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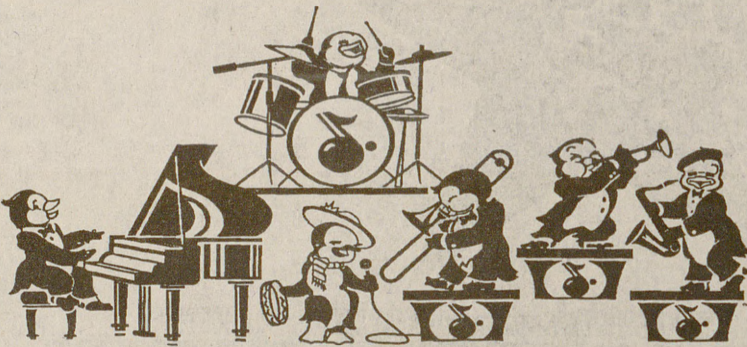
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Some say the U.S. is no longer in a position to be the world's policeman. President Clinton has attempted to redefine U.S. involvement in the international community. Kirkpatrick and Aspin will examine both sides of this controversial issue.

Tickets available at the MSC Box Office, or call 845-1234.

Tubularman

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spent drawing for Houston's Cypress Creek High School newspaper under the comic strip title of "Fast Times at Cycreek High."

When he got to Aggieland, Cardinale still pursued drawing. In the spring of 1990, he met Matt Kowalski, creator of another Battalion comic strip, "Spade Phillips, P.I." Kowalski encouraged Cardinale to submit some of his work to The Battalion.

Cardinale had tried once before, but was turned down. After several brainstorming sessions, he came up with his new character, Tubularman.

"I knew most superheroes had the word 'man' in their name," Cardinale said. "I tried to come up with a word to go in front of this. First I considered Awesomeman, but this sounded more like an exclamation rather than a name. So, I decided to go with Tubularman because 'tubular' was a word I always used when I was a kid."

Cardinale gets most of his "Tubularman" ideas from actual experiences.

"When I'm sick," he said, "Tubularman is usually hung over."

Occasionally, he runs into some spurts of writer's block. His ritual for curing this frustrating ailment involves three simple steps. First, he scans the Battalion for current events to focus on. If this doesn't work, he'll turn on the tube and flip until something looks interesting. The third step is Cardinale's favorite — what he likes to call, "movie ripoffs."

In the span of Tubularman's career, he has used "The Terminator (I and II)," "Apocalypse Now," "The Good



Kyle Burnett/The Battalion

Boomer Cardinale (left), the creator of Tubularman (right), joins the comic hero for a beer at one of Tubes' favorite hangouts, Duddley's Draw. Cardinale, a senior journalism major, immortalized Tubularman by compiling a book, "The Legend of Tubularman 1990-1994."

Son," "Jurassic Park" and others as his satire subjects.

In the future, Cardinale plans on starting a comic book company, called Rocketship Comics, with Kowalski in Houston. Tubularman will once again take the page with longtime friend Spade Phillips for a long-awaited reunion.

"A little dream of mine is to someday come back to The Battalion as a syndicated strip," Cardinale said. "But if 'Tubularman' becomes syndicated, I'll have to make some changes so he can be enjoyed by everyone."

Tubularman would have to slow

down on the drinking and take it easy on sexual innuendoes, he said.

"The Legend of Tubularman 1990-1994" will make its debut at AggieCon today, an event put on by the Sci-Fi Club. The book will then be sold at Hastings for \$8.

With plans of graduation quickly approaching and the realization of job-hunting slapping Cardinale in the face, Tubularman will take on a new look to appeal to a wider audience.

This summer's Tubularman may be unrecognizable to those who are familiar only with the non-

stop party machine. Cardinale has big plans for his superhero — beer-guzzling, for once, isn't one of them.

As for his up-and-coming departure into the real world of comic strip land, Cardinale said he would like to leave the following advice to those who aspire to be cartoonists. Make sure you can write. Always have your creative wheels turning, he said, and get experience somewhere. And, above all, keep drawing.

