

BACH FESTIVAL 9

The 39th annual Oregon Bach Festival returns to Eugene

This year's events have been tied into Eugene 08 to offer the community and visitors a cohesive experience.



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Steve Prefontaine's life serves as book's inspiration

A New Jersey author has used the icon's story to inspire children and teens in her new book.

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Andrew Wheating prepared for Olympic Trials 800m race

The Oregon runner is currently seeded fifth amongst all qualified 800m runners.



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Women's 100m, men's 800m among Olympic Trials event previews

The Emerald takes a look at every track and field event to be held Friday, including record holders in each event.

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Former Oregon pole vaulter

**Andrew Wheating**  
Oregon distance runner

**Galen Rupp**  
Oregon distance runner

**Matt Scherer**  
Former Oregon middle-distance runner

FRIDAY



SUNNY  
87°/60°

SATURDAY



MOSTLY SUNNY  
91°/61°

SUNDAY



MOSTLY SUNNY  
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— 1980 Olympic Track & Field Team —

HISTORIC

A U.S. boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympic Games took away a team's chance of competing at the Olympics, but a reunion today celebrates the teammates' achievements



ANDREW GREIF | SPORTS EDITOR

In 1995, John McArdle put down the hammer and stepped out of the ring.

After he graduated from the University in 1979, McArdle enjoyed a 16-year career as a professional athlete, one of few athletes to have competed in parts of three decades.

Athletics behind him, he tried politics. He ran, unsuccessfully, for Oregon representative in 1996 before becoming the mayor of Independence in 1998, a post he still holds.

A curious move, considering that in 1980 politics took away his one and only chance to compete on the U.S. Olympic Team.

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“While I was at the beginning of my career, it was really hard to see so many people who didn’t get the chance to do everything they wanted to do.”

JOHN MCARDLE  
1980 TEAM MEMBER

EUGENE 08

Hundreds of housing prospects still online

Many community members' housing offers for Eugene 08 have not been taken yet

JESSIE HIGGINS | NEWS EDITOR

Community members are scurrying to take advantage of the increased housing demand estimated to hit Eugene today with the start of Eugene 08: U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials by offering to rent out whatever space they have for trial visitors to rent.

Online housing listings have been flooded with advertisements to rent or sublet houses, apartments, studios, rooms and RV spaces.

Fast Track Housing, a Web site set up specifically to post private housing options for both the Trials and the Beijing 2008 Olympics, currently has more than 600 postings advertising spaces for rent in Eugene. Craigslist has more than 700 postings specifically for renting in Eugene during the Trials, dating as far back as May 12.

Akeel Qureshi, a University student, has a total of seven people renting rooms from a house he rents out on 30th Avenue and Kincaid Street.

“I actually posted a bunch of listings for a bunch of different prices, so I’ve got a pole vaulter staying for \$30 a night, and a couple staying for \$8 a night,” Qureshi said. “I listed from really expensive to really cheap, and basically everything in between.”

Qureshi said that he is doing this to raise money for his roommates who are spending the summer biking across the country.

Others were not as successful in finding people to rent their spaces.

Donna Blair, a Portland resident, said that her daughter and her daughter’s roommates rent a house on 17th Avenue and Hilyard Street during the school year while attending the University. She said they have been trying

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Local businesses, hotels make preparations for the incoming 75,000 visitors from out of town.