krewe kings and q~eens as they goby.Toachild, Mardi Gras is like Halloween
hat more could akid ask for getti~bttm' gets--brigh
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leading up to Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter so they understand there's more
know what Mardi Gras is really about; going back to its beginnings in France,
Beverly Barras Vidrine,
events, foods, symbols, krewes, sounds and their histories. This expansive
itself. Although that's part of it, too."
It's a dictionary of familiar and widely-used words during Mardi Gras like
or by Lafayette resident Patrick Soper, is exactly what its cover claims it tobe.
amount of material, which Vidrine pared down to 53 entries, is presented succinctly and written with clarity so as to educate children.
Vidrine explained.
"Kids think it's going to the parades, catchmg beads and having fun," said
"At the Mardi Gras Parade" which appeared in the 1994 issue of "U.S.
and she answers questions from the pre-pubescent floor as well.
"At that time I'd already done one children's book, 'Soper explamed. I was look-
"Atthat time I'd already done one children's book, this one and 'A
"Kids ask 'How do the books get started?' So I tell them about the mouth to
accur~cy -like the Krewe of Zuln, an African-American krewe in New Orleans. So, even though the book may appear light-hearted and fun, which it is
"It's a dictionary of familiar and widely-used words during Mardi Gras like
"My favorite activity on Fat Tuesday is the parades.
apparentl. Vidrine mentioned her Mardi Gras
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