C.R.A.P.S., Krewe of Pan, Krewe du Jieux, Mystic Krewe of Spermes, Krewe of Comatose, and Mystic Krewe of Inane.

Also marching will be many of the city's top young brass bands. Showcasing the local brass band talent is one of the few Krewe du Vieux (not to mention Mardi Gras) traditions not currently being eaten by Cyclopsian corporate and political monsters.

The Krewe du Vieux is a non-profit organization dedicated to the historical and traditional concept of a Mardi Gras parade as a venue for individual creative expression and satirical comment. It is unique among all Mardi Gras parades because it alone carries

on the old Carnival traditions, by using decorated, hand or mule-drawn floats with satirical themes, accompanied by costumed revelers dancing to the sounds of jazzy street musicians. We believe in exposing the world to the true nature of Mardi Gras -- and in exposing ourselves to the world.

### Krewe du Vieux Doo

Saturday, February 19

9:00 PM

State Palace Theater

Featuring:

**Brass Band Jam**

**Paula & the Pontiacs**

**Deacon John**

Tickets \$20

Available from

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