



Krewe du Vieux Explores Depraved New World

Andrei Codrescu Liberates French Quarter Parade

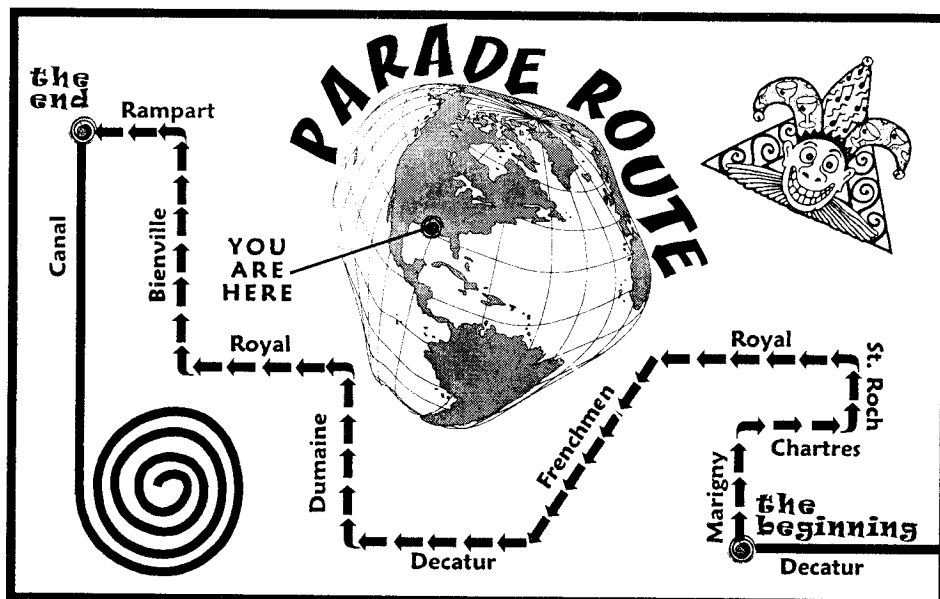
NAWLINS—Genetic engineering, anthrax weapons, test tube babies, rampant spin doctoring, Prozac—ol' Aldous Huxley saw it all seventy years ago. But not even he could foresee the full depravity of the present age: "reality" TV (on Fox but not CNN), a new definition of junk mail, a society dominated by lowest common denominator thinking, and Mardi Gras parades booted from their rightful marching dates to accommodate a stinking football game.

As we kick off the year of Our Ford 2002, who better than Krewe du Vieux to lead us into this "Depraved New World"—which the Krewe will do in style on Saturday, January 19, at 7:00 PM, as it feelies its way through its annual Marignystan and French Quarter free-for-all.

Incubating this year's ineffable insanity will be that redoubtable Road Scholar Andrei Codrescu, accompanied by his royal consort, the pneumatic Queen Laura. Having survived years of communist dictatorship, vampire-haunted nights and Romanian wine, King Andrei now steps bravely to the front lines of Krewe du Vieux.

As the Krewe's free-thinkers, free-drinkers, free-fallers, nightcrawlers, sheep ballers, savages, uninformed sources, and special forces invade the parade, the CDC (Center for Decadent Carousing) advises all spectators to inoculate themselves with Talibon-bons and watch out for the Kabulshit.

The Krewe du Vieux's seventeen sub-krewes will present their own de-



Parade Route of the Krewe du Vieux, Saturday, January 19, 2002 at 7:00 PM

praved, deprived, debauched, deranged, free-range, free-based, debased, head-cased, totally spaced 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 brass bands. Showcasing the local brass band talent is one of the few Krewe du Vieux traditions not currently being detained for questioning by the FBI.

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, January 19

9:00 PM

State Palace Theater

featuring:

Brass Band Review

Papa Grows Funk

Late Night Soma Party with

Janet Lynn with

Red Hot & Blues

Tickets \$25

Available from

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