

The event ran into location problems in June after the Eugene Police Department objected to the city of Eugene issuing a parks permit to the festival, planned for Washington-Jefferson Park. Police claimed the event posed an "unreasonable danger" to the community based on alleged drug dealing at the previous year's festival at Alton Baker Park. No drug arrests were made at the 2003 event.

Organizer Dan Koozer says the purpose of the Hempfest is to "learn about hemp's benefit to our planet Earth," including industrial uses for hemp and legal medicinal marijuana. Numerous guest speakers and workshops have been scheduled, food and low-cost camping will be available and nearly three dozen bands and musicians are scheduled to perform.

Bittersweet Campground is a private five-acre camp on the river just past Blue River. Other campgrounds and a hot springs are nearby. LTD bus #91 serves the McKenzie Highway and carpools will be coming and going from Washington-Jefferson Park all weekend.

For more information, visit [www.emeraldempirehempfest.com](http://www.emeraldempirehempfest.com) or call 434-2377.



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More than 7,000 fans gathered Saturday night at Civic Stadium to watch the Ems pull out an exciting 5-4 victory over the Salem/Keizer Volcanoes. Cheering and worked up with excitement, the fans afterward poured out onto the field, spreading themselves on blankets, ready and eager for the much anticipated annual fireworks display.

After a 30-minute wait, the lights went out, but instead of the gradual oohs and aahs of fingerlike projections of reds and blues, golden showers of fountains and waves of starry cascades, fans received an all-at-once wham-bam that lasted approximately five minutes.

Frustrated and disappointed, they slowly stood, gathered their blankets and headed home, still in the dark, to set off their own fireworks.

A spokesperson for the Ems said the problem was caused by a glitch in the computer program, which sets the timing for the fireworks to be shot off.

The following night, fireworks at the Freedom Festival at Alton Baker Park got off without any hitches, although some still complained it didn't last long enough. — AS



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CHOICE OF MUSTARD: Spicy Brown

— DAY 22 —



Today we tested the ideal "kindling mix" for proper brat grilling. The combination of chicory, half an abandoned hornet's nest and an old bra found underneath the subject's deck was deemed

ideal. Next, we measured the effects of lemon on our Hefeweizen. Results proved to be delicious, with the flavor consistently scoring above 9.5 on the Rheimann/Gruber Pleasure Scale.

Smoke caused only minimal hair loss.  
Kurt and Rob put out small chemical fire before lunchtime.



The brat tested positive for Hefeweizen compatibility - and trace amounts of Actinium-238.

