

WHAT'S happening



Gillian Welch (right) calls her newest release, *Soul Journey*, the sunniest record she's ever made. "There's a plain-spoken and straightforward quality to it," she said, "compared to the other records. And while everything I've done has been fairly autobiographical, it's also been more obscure. In fact, some of the songs on *Soul Journey* I never intended to release; they were kind of recorded for myself." Welch, a gifted singer, songwriter and multi instrumentalist performs at McDonald Theatre. See Wednesday.



A get out the vote fall concert features music by the Paul Biondi Quartet, The Deb Cleveland Band, **Los Mex Pistols del Norte**, Walker T. Ryan and Barbara Healy at Alton Baker Park. David Kelly will speak throughout the day between performances. The event, including a voter registration table, will inform the public about John Kerry. Bring one undecided friend and get them to vote. See Sunday Calendar.

You won't have to wait until February's official re-opening to see how renovations inside the **Museum of Natural and Cultural History** are progressing. A free public open house on Oct. 9 will showcase work on the primary exhibit, *Oregon: Where Past is Present*. See Saturday Calendar.

The Middle Eastern Dance Guild of Eugene presents a **Fall Festival of Music and Dance** on Oct. 9 at Cozmic Pizza. The festival features a shopping bazaar, drumming, a raffle, an evening showcase performance and a nighttime open dance jam. For details go to www.medge.org and see Saturday Calendar.



The UO Bookstore presents a reading by Filipina author **Jessica Hagedorn** in the Knight Library Browsing Room. Hagedorn burst onto the American literary scene in 1990 with the publication of the National Book Award nominee *Dogeaters*. The highly anticipated ***Dream Jungle*** is her first novel in seven years. See Wednesday Calendar.