

# Amtrak starts coast-to-coast railroad route

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NEW ORLEANS — Amid predictions of a boom in rail passenger service and high-speed trains, Amtrak christened the nation's first transcontinental line Wednesday with a Dixieland band and a contingent of costumed Walt Disney characters.

The Sunset Limited is no Mickey Mouse project as far as Amtrak officials are concerned.

The train, which will take a three-day route between Los Angeles and Miami, will be history's first true coast-to-coast train in the United States.

To create transcontinental routes in the past, individual cars were transferred from one train to another.

Until Wednesday, the train operated between Los Angeles and New Orleans.

"This is the first time in 163 years in railroading history that there has been a transcontinental line," said Jim Larson, Amtrak's assistant vice president of operations. "We not only stand at the threshold of improved rail service, but at the threshold of high-speed rail service."

The ceremony was held at Union Station, constructed during the late 1950s as passenger rail service was declining.

In the heyday of passenger rail service, New Orleans was a major transfer point for eastern and western routes.

In recent years, the station has served as a combination Greyhound bus depot and a stop for a limited number of Amtrak routes.

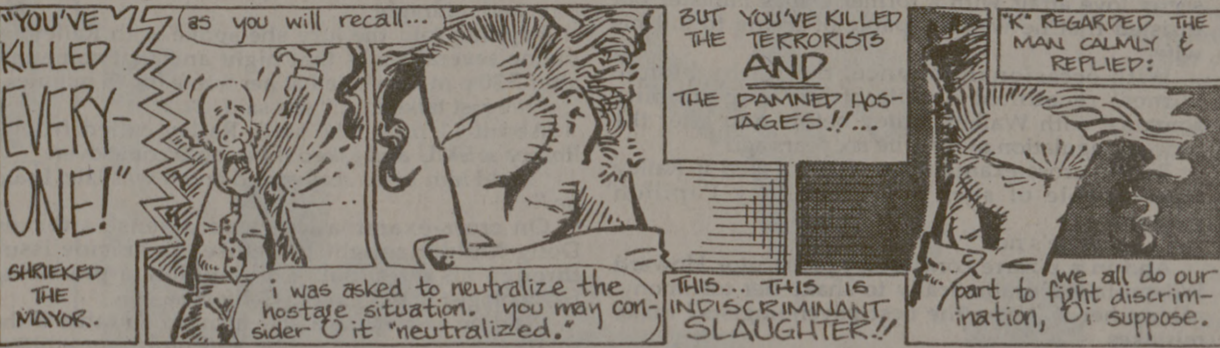
# Tubularman

By Boomer Cardinale



# KoZy "K"

By Clay Welch



# CheeseSalad

by jeff crone



# What's Up

Thursday

**Muslim Student's Association (MSA):** There will be a video series on Islamic teaching, "Prophethood, the finality," tonight from 7 to 8:00 in 308 Rudder. Call Agus at 846-4786.

**GLSS:** A rap group session will be held tonight at 7:00 in 421 Evans Library to collect stories and opinions about gay life at TAMU for an article in the Texas Triangle. Call the Gayline at 847-0321.

**Vietnamese-American Student Association:** The annual Spring Picnic will be held this Saturday at 10 a.m. at Hensel Park. Come join in on the food and some friendly competition. Call Daina at 846-6433.

**Alpha Phi Omega:** Parent's Night Out this Friday from 6:30 to 10:00 in Rudder 304. APO will offer free babysitting for students, staff and faculty of Texas A&M. Call Shelly or Jimmy at 862-2525 for more information.

**Al-Anon:** General discussion from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. today. Call the CDPE (The Rainbow Center) at 845-0280 for more information.

**Aggies for Truth:** Mr. Aubrey Rike and Larry Howard as guest speakers. Mr. Rike placed President Kennedy's body in a bag for the flight to Bethesda Naval Hospital. Upon arrival, the bag was a different color and style. Come hear Mr. Rike's story in person! Meet tonight in 504 Rudder at 7 p.m. For more information, call Angela (693-2801).

**Eta Kappa Nu:** Happy hour at Fatburger for Church. Meet from 11-12:30 today. For more information, call Alison McDaniel (846-5120).

**Alpha Kappa Alpha:** Pink Ice. Take a study break with the ladies of Xi Psi. Join us for free ice cream and our second annual Scattergories Challenge. Meet this evening at 7 p.m. in room 111 in the Student Services Building. For more information, call Tashara (847-0768).

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** A general discussion meeting will be held in the CDPE today at noon. For more information, call the CDPE (845-0280).

**Verbal Preparation for the GRE:** These courses are designed to help students improve their verbal scores on the GRE general test. Test-taking strategies and tips for success on the test will be covered. FREE, register in advance in Blocker room 241. The course will be held today from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in 242 Blocker. For more information, call the Center for Academic Enhancement (845-2724).

**Math Preparation for the GRE:** Courses are designed to help students improve their math scores on the GRE. Test-taking strategies and tips for success on the test will be covered. FREE, register in advance in Blocker room 241. Meet in room 242 of the Blocker building from 7-9 p.m. For more information, call the Center for Academic Enhancement (845-2724).

**The Navigators:** We will be having a Christian

Fellowship Rally in Lounge D tonight at 8 p.m. For more information, call Shane (846-0686).