"Do whatever you want," Cardinale said. "But don't ever stop drawing."

People in the News

Buttafuoco explores post-jail career options

MASSAPEQUA, N.Y. (AP) — He might go Hollywood. He could headline in Atlantic City or Las Vegas. He already commands \$100,000 for an exclusive interview — and he just walked out of jail Wednesday.

Joey Buttafuoco stepped out of his cell and back into the spotlight, secure in the knowledge his twisted celebrity grew during 129 days behind bars for the statutory rape of an underage Amy Fisher.

"I'm done," the public-enemy-turned-private-citizen said outside the Nassau County Jail, flashing two thumbs up for photographers. "Everything is cool. I did what I had to do to end it, and now I'm going home."

A tree in his suburban front yard, just a short distance from the porch where Fisher shot Mary Jo Buttafuoco just 22 months ago, held 129 yellow ribbons.

The 38-year-old auto body mechanic had other things on his mind: Career options. No, there won't be a movie — there have already been three, and who wants to watch the sequel, "Free Joey"?

There could be a movie career. "Personally, I think Joey is Hollywood-bound," said his brother, Bobby.

Or a boxing match against the equally camera-shy Gerald Rivera. Buttafuoco dropped 30 pounds in jail to reach his fighting weight, and his attorney Dominic Barbara said there is interest from casinos in New Jersey and Nevada.

Or Buttafuoco the author. He is considering a deal to publish his jailhouse diaries.

There's already been an exclusive interview

with "A Current Affair." It isn't clear whether Buttafuoco will get to keep any of the money. Under New York state's Son of Sam law, convicted criminals are not allowed to profit from their crimes.

And Thursday evening brings a huge "Get Out of Jail, Joey" bash for 400 guests, including newly announced gubernatorial candidate Howard Stern.

None of this is amusing to Roseann Fisher, whose daughter is serving a five-to-15 year sentence for putting a bullet in Mrs. Buttafuoco's head.

"It's revolting and vile," she said. "It goes beyond the standards of decency. He should hang his head in shame for what he did, and not be smiling into a TV camera."

While behind bars, Joey received nearly 4,000 pieces of mail — about 31 pieces a day. By all accounts, he handled himself well in jail.

Streisand's mini-tour tickets go on sale

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Barbra Streisand will take to the concert stage in May for a rare round of pricey performances.

Tickets ranging from \$50 to \$350 go on sale Sunday for 12 shows in five U.S. cities. The mini-tour starts in Washington, D.C., on May 10 and ends with three shows in New York City in June.



STREISAND

Streisand said in a statement Tuesday that the warm reception to her two New Year concerts in Las Vegas led to the tour.

"It was such a lovely experience, feeling the connection with the audience after these years, that I decided to do a limited tour to express my appreciation for the love and support I have received for such a long time," she said.

Because of anticipated heavy demand, Ticketmaster will limit sales to six tickets per person. A portion of the proceeds go to charity.

Concerts are also scheduled for Detroit, Anaheim and San Jose, Calif.

Buffett lands bit role in baseball movie

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The mayor of Margaritaville, Jimmy Buffett, will swap the beach for the ballpark in the new movie "Cobb."

Buffett has a bit part in the movie about baseball great Ty Cobb, played by new Oscar winner Tommy Lee Jones. Buffett plays a disabled heckler who razzes Cobb, leading Cobb to climb into the stands and beat up Buffett.

"It's based on a true incident," associate producer Tom Todoroff said.

Filming begins Friday at Birmingham's Rickwood Field, the nation's oldest ballpark.

As a treat for unpaid extras who will fill the stands, Buffett and harmonica player Greg "Fingers" Taylor will perform after shooting is finished Sunday.

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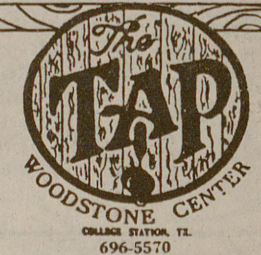
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