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# Mardi Gras: Street action beats even your wildest fantasies

United Press International  
NEW ORLEANS — Bourbon Street during Mardi Gras could make some X-rated movies look tame.

Inhibitions disappear. Gays openly display their sexual preferences.

Straights fondle each other in public. People who may in real life be reserved, quiet types turn into exhibitionists.

Thousands packed the French Quarter Monday for pre-Mardi Gras partying that certainly would have made a Midwestern schoolmarm blush. At one street corner, a large crowd gawked at a man wearing only

an orange wig and a pair of gossamer-thin bikini briefs.

Spectators yelled and screamed, hurling coins at the man and demanding he display himself.

One onlooker walked out of the crowd, spoke to the man matter-of-factly and pulled the man's briefs down to his ankles.

The crowd whooped and laughed with delight.

"I can't believe it," said one woman.

"He's really doing it," said another. The man bared himself several times, stooping between shows to collect the change that showered down from the balconies above.

Since he was undressed, he had no pockets, and so took the coins to a fully dressed male friend leaning against a portable toilet.

Then the raunchy show came to a climax — almost literally.

The performer whispered in his change-keeper's ear, who placed his thumbs inside the waistband of the briefs, pulled them down to the performer's thighs and grabbed the man's crotch.

Money showered down from the balcony.

The second man knelt before his friend and began performing an illegal act.

Another crowd gathered beneath a crowded wrought iron Bourbon Street balcony where a mostly male audience yelled to a group of women below.

After a few yells, three men turned and displayed their derrieres.

That prompted one woman to lift her purple knit top up to her neck and display her chest.

Two of the women, apparently too bashful to undo their tops, demurred. The crowd persisted, shouting "show some skin."

One woman — red-faced with embarrassment and protesting loudly — was hoisted onto the shoulders

of a couple of male spectators who she momentarily pulled her to the side.

But in every crowd there's a killjoy.

Half a block off Bourbon Street a woman stood between two men and two male friends. She had taken off her top, and her friends helped her pull off her jeans — revealing a flimsy black baby doll negligee and G-string.

The slightly plump brunette fully allowed the men to fondle her on the G-string until — to the boos of the crowd — a police officer stroled up.

## FBI knew chief informant participated in KKK attacks

United Press International  
NEW YORK — J. Edgar Hoover knew in advance of a 1961 Ku Klux Klan attack on a group of "freedom riders" in Birmingham, Ala., but the FBI failed to protect the civil rights activists, according to the New York Times.

Quoting a Justice Department report, the newspaper said FBI agents knew about and apparently covered up the fact that the bureau's chief Klan informant during the 1960s was involved in several such attacks.

But the department found no evidence to suggest the informant, Gary Thomas Rowe Jr., was involved in a series of racial killings while on the bureau payroll from 1960-65, the newspaper said in a dispatch from Birmingham.

Joseph Ross, agent in charge of the FBI Birmingham office, Sunday declined comment, citing court action on the matter.

"I do not know of any report of that nature in Birmingham, so I assume it would be in Washington," he said.

The Times said the department report said Rowe was a leader in the Klan beatings that marked the beginning of violent racial conflict in Birmingham.

The report criticizes the FBI for failing to protect the "freedom riders" after Hoover, then the FBI director, was told in advance of the ambush that Klansmen planned at the Birmingham bus station, the Times said.

The report said Hoover was informed that Rowe, armed with a lead-weighted baseball bat, was to be a leader of one of the Klan attack squads but the bureau failed to protect the demonstrators, the Times said.

The report detailed several incidents of violence involving Rowe that allegedly were known to his FBI superiors. But, "as long as he was providing good intelligence, the Birmingham field office was willing to overlook Rowe's own involvement," the Times quoted the report as saying.

## Dole's campaign tries to halt a GOP debate

United Press International  
CONCORD, N.H. — Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kansas, says his campaign will go to federal court to block a scheduled debate between GOP presidential candidates Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

The one-on-one debate is sponsored by the Nashua Telegraph, an afternoon newspaper in New Hampshire's second largest city.

Carroll Jones, the GOP presidential hopeful's New Hampshire chairman, said it was an "unfair and damaging debate" because the newspaper would not allow all the GOP candidates to participate.

Jones said he would file a request in U.S. District Court in Concord Tuesday, asking that the debate be stopped because it violates federal election laws.

"Any corporation, including a newspaper, is charged with giving fair and impartial treatment to the candidates," Jones said.

Jones said he could make a "strong argument" that the newspaper has violated Federal Election Commission regulations and "should be enjoined from carrying out an action which is, on the face of it, discriminatory and damaging."

Jon Breen, the Telegraph's executive editor, had no comment on Jones' statement.



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## Teenage girls prefer hair longer, cleaner, sprayed

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Teenage girls are wearing their hair longer than last year, says a recent magazine survey. Sixty-five percent prefer it shoulder length or longer.

Clean hair is also a high priority

with this age group, the survey showed. Forty-five percent said they shampooed their hair daily or often. Almost 42 percent use hair spray, compared with 23 percent in the magazine's 1977 survey.

## LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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| MSC Camera  | MSC Student Conference on National Affairs (MSC SCONA) |
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| MSC Great Issues  | MSC Travel   |
|   | MSC Video Tape   |

Chairmen applications are due by 5:00 p.m. February 22.

For more information, go by Room 216 MSC (SPO) and ask for Brian Gross. Applications may be picked up in Room 216 MSC at the secretaries' island.

### Results of the MSC ARTS COMMITTEE JURIED STUDENT ART CONTEST

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THIRD PLACE: STEPHANIE KARVECKI TITLE: MUSICAL CHAIR	THIRD PLACE: ELIZABETH GRANQUIST TITLE: PLANETS	THIRD PLACE: JOHN SMITH TITLE: I-45

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