

Rue Bourbon Bares Boobs

THE PRIMORDIAL BOURBON ST. OOZE -- As the first organism squirmed, crawled or waddled from the primeval ooze, environmental conditions dictated numerous ontogenetic pathways for the creature. In the beginning, massive reptileans dominated the landscape. They did as they pleased for eons; then one day they woke up and the world was much colder -- and their fur coats were all at the cleaners. Most of them died, conveniently enough, so that later creatures would be able to use their remains to fuel their vehicles and pollute their air.

The evolutionary engine continued to churn, and a new set of creatures ruled the earth. These new beings walked upright, gave live birth to their young, and nurtured them from organs attached to the female of the species. The animals were named after this organ: mammals. The mammary became an object of great attention, affection and admiration. The exploitation of the female breast built an empire for Hugh Hefner, its enhancement created fortunes for plastic surgeons, and its revelation created a demand for longer and grander Mardi Gras beads.

There are breasts and then there are boobs! Being a boob has nothing to do with gender; all one needs is a pregnant idea and a place to put it (like the foot of Canal St.). Krewe Rue Bourbon recognizes Gov. Edwards and his legislature, Mayors Sidney Barthelme and Marc Morial, and their city councils as the great coalition of boobs that mothered Harrah's "permanent" casino. To those during the past decade that looked at our problems and took the easy way out, we say "Thanks For The Mammaries".

Dionysos Craps Out

MT. OLYMPUS - New Orleans is an alluring and devastating place for gods as well as humans. In recognition of such divine decadence, the Krewe of the Korpse of Comatose tells the story of the ancient gods of Greek lore and their adventure in the heavenly sin city of New Orleans.

Led by Dionysos, god of dance, drink and gambling, many of the gods thought they could hit it big in this city of decadence. Dionysos had big plans to open the world's largest palace of Dionysian pleasure in New Orleans. To appease the big guy, Zeus, he named it after Zeus' wife, the queen of the gods, Hera.

To make sure Hera's Casino was done right, he asked his immortal pals to help. He got Hephaestos and Herakles to start building the temple, Aphrodite to dance and serve drinks, and Cassandra, goddess of bad luck, to cozy up to his customers. While Hephaestos and Herakles were hard at work, Dionysos hired Temperanos, the god of temporary things, to start business. Lo and behold, Hera's temporary Casino was opened.

But Dionysos was blinded by his own ambitions and could not see the omens. His fellow gods tried to warn him about his looming disaster. Poseidon, god of the sea, sent him a message on May 8, flooding out his temporary casino. Athena, goddess of wisdom, told him again and again that people flocked to the temples of Las Vegas and Mississippi to gamble, not to New Orleans. Hermes, the messenger god, showed him poll after poll making it clear that the people of New Orleans did not want his gambling hall.

But alas! By the time Dionysos got it through his drunken head

that he was doomed to fail, it was too late. All his prophets of profits had proven false; Cassandra and Temperanos had turned the tables, and Dionysos was forced to close up shop.

The problem was, Dionysos split without giving his workers the money or means to make it back to Olympus. Herakles and Hephaestos were left wondering what their creation, which they had spent the last year working on, would ultimately become. Athena suggested it be turned into an insectarium, where New Orleans politicians could be displayed in the roach room. Aphrodite ended up stripping at Maiden Voyage, trying to earn the dough to Valujet it back to Greece. The only god who felt truly happy about it all was Pan -- the god of chaos.

Top Ten New Slogans for Harrah's Casino

10. Harrah's -- Wanna Go Double Or Nothing?
9. Harrah's -- The Check's In The Mail
8. Harrah's -- We'll Respect You In The Morning
7. Harrah's -- Why Do You Think They Call It Gambling?
6. Harrah's -- Giving Our Employees More Time With Their Families
5. Harrah's -- A Sucker's Bet
4. Harrah's -- We'll Promise You Anything But Give You The Shaft
3. Harrah's -- We're On The Move (Out Of Town)
2. Harrah's -- This Time We Really Mean It
1. Harrah's -- We Fold