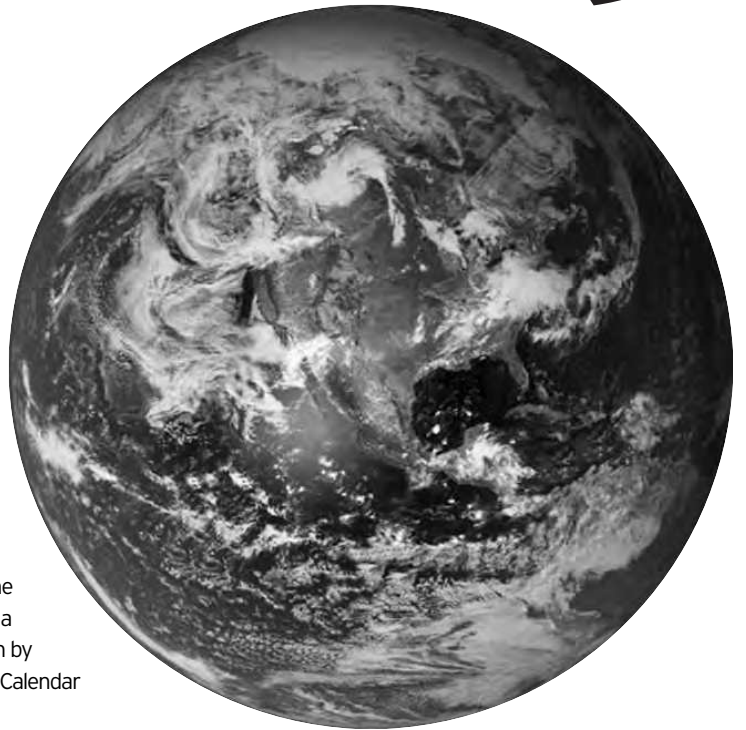


WHAT'S happening

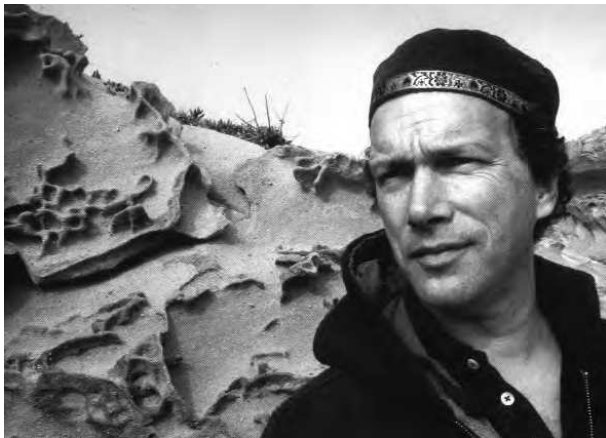


Swing comes to the Hult's Silva Hall for two evening shows and one matinee performance, featuring sizzling live dance and music. A neo-swing band plays hit swing tunes such as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "It Don't Mean a Thing," and "Sing, Sing, Sing!", and dancers kick up their heels. See Friday and Saturday Calendar.

Earth Day Celebration 2003 features music, exhibits, activities, demonstrations and crafts for all ages at the downtown Broadway Plaza. Join the Samba Ja troupe in the Procession of All Species, a nature-themed costumed march, in this production by Downtown Events Management, Inc. See Saturday Calendar and pull-out schedule.



If you've never seen the swifts (those are birds) who nest in east Eugene, you've got to check out the **"Welcome Back Swifts"** event at Agate Hall. Watch as thousands of Vaux's swifts swirl about in the sky, and then at one critical moment decide to simultaneously funnel down the chimney, looking like an enormous whirlpool made of feather and beak. You are no Eugenean if you haven't witnessed this bizarre, unique and tremendous freak of local nature. See Friday Calendar.



Steve Kimock brings his mastery of instruments and his explorations of new rhythms, tones and melodies to The Annex, one of Eugene's newest venues. The Steve Kimock Band features Rodney Holmes (drums), Mitch Stein (guitar), and Arne Livingston (bass), re-inventing music through hard work, imagination and a dedication to the creation of a new musical vocabulary. See Sunday Calendar.

For a night of moving, emotional entertainment try Fooscap Books for the **Eugene Poetry Slam** play-off round II. This is the last round before the finals, where a team of dueling poets will be selected to represent Eugene in a national slam taking place in Chicago. Champaign Syndicate will provide some tunes and Santa Fe guest poet, Gary Glazner, will be in the house. A CD anthology featuring 31 tracks of spoken word from the entire 2002-2003 Eugene Poetry Slam will be available for purchase; proceeds go to travel expenses for the winning poets. See Saturday Calendar.

The Polyphonic Spree, led by ex-Tripping Daisy frontman Tim DeLaughter (unfortunately pronounced "delotter") is coming to the WOW Hall. Picture it – 24 white-robed, smiling vocalists and musicians, all looking like a cult, all tight as hell, all kicking sonic ass. Their music is choral pop, meaning the WOW will be filled with sounds seldom, perhaps never, heard before in these parts. Spree's moving, loud, emotional, uplifting music is also going to become a musical. Hear it in Eugene first. See Tuesday Calendar.

