

Aquarius royalty crowned at Ball and Pageant

GALVESTON — King Jack Veiga and Queen Dorothy Cortemeglia were crowned reigning royalty at the ninth annual Mystic Krewe of Aquarius Mardi Gras Ball and Pageant at Moody Gardens Saturday.

The 1994 pageant featured more than 200 krewe members lavishly costumed in elegant capes, trains, gowns and head-dresses.

The ball, titled "An Aquarian Night at Mount Olympus," featured music by Destiny.

The krewe will present its annual Mardi Gras parade, "It's All Greek to Me — A Mediterranean Adventure" at noon Feb. 5, beginning at 14th and Seawall Boulevard. The parade will feature more than 60 units, including

16 marching bands, drill teams, floats and guest krewe revelers.

Parade marshals are the Rev. Father Charles Anastasiou and the Rev. Frank Fabj.

One hundred signed, commemorative Aquarius Mardi Gras posters will be thrown from the Royal Float. Sponsors are Stubbs Cycles, Heinekens, Dienst Distributing, Heartline Communications and Thoroughbred Printers.

In addition, Aquarius will host a Fat Tuesday Parade at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 15, beginning in the Strand District, officially signaling the end of Mardi Gras! Galveston. Revelers will receive beads, doubloons and other throws.

Mardi Gras ends Fat Tuesday at midnight.



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