



## Krewe du Vieux Studies Urban Myths

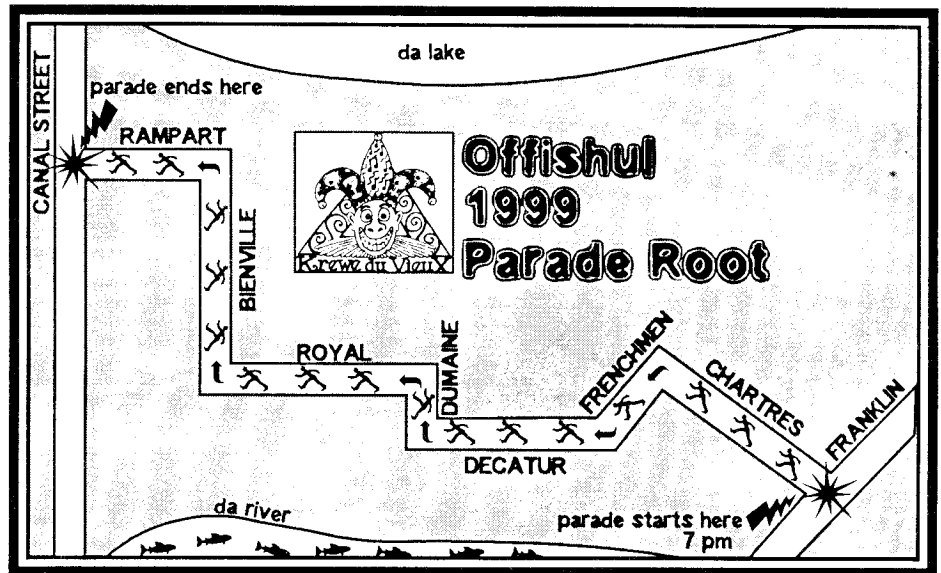
### Plaine Kern Gets Kicked Upstairs To Reign As King

NAWLINS -- Crime doesn't pay! Gambling is good for the economy! The I-10 is an excellent evacuation route! Scholastic test scores go up! Pregnancy test scores go down! Louisiana politicians are honest and celibate! Bizarre creatures live in the sewers! Television news offers great job security! Gumbo is made with all natural ingredients! There are cheap, reliable utilities in New Orleans! And Jieus run the city!

Krewe du Vieux will reveal the unbelievable, the fantastic, the incredible tales (and tails) of New Orleans in its 1999 parade theme, "Krewe du Vieux's Urban Myths". Krewe du Vieux's 13th annual parade will wander the streets of New Orleans on **Saturday, January 30**. The Krewe's flights of fancy will take off at 7:00 PM, following its traditional parade route through Faubourg Marigny and the French Quarter to this year's ball at the State Palace Theater (see parade map for exact route).

Reigning over the parade will be Plaine Kern, who retired after ten illustrious years as Captain of Krewe du Vieux. Plaine was the Krewe's first choice (after invitations to Jean Lafitte, Louis Armstrong, the Sieur de Bienville, Morgus the Magnificent, and The Special Man were declined).

The audience is advised to take all presentations and demonstrations with several grains of salt (plus multiple shots of tequila) as the



Parade route of the Krewe du Vieux, Saturday, January 30, 1999 at 7:00 PM.

gods, goddesses, demons, dementos, naiads, nymphs, nymphomaniacs, oracles, orifices, orgiasts, satyrs, sirens, sex fiends, and unholy spirits of the Krewe stagger on to their Dionysian bacchanal.

The Krewe du Vieux's sixteen sub-krewes will present their own mythical, mystical, fantastical, farcical, phenomenal, pheromonal, diabolical, chimerical, chemical 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 Comatose, Krewe of Pan, Krewe du Jieus, and the Mystic Krewe of Spermes.

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 disappearing into the misty realm of mythology.

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 in the city because it alone carries on the old traditions of Carnival celebrations, by using decorated, hand or mule-drawn floats with satirical themes, accompanied by costumed revelers dancing in the streets 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.

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