

### Mardi Gras

### New Orleans gears up for Fat Tuesday 'blowor

**United Press International** 

NEW ORLEANS — A river of dazzling floats surrounded by throngs of Mardi Gras revelers flowed through city and suburban streets Sunday in a warmup for the annual blowout on Fat Tuesday.

Chicago. "Boy, New Orleans actor Kirk Douglas as the king sure knows how to throw a of merriment.

and adults swarmed parade timore. "I'm a Catholic and I routes, shouting the traditional think this is a wonderful pre-

costumes to toss them inexpensive treasures of beads, toys and

plastic cups.
Revelers clapped and swayed in time to bands marching between the Carnival floats.

Six parades and scores of "I've never seen anything like this in my life," said Sonja Mielke, 27, an accountant from the Krewe of Bacchus float with

arty." "Does it really get wilder than Raucous crowds of children this?" asked Don Polken of Bal-

Mardi Gras was expected to they are crowded draw more than a million rev- French Quarter (Tues elers to the city by Tuesday, a police spokesman said.

Authorities estimated 1.1 million people crowded into the French Quarter and downtown area during Carnival 1983, and the spokesman said officials expected a comparable crowd for

The officer said the crowds had been well-mannered and no one had been injured along the parade routes.

this year's festivities.

"They're being pretty calm," the spokesman said, "but this is

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"We think we can kee orderly. We've had lots tice with this happenin year, and we've got ove

helping us out.' Last year, the festivite marred by the deaths of ida woman shot during bery outside a restaur sailor from Philadelph was crushed beneath a flo

In 1982, two children ing along crowded routes died under the w

# Contest for ugly bartenders will raise funds to fight MS

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By CATHERINE CAMP- and to better serve the special reeds of people with MS."

This is the first time the miller said the idea for the Miller said the idea for the

test is a fund-raising project to national contest to join in the help find a cure for an ugly dis-ease, multiple sclerosis. The test was first started in Ohio in three-week contest kicks off Tuesday and ends March 27.

For the bartenders, UGLY stands for Understanding, Generous, Lovable You — but for MS — a disabling, neurological

of attracting attention to the disease — and to get money, of Brazos area bartenders will be course," said Mark Miller, an able to raise \$10,000 to \$15,000

ton Area Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The Houston Chapter services of the UGLY bartenders' conover 30 counties and their sup-test is to raise dollars for re-

increase public awareness of the outrageously expensive to do MS society and its services by research. raising funds," Miller said. The Bi

Bryan-College Station bartend-The UGLY bartenders con- ers will be participating in the

Each year about 100 contests are held nationally and together they've raised \$2 to \$5 million a year, Miller said. The city of Denver raised \$246,000 during disease — ugly defines it.

"The UGLY bartenders' contest is a bizarre but effective way

one year; and one Denver bartender raised \$9,200 all by himtest is a bizarre but effective way

Miller said he estimates the MS fund-raising coordinator.
Miller, 23, is the Fund-Raising Coordinator for the Housing Coordinator for the Hous-

ort groups. search and patient care pro-"The point of the contest is to grams," Miller said. "It's

The Brazos Valley bartender The goals of the contest are to who raises the most money will fund the fight against MS, to win a trip for two to the Bahalearn more through research mas. The top 20 bartenders will compete for other prizes such as memberships to health, exer- UGLY campaign. cise, and recreation clubs, escape weekends and more. All rink Night, where customers

fund raiser began as a beauty contest but when the NMSS reversed the idea, they found UGLY made more money.
"The contest basically boils

down to a popularity contest," Miller said. "This is the largest special event fund raiser for MS, except for corporate dona-

The places to find UGLY bartenders are bars, nightclubs, racquetball clubs, resturants, private club bars and even bowling alley lounges, Miller said.

With usually one or two bartenders competing per bar

tenders competing per bar, people can vote for the ugliest bartender of their choice as many times as they wish or can afford to. It costs 25 cents per

To try to attract voting customers to their bars, the bartenders will host special events

•the UGLY Pie Toss, where for 50 cents customers can target their favorite bartender.

•UGLY Hour, where happy hour becomes ugly hour and the bar will donate 25 cents per drink to their bartender's

UGLY neighbor a Mille Miller Beer is a nationa

sor of the UGLY contest The UGLY-est Coup test, in which patrons e

UGLY-est couple of the tender Night, in which t tender is hand-cuffed an tomers can let an insult f The Balloon Burs

which, like the name say tomers can buy dart gur to burst ballons with m inside. The balloons are from the ceiling and som sages give away free drink Miller said most of the

ipating bars also will be various UGLY promo items such as "Get Ugly" er's caps, "Kiss Me, I'm Buttons, "I Like It Ugly ters, bumper stickers, a shirts. The profits from items plus the money of from the votes all go to MS research, Miller said.

Each week the barter money is collected and votes are tabulated. Radio tion KTAW will annou phabetically who the le will announce the winn the amount of money her has raised as the Brazos Va UGLY-est bartender

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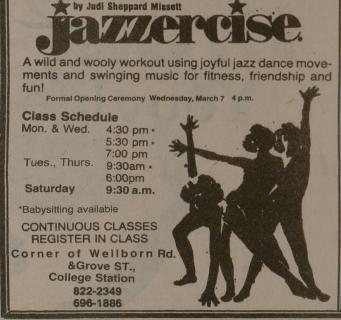
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Stephen Kenerly, host at the First United odist Church downtown the man arrived Saturd the wrong day for the ch food giveaway, but consid the gun and all, Kenerly

"I had the front propped open and a man in and said, 'A man told could get some food here,



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