

# Entertainment

## Reasons to Party

### Returns

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Welcome once again to "Reasons to Party." Due to the fact that this schedule of events is supposed to cover the next two weeks, I will be covering only the major celebrations. If I happen to miss a day or two, that's okay, you don't always need an excuse to party. In fact, you could use that as an excuse in itself, "I'm partying today because I have no excuse!"

April 15

It's National Grippers Day! Do you have problems or complaints but no one will listen to you? Today's the day to spit it all out. I wonder if the I.R.S. had anything to do with this?

April 16

Stick on your mustaches and throw your hands in the air! Pop a brew, wash down the aftertaste of tax forms and celebrate the birthday of silver screen star, Charlie Chaplin. You may as well sit back and relax, returns are going to be awhile.

April 17

Carumba! Fiesta '87 is under-way. Today is the start of ten days of pure party in San Antonio, Texas. But don't let that stop you. Just because it's in Texas doesn't mean we can't help them celebrate up here. (Fiesta is not to be confused with siesta.)

April 18

It's the anniversary of the ride of Paul Revere. If that's not reason enough, it's Saturday. Come up with something on your own.

April 20

I am going to contradict myself. Today is not a good day to party. First of all it's Monday, a day of rest for those of us who caroused all weekend. Second of all, today is the birthday of Germany's dictator, Adolf Hitler. Take two aspirin and go back to bed.

April 22

Nebraska first began celebrating Arbor Day over 115 years ago. It is now celebrated all over the world.

April 23

It's Lover's Day today in Barcelona, Spain. Lover's Day was created to celebrate the works of romantic writer, Miguel de Cervantes. Make of it what you will. Today is also the birthday of famed playwright, William Shakespeare.

April 24

Gimme a break, it's Friday. You think of something.

April 25

It's Saturday, refer to excuse stated for April 24.

April 26

Here it is folks, the event of the year, the World Cow Chip Throwing Championship! This gathering has been labeled as "A highly specialized athletic event" which draws dung flingers from around the world. A special division of this competition is held for politicians, who are known to be highly practiced in this area. If you can't make it to Beaver, OK, this year, feel free to visit our local pasture to practice for next year's event.

April 27

Jamestown, S.C. lets all hell break loose for this one. It's the South Carolina Hell Hole Swamp Festival, practiced to highlight history and customs of the south. One of the featured events of this celebration is the home made whiskey competition.

Well, that rounds out another edition of "Reasons to Party." Remember, if a day isn't listed don't panic, I'm more than sure that you can come up with a reason on your own.

## SCULPTURE

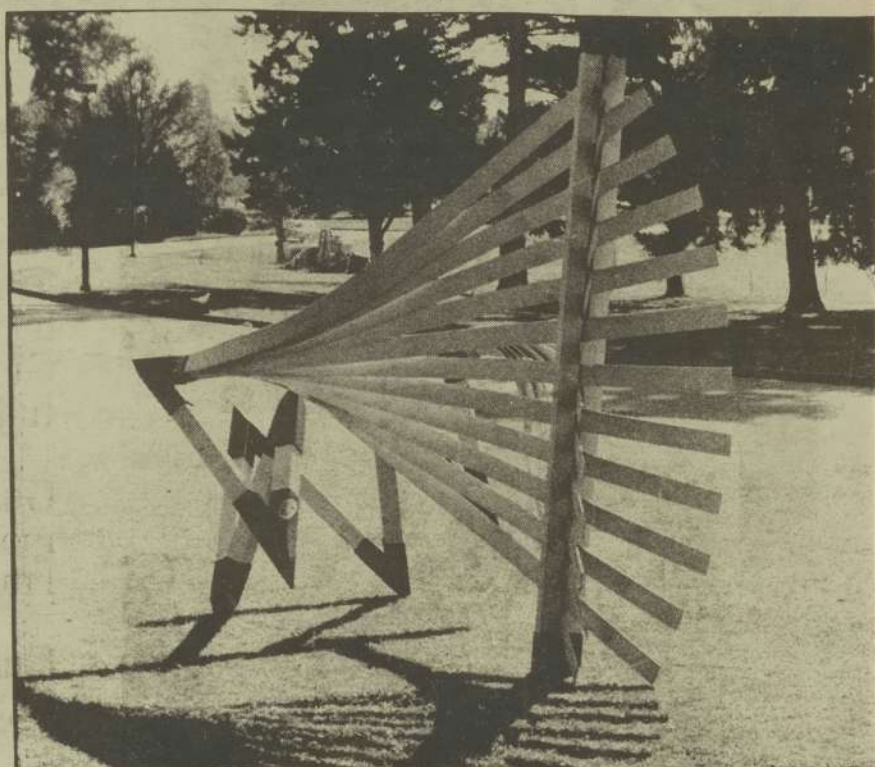


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Rick True expresses his concepts of 3-dimensional design with this untitled sculpture displayed just north of the track. The sculpture will be on display for one week.

## America + television = a hopelessly sick society

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Could it be that our nation is becoming mentally and socially warped? American's strange sense of entertainment seems to be slipping to an all time high.

Television viewers of today are becoming increasingly picky. They are becoming satisfied less and less with the network's conventional programming. The 80's are becoming the dawn of a new age, the age of off-beat T.V.

The Monkees pioneered the original concept when they combined television, anti-logic and music. It was another 13 years before the idea actually caught on.

M.T.V. re-introduced us to it all with the music video. It combined today's music with special effects and surrealistic imagery. America was now exposed to the concept of watching someone else's acid trip on big screen T.V. We could experience hundreds of five minute mind melts a day and never even have to touch a single chemical.

Then the comedians stepped into the act. Forced by competition to come up with material that was more and more diverse, they began looking and acting more like circus side show attractions than professional entertainers.

When faced with a choice of "I love Lucy" or a show featur-

ing a mature adult acting like a mentally mutilated six year old, T. V. viewers of today wouldn't even give it a second thought. What sort of self respecting human would change their name from Paul Reubens to Pee Wee Herman? All across America people of all ages are getting up early on Saturday mornings to watch "Pee Wee's Playhouse." We are sick.

Now the computers are starting to put their foot into the ring. Let's step twenty minutes into the future and into the world of the latest off beat T.V.

craze, Max Headroom. He computer with the mind of world's greatest investigative reporter, a name provided warning sign and a courtesy of IBM Compu-ter.

Where did the likes of "Bosky and Hutch" and "Beverly Hills Cop" disappear to? What happened? Will conventional programming ever be the same? Tell us Max, you know a little about American idealism beginning to look like a record left in the dust or what? I really want to know.

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