

## Gossip Column

LA CONFIDENTIAL — Thousands of hidden stories and concealed lives ... this state filled to the max with corruption, drugs, sex, unlawful parties, multiple divorces, spouse swapping, and drive-through daiquiri stands.

Into this morass steps Eddie "The Hat" Jordan, who finally figured out where our beloved Louisiana politicians belong. "Fast Eddie" Edwards, Jim "Who Lies to the FBI" Brown, and — for those of you who didn't "vote for the crook" — our own Grand Dragon and Imperial Swamp Wizard, David Duke ... hope you like cheese grits, boys!

Pssst! Hey Cleo — is that a wad in your pocket, or are you just happy to see Mary Landrieu?

Madam Mary, quite contrary...she doesn't have "Louisiana Values": she actually lives in a house, and it has wallpaper! Keep the wallpaper, Mary — in her bid to bring Louisiana Values to the Bush House. Suzy decided not to run like Haik, got a new hairdresser and then retired with her daughters to her home on Audubon Place. Audubon Place brothel, anyone?

Speaking of the Canal Street brothel: very discreet — they only arrest the hookers!

Those Feds do have their hands everywhere, don't they? Stalking hotel concierges 'til they get to the bottom of this sordid affair — damn the terrorists, full speed ahead!

Pssst! Hey Cleo ... was your name in that book? No cheese grits for you — yet!?

Is Marc Morial still smiling? Remember the twinkle in his eye when Marc told us we needed him for a third term? Hey Marc — you got a taste for cheese grits? The steely-eyed Cox Cablemeister who fears no cab driver or pothole is cleaning up the town — and Marc, he left your name on the trash bins!

"Madam" Mary Landrieu, Eddie "The Hat" Jordan, Ray "Shinehead" Nagin ... the new kids on the block, cleaning up the squalor and turpitude that Louisiana has sunk into (or at least surviving Louisiana politics), harvesting the Seeds of Decline. Will they too have cheese grits in their futures? Only time, politics and Justice will tell ... Union, Justice Confidence ... that's LA Confidential!

## Letters to the Editor

### L.E.W.D. Theme Screwed Up

I am writing to protest the Krewe of L.E.W.D.'s decision to parade under the theme "Schools Get the Shaft". Who are they kidding? Basketball players have nothing to do with the sorry state of our school system, as suggested by the Krewe's depiction of one of the local team members, ahem, fornicating with a schoolhouse. Basketball and football players have nothing to do with school, period, and will fornicate with anything that moves — which schools do not. Just because the State spent millions of dollars on a basketball arena and Saints' subsidies doesn't mean that the money would otherwise have been spent on schools. These are entertainment dollars — and since when did anyone in Louisiana find intelligence entertaining?

T.J. "Bubba" Picou  
Chalmette

### Athletes Are Sissies

Compared to teachers, professional athletes are big sissies. Fans boo the Saints' quarterback in one game, and it draws buckets of ink in the media, not mention all that whining by the coach. Teachers face much worse every day. Just over the holidays this year, I personally have taken six blades a-switching, five golden handguns, four spraying Uzis, three rocket launchers, two dirty bombs, and a nuclear cartridge in a Humvee from kids in my classes.

Candace Witherbottom  
1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Alphonse Davis Elementary School

### Sports Are Lifeblood of City

How can L.E.W.D. complain about all the money spent on sports? Tourism is the lifeblood of this city. Sporting events draw thousands of tourists every year, and zillions of dollars every time we host a Super Bowl (according to NFL figures). Tourists do not visit the schools. Even the teachers and students don't go there very often, according to the newspaper. Why waste money educating our young people when we could be investing in tourism and all its minimum wage, no-career jobs?

Hilton Marriott  
New Orleans

### Find New Funding For Schools

Instead of complaining about the lack of money for education, we should find a new way to fund the schools — just like the sports industry. Naming rights are generating lots of income in sports, and schools could use the same approach. Imagine the "Zatarain's Crab Boil Senior Prom". How about the "Krispy Kreme Doughnut Security Guards"? Or the "Smith & Wesson Honor Roll"? The "Morris Bart School Bus Drag Race Team...the "Harrah's Casino Math All-Stars"...the "Dow Jones LEAP Test"...the "Trojan Condoms Home Economics Prize"...the possibilities are endless!

P. Mayer  
Metairie

### Whazzup

I did graduated wid beaucoop honorz from the New Orleanze pubic school systems. In my hoomble opineon, dis no good bad made fun of sports. All peeples wantz the monie wid Baron Davis done got.

JonJon Johnson  
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