**Department of Multicultural Services:** 1993 Diversity Awards and reception is to be held in 206 of the MSC. This event will take place today at 10 a.m., open to all students and staff. For more information, call 845-4551. 2nd Annual Aggie Culture Extravaganza. Will be featuring cultural song, dance and dramatic performances. Performers include Fade to Black, Prime Time Possee, Ballet Folklorico. Door Prizes! Tickets available at 137 MSC or at the door. This event will take place tonight in 201 MSC at 7 p.m. For more information, call the above number. We are also sponsoring "Name that Tune" - test your music IQ from Motown to Mexico! Teams selected from the audience in the MSC Flagroom, prizes for everyone. We will also be having tables and cultural displays in the MSC Foyer today. Find out more about the many different Multicultural student organizations at TAMU.

**Student Elections:** VOTE!! Polls are located in Zachary, Library, Kleberg, Blocker and the MSC. Starting from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**What's up is a Battalion service** which lists non-profit events and activities. Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 013 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. Application deadlines and notices are not events and will not run in What's Up. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3316.

# CD WAREHOUSE

WE BUY USED CD'S FOR \$4.00 or trade 2 for 1 NEW CD'S \$10.99 EVERYDAY!!! 268-0154 (At Northgate)

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\$5.50/\$3.50	7:15
Fire In the Sky	-PG 13
\$5.00/\$3.00	7:00 9:35
CB4	-R
\$5.00/\$3.00	9:45
SCHULMAN SIX	
2000 E. 29th Street 775-2463	
Groundhog Day	-PG
\$5.00/\$3.00	7:10 9:40
Hear No Evil	-R
\$5.00/\$3.00	7:05 9:45
A Few Good Men	-R
\$5.00/\$3.00	9:30
Homeward Bound	-G
\$5.50/\$3.50	7:20
A Far Off Place	-PG
with Trail Mix-Up	-G
\$5.50/\$3.50	7:00 9:35
\$1.25 MOVIES	
Forever Young	-PG 13
7:15 9:50	
Home Alone 2	-PG
7:00 9:40	

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Lunch 11-2 Dinner 5-9:30

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Good April 1, 2 & 3

**JIM BEAM** \$9.89 80° 1 Ltr.

**Crown Royal** 750 ml. 80° \$16.99

**Conquistador Gold Tequila** 80° 1.75 Ltr. \$10.99

**Ron Matusalem** Light Dry Rum \$7.99 80° 1 Ltr.

**Beekeeper Gin** \$18.99 94° 1 Ltr.

**J&B** \$20.99 1 Ltr. 80°

**WINE SPECIALS**

- Santa Carolina 1990 Cabernet Sauvignon/merlot 1.5 Ltr. \$5.99
- Mirassou 1988 Harvest Reserve Chardonnay 750 ml. \$5.99
- Nowton 1990 Unfiltered Chardonnay 750 ml. \$18.99
- Jordan 1988 Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley 750 ml. \$21.00

**THE CORK** SPIRITS & FINE WINES

2414 B, S. Texas College Station 696-0457 (In Kroger Center) Prices in College Station Thanks for a Great Year!

**SORE THROAT?**  
We are looking for individuals 18 years of age or older with sore throats to participate in a 2 hour research study involving an oral rinse or spray for the relief of sore throat. Patients who complete the study successfully will be compensated \$40.  
**BioLogica Research Group, Inc.**  
**776-0400**

**TOUR GUIDE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW at the AGGIELAND VISITOR CENTER FIRST FLOOR, RUDDER TOWER**  
\*applications accepted March 25-April 9  
\*for more info, call 845-5851

**TEXAS HALL OF FAME**  
Your #1 Live Country Night Spot!  
Thurs. Night - \$3 cover. 1¢ well/wine drinks 8-11. 75¢ Longnecks, \$2.00 pitchers 8-11. Doors open at 8. Dance 9-1. Music by Special F/X.  
Fri. Night - \$5 cover. 25¢ bar drinks & draft beer 8-11. Doors open at 8. Dance 9-1. Music by Special F/X.  
Sat. Night - \$4 cover. Single shot bar drinks, margaritas, and longnecks \$1.50. Doors open at 8. Dance 9-1. Music by FireCreek.  
April 16th: Collin Raye Show & Dance  
Rothers VIP Cards accepted  
**822-2222 2309 FM 2818 South**

**Impetigo Study**  
Individuals of any age with symptoms of impetigo (bacterial infection of the skin) to participate in an investigational drug research study using a cream with drug in it. \$150 for those chosen and completing the study.

**Sore Throat/Strep Throat**  
Individuals at least 13 years old needed to participate in a sore throat (strep throat, tonsillitis) research study involving an investigational oral antibiotic in capsule form. \$100 incentive paid to those chosen to participate upon completion of the study.

**Asthma Study**  
Individuals, age 12 and older, with mild to moderate asthma to participate in clinical research studies for up to 15 weeks with investigational medication in capsule and inhaler form. \$300 - \$550 incentive for study completion.

**Spring Allergy Study**  
Individuals, age 12 - 60 years of age with Spring allergy symptoms wanted to participate in a 15 - day research study (5 visits) with an investigational medication in tablet form. Free skin testing. Up to \$100 for study participation.

**SINUS INFECTION STUDY**  
Individuals age 13 and older with a sinus infection to participate in a clinical research study for 3 to 5 weeks with an investigational antibiotic in capsule form. \$250 incentive paid to those who complete the study.

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