

to the Real Eugene" (6/26), I am moved to write my first letter to the Weekly. Alan, you included 32 stops along the tour, everything from Nike making billions through the exploitation of sweatshop labor to a 1924 march by the KKK to the 1927 decision to shut down the trolley system and its somehow being connected to global warming to the "monopolistic" PeaceHealth to supposed "ethnic cleansing" on 13th and Alder. Please!

I guess that during this Olympic Trials week, for which thousands of Eugeneans have volunteered their time and expertise and passion to help create a vibrant, exciting, national-caliber event, you couldn't resist being the guy who tries to suck the joy out of the room, bring people down, try to cause some of the supposed "embarrassment that induces change." I've read enough of your stuff to understand the world according to Pittman. Cops equals bad, corporations equals evil, government equals corrupt, school district equals racist and so on. But hey, now that we have thousands of visitors to our excellent city, you can share your particular joie de bummer with a new crop of the uninitiated. Congratulations.

Me, I'd like to offer stop 33 on the "Real Eugene" tour. That would be the predictable, glass-is-half-empty joylessness of the anti-everything crowd, admirably personified by the *Weekly's* intrepid reporter, Alan Pittman.

*Rich Glauber
Eugene*

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THURSDAY

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SPORTS MEET ART DAY

The Festival will showcase sport-inspired art and celebrate the intersection between art and the outdoors.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- At The Starting Block: grab a Nike shoe and paint "tread" on the mural.
- "Track Town Power Station" people powered energy presented by Safeway
- Tree Climbing by the Pacific Tree Climbing Institute
- 4:30pm Walking tour: to Autzen Stadium

ON THE TRACK TOWN STAGE:

4:00pm-5:15pm Oregon Bach Festival: Bach Remix with Dj Smuve, Dj Celsius, Dj Billy, Marv Ellis and the Raw Action Break Squad

5:30pm-7:00pm Flossin Hip Hop/rap performances by 97211, Steady and Chef Boyz, Duna, Rochel, Mike Vegas & Illaj (Liquid Assets)

10:00pm-11:00pm Flossin Hip Hop/rap performances by Soul P. Twisted and Lil Syck (Liquid Assets)

FRIDAY

7.4

CELEBRATE AMERICA DAY

Featuring great American athletes.
Grand Finale Fireworks after Men's 10K.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- At the Starting Block: Create red, white & blue necklaces. Get a temporary Tatoo. Play NEOS, an interactive game
- Tree Climbing by the Pacific Tree Climbing Institute
- "Track Town Power Station" people powered energy presented by Safeway
- 3:30 Walking tour: Pre's Trail

ON THE TRACK TOWN STAGE:

3:00pm-4:00pm Video highlights of the Butte to Butte Race and a showcase of U.S. Athletes

4:00pm-5:00pm Oregon Bach Festival presents: Trio Vorenezh

5:30pm-10:00pm Live from Hayward Field

10:00pm-10:20pm Fireworks

10:20pm-11:00pm Samba Ja leads march out of Festival

SATURDAY

7.5

HERITAGE DAY

Eugene is Track Town, USA, today we showcase the heritage of the sport that grew up right here. Highlights of the "Men of Oregon" and the athletes who were here for the 1972, 1976 & 1980 Olympic Trials.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- At the Starting Block: Ancient Olympics, Amazing Facts Race
- Author signing: Geoff Hollister at Windermere tent
- "Track Town Power Station" people powered energy presented by Safeway
- Tree Climbing by Pacific Tree Climbing Institute
- 9:30am Walking tour: the Willamette River, North

ON THE TRACK TOWN STAGE:

9:00am-11:00am Olympic Trial highlights: Bill McChesney Jr., history of UO Track & Field, Track Town, USA.

11:00am-3:00pm Live from Hayward Field

3:00pm-4:15pm The Party Tigers

4:15pm-4:45pm Comedy by Leigh Anne Jasheway-Bryant and guests

5:30pm-7:30pm Marv Ellis and the Imaginary Friends

8:00pm-10:00pm Jubilee Outrea Gospel Choir

SUNDAY

7.6

SEND-OFF TO BEIJING DAY

Our last day of competition, we celebrate all the athletes who have competed and those who will represent the USA in Beijing. Join the Chinese dragon procession around the track and into the festival following the closing ceremony.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- At The Starting Block: Sign the "Good Luck" banner celebrating our athletes
- Tree Climbing by the Pacific Tree Climbing Institute
- "Track Town Power Station" people powered energy presented by Safeway
- Author signing: Geoff Hollister at the Windermere tent
- 11:30am Walking tour: Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art

ON THE TRACK TOWN STAGE:

9:00am-11:00am Video highlights of the previous day and athlete interviews

11:00am-11:20am Chinese American Benevolent Society Asian Cultural Dance Troupe

11:50am-12:50pm Dan Jones and The Squids

1:20pm-2:00pm Oregon Bach Festival presents: The Shanghai Quartet

2:00pm-6:00pm Live from Hayward Field

6:00pm-7:30pm Flossin Hip-Hop & Rap: Lila Dmone and Kokamo

8:00pm-10:00pm Satin Love Orchestra

FREE FESTIVAL

July 3: 4:00 pm - 11:30 pm; July 4: 4:00 pm - 11:30 pm; July 5: 9 am - 10:00 pm;
July 6: 11:00 am - 10:00 pm

Hayward Fields opens: July 3 at 6:00 pm; July 4 at 4:30 pm; July 5 at 10:00 am; July 6 at 1:30 pm

Eugene 08 Festival event line: 541-743-8778
Online: Eugene08.com

Free parking & shuttles from Autzen Stadium and South Eugene High School. From downtown take the Free LTD/EmX.