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**Nothing stops
Mardi Gras**

NEW ORLEANS — The parades may be canceled and policemen may walk the picket lines, but for Buddy Stall and thousands of others, Mardi Gras 1979 goes on.

"If we had an atomic bomb drop on New Orleans on Mardi Gras day and there were only two survivors, one would be beating on a drum and marching around; the other would be holding a sign and saying 'Throw me something, mister,'" said Stall, a New Orleans gear salesman.

Nothing short of war has forced cancellation of the carnival this century and nothing short of a riot stopped it in the 19th century.

And Stall was one of thousands who vowed Wednesday to keep the string intact, despite the news that 18 organizations comprising the

heart of Mardi Gras had canceled their parades because of a strike by 1,300 of the city's police officers.

The decision, announced Tuesday night by leaders of the 18 carnival groups, effectively ruined this year's traditional carnival celebration. But the faithful predicted a carnival party as usual next Tuesday, Mardi Gras day.

"As far as local people are concerned, you can never cancel Mardi Gras," said Carol Monaghan, owner of Molly's Irish Pub in the middle of the French Quarter. "These people never have avoided a carnival party."

"Mardi Gras is not just parade," she said. "I'm making cole slaw and getting ready for the hours. I can't keep people off the streets."

Hans Wandfluh, general manager of a plush Bourbon Street hotel, said late Tuesday he had only five cancellations out of 500 rooms.

"And you can't say they are Mardi Gras-connected because you also get some (cancellations)," Wandfluh said. "Business has been very good. I believe people will come down one way or the other and have fun."

Tony Joachim, a New Orleans resident who had been scheduled to ride in one of the canceled parades, was stunned at the prospect of staying home with his costume.

"Nobody ever thought Mardi Gras would be canceled," Joachim said. "It's almost un-American. People don't remember New Orleans for anything other than Mardi Gras."

But even the natives will be member New Orleans for Mardi Gras 1979.

"The tourists are leery," said Eddie D'Lair, a barber at Bourbon Street strip joint. "Many of them told me they came down last week or two weeks, but they're leaving early."

"They are just scared to stay going to cost us more money than even care to estimate," he said.

**N.M. land sale
brings bids of
\$1.43 million**

SANTA FE, N.M. — A monthly sale of oil and gas leases on state lands brought \$1.43 million in bids, according to state Land Commissioner Alex Armijo.

Armijo said Wednesday Mesa Petroleum Co., Amarillo, Texas, offered the high bid of \$200,000 for a 560-acre tract southwest of Artesia, Amoco Production Co., Houston, Texas, bid \$693.75 per acre for a 160-acre lease five miles south of Lovington, Armijo said.

He said a total of \$1.43 million was bid on leases in Chaves, Lea, and Eddy counties totaling 7,654 acres.

The money collected is distributed to various institutions and public schools which are beneficiaries under the state constitution, Armijo said.

**Interstate pipeline
to move crude oil**

AUSTIN — Texas Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace says a pipeline from California to Texas to carry Alaskan crude to refineries in the Southwest and Midwest would save American consumers \$500 million a year in energy costs.

Wallace Tuesday sent a letter to President Carter asking him to expedite the languishing pipeline, which Wallace said would require more than 700 local, state and federal permits for completion. He said the project would utilize an existing but unused natural gas pipeline.

The pipeline would move about 500,000 barrels of crude per day to Texas and refineries in the East and Midwest.

"Transmission by pipeline would save American consumers, based on \$3 per barrel added cost, about \$500 million per year in present energy costs," Wallace said.

The crude currently has to be shipped through the Panama Canal to the Gulf and East coasts.

"I note with relative amazement that the state of California is currently exploring the availability of federal monies for Mexico-California oil and gas lines," Wallace said in his letter to Carter.

"One must conclude that California officials consider the environmental impacts of a line crossing the state much more serious than the impacts of a line that terminates in the state."

"As an official of the state of Texas, wherein something on the order of a quarter of a million miles of crude, gas and product pipelines have been constructed for distribution of this nation's domestic energy supply, I simply cannot view the construction of some 230 miles of lines for the Long Beach-Midland project as an insurmountable task."

**State baseball center
for pint-size players;
Texas-size operation**

WACO — Little League is so big in Texas, with more than 150,000 youngsters and 25,000 adult volunteers participating every summer, the state is the only one in the nation with its own Little League Baseball Inc. center.

It lies just off Interstate 35 in Waco between the Brazos River and the campus of Baylor University. From its administration building, records and information are available on the more than 500 chartered leagues in the state.

"Texas ranks third in the total number of chartered leagues in the world," says Jan Cochran, state coordinator since the opening of the Texas office in May 1971. "Only New York and California charter more leagues than Texas."

