

Octoberfest

A little rain, a lot of fun

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Beer, beer, and more beer! That was all that you could find at OctoberFest '96.

Originally, a Bavarian celebration of the engagement between a prince and a princess, Octoberfest is a celebration of the end of summer. It is a chance to eat, drink, and enjoy the many acts of entertainment while letting loose the summer bugs and preparing for the cool months of fall.

The festivities begin in the middle of September and continue into early October.

But for the OctoberFest this year, at Hoppers Brew Pub downtown, the fun only lasted four days.

Each day consisted of different entertainment at the price of five dollars, with the exception of family Sunday.

Thursday started the celebration with a selection of

music by Jake's Blues and One World Tribe. Friday brought Bill Begs, a taste of German music, and The Party Squad from Buffalo.

Every day was topped with the delicious smells of braukwurst, ox roast and the many other kinds of German foods.

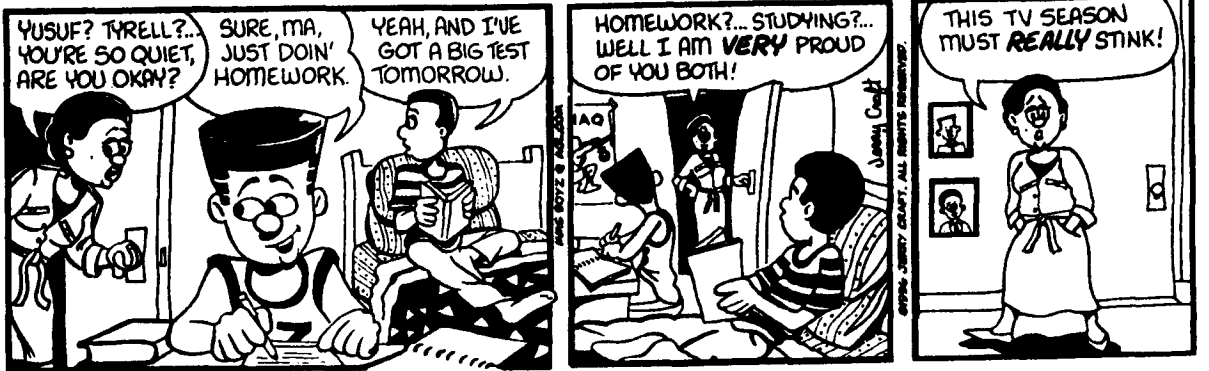
The weekend was incorporated with 12 Happy Musicians, the German Umpapa band, and a touch of Ireland with Broken Straw.

"It was so much fun! The entertainment was great and we got to drink lots of beer!!!" As you can tell, Jim Baldouf, executive chef at Hopper's Brewpub, certainly had a great time.

Sunday consisted of the younger crowd with pony rides, clowns, a petting zoo, and the best part was it was FREE!

Between Joe Matzak, a polka band leader, the pony rides, the entertainment, and the beer, who couldn't say October Fest was anything but fun?!

MAMA'S BOYZ by JERRY CRAFT



Chain Reaction

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A week or so ago, I decided to check out Keanu Reeve's latest movie, *Chain Reaction*. I went into the theater expecting a rerun of *The Fugitive*. What I got was, well, a pretty good movie.

The story begins when a group of scientists develop a method of extracting energy from water. They'd been trying for a while, but Reeve's character, Eddie, is the one that discovers the final adjustment needed to make the experiment less destructive.

After a staff celebration, Eddie goes home to see one of his colleagues, Lily (Rachel Weisz), then returns to the site to retrieve his motorcycle. He arrives just in time to find the lab in shambles, the head scientist murdered, and the machine set on overload.

The resulting explosion

leads to a police investigation that uncovers evidence that Eddie and Lily were part of a conspiracy to sabotage the original experiment, thus ensuring the success of another similar project. Faced with this, the two take off until they can figure out what's going on and how to clear their names.

One of the few people that know the truth is Paul Shannon (Morgan Freeman), an official who works closely with both projects. Shannon spends most of his time as supervisor for the experiments and acting as help/hindrane for both Eddie and his police pursuers. Toward the end of the movie, he is also an integral part of all that goes on.

The best thing I can say about this movie is that it was just great for watching. It's the perfect flick for when you want to go to the movies but aren't

really in the mood to see anything.

There isn't an overabundance of action nor an overly complicated plot. You don't have to be a techno-junkie to understand what's going on and if you happen to miss something, there's a good chance it will clear up for you later on. The special effects are notable and the story is well-written. Admittedly, some of the dialogue is a bit lax, but there are severable memorable lines, most delivered by Freeman.

So, if you have an afternoon to kill, take my advice and check out *Chain Reaction*. If you aren't into toned-down action, though, you might want to wait for it to come out on video. This is definitely one movie I'd recommend seeing, and I also suggest catching it again on video if you get the chance.

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