The headquarters is located on 27.5 acres of land leased from Baylor University. In addition to a new and modern administration building completed two years ago, the center also contains a field house used by the Baylor baseball team and five baseball diamonds. Two of the fields are lighted.

Since the opening of the state center nearly eight years ago in temporary offices at Texas State Technical Institute in Waco, the staff has grown from one person to its present six full-time employees and two part-time helpers.

"Little League Baseball is the most successful and respected sports program for youth in America today," she said.

This year, with the addition of T-ball, Little League will offer organized programs for youngsters ages 6 through 18. T-ball, the newest program which begins this summer and involves hitting the ball off a

**Bandit uses
coffee to rob
small stores**

WICHITA, Kan. — A grocery store bandit has discovered a cup of hot coffee does the job as well as a gun, but his "weapon" led to his arrest.

Police say a 43-year-old Wichita man allegedly robbed three small grocery stores in the span of about three hours Monday, all with the same technique.

The man got the attendant to open the cash register by making small purchases, then tossed a cup of hot coffee in the attendant's face and grabbed a handful of bills from the register, authorities said. He escaped with about \$50 in each robbery.

Police arrested a man, who was not identified, when a woman saw a man matching the suspect's description get out of a car with a cup of coffee in his hand and notified officers.

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<p>SPECIAL NOTICE</p> <p>SENIOR RING ORDERING PROCEDURE FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING 92 HOURS AT THE END OF THE SPRING '79 SEMESTER</p> <p>To be eligible to order the Texas A&M Senior Ring, an undergraduate student must have at least ninety-two (92) semester hours, with 30 hours at A&M and be in good standing with the university. To order at mid-semester using mid-semester grades to fulfill the above requirements, please note the following instructions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mid-semester orders will be taken only from March 20th until April 27, 1979. 2. Leave your name, major and I.D. number with the ring clerk, Heaton Building, prior to March 20th if possible, or at least one week in advance of ordering. This may not be done by phone. 3. Bring mid-semester grade reports along when ready to order to verify passing hours for the spring semester only. 4. Anyone having failed to leave their name in advance and fail to bring their mid-semester grade report along when ready to order will be asked to return later to allow time for records to be checked. 5. All rings must be paid for in full when the order is placed. Senior ring loans are available through Student Financial Aid in the YMCA building. 6. Students who do not place their order during this period may order after final grades are posted. There will be only a 1-2 week difference in delivery time for those students ordering after final grades are posted during May. (Whenever 92 hours have been completed and are on record, there is never a dead-line, except a monthly mailing date on which we send orders to the factory.) 7. The ring clerk is on duty from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday. However in order for other duties to be carried out, no orders will be taken between 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or between 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. 8. All rings ordered, regardless of whether on March 20th or April 27th, will be delivered on the same day which will be approximately July 18, 1979. <p>99146</p>	<p>SPECIAL NOTICE</p> <p>FOR RENT</p> <p>UNIVERSITY ACRES We now have apartments for lease. Immediate occupancy. From \$135-\$170 plus electricity.</p> <p>Call Joe Courtney Inc. 846-5796</p> <p>101119911</p>	<p>FOR SALE</p> <p>Western mags. Never used, 4 1/4x5 1/4 4-bolt; 8-track stereo deck, walnut case. 779-7131. 99157</p> <p>AKC Golden Retriever puppies. 693-9437. 10009</p> <p>76 Cutlass 2 dr., fully loaded, low mileage, \$3900. 693-6114 after 5:00. 10113</p> <p>For Sale: Queensland Blue Heeler puppies-Guaranteed to work cattle. \$90.00 each. Phone 713/945-8523 after 4 p.m. 99110</p> <p>1975 Datsun B210 sedan. Supertuner, radials, \$2195. 846-1685 evenings. 99143</p> <p>Western mags. Never used, 4 1/4x5 1/4 4-bolt; 8-track stereo deck, walnut case. 779-7131. 99147</p> <p>1978 GMC Halfton PU Like New, Reg. Gas, Loaded. Call 822-3950 after 5. 10014</p>	<p>HELP WANTED</p> <p>HAMBURGERS BY GOURMET Opening Soon Full and part time shifts day and night, flexible hours. We are a new and exciting restaurant in College Station, and are looking for people that like to work and have fun. You must have a neat appearance, dependable, and conscientious. Please come by and talk with us beginning Feb. 26. Hamburgers By Gourmet, 919 Harvey Rd. (Woodstone Center). EOE 102fn</p>	<p>HELP WANTED</p> <p>Chanello's Pizza has positions open for part-time delivery and kitchen help. Apply in Person 301 Patricia 100fn</p>
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