

WHAT'S happening

A singer-songwriter with a country spirit lands at the McDonald Theater on Saturday. **John Hiatt** is one of those behind-the-scenes songwriters that can tackle pretty much any genre of music. In the early '80s, he even dabbled in New Wave when it was popular to do so. Hiatt also penned hit singles for Bonnie Raitt, Three Dog Night and Roseanne Cash. Lately Hiatt's been dipping his music in bluegrass jam band fondue, recording his 2005 LP *Master of Disaster* with the North Mississippi All-Stars as backing band. **Shawn Colvin** (pictured right) is the fresher face on the double bill. If you were like us and stopped listening to commercial radio back in 1998, you probably at least remember her catchy single "Sunny Came Home." Or, if you like your TV trivia, Colvin played Rachel Jordan, lead singer of a Christian rock band, on *The Simpsons*, who captures and then breaks Ned Flanders' lonely heart. See Saturday Calendar.



Tracy Byrd (pictured left) just *really* enjoys doing things for charity. He has raced a marathon, developed a special fishing lure (with a portion of sales going to the Special Olympics) and has marketed his own line of rubs, spices and sauces (with a portion of sales going to the Children's Miracle Network), in addition to playing countless benefit concerts all over the country. Now the Texas crooner has himself a concert in the park – the ballpark, that is. Byrd takes over Civic Stadium for a night of country music in a benefit for the Lions "Campaign SightFirst II," an effort to combat emerging threats to vision. "The Ragin' Cajun" **Doug Kershaw** opens the show. See Wednesday Calendar.



It's a **Last Friday Artwalk Extravaganza** this week! If you find yourself sucked into the Blair Boulevard vortex, don't be alarmed; there's just so much happening along this stretch of Eugene. First, start your night off right with the monthly **Critical Mass community bike ride** at 5:30 pm (starts at 17th and Charnelton). The ride will most likely end up in the Whiteaker area, where you can park your bike and stroll the **art walk** at 6 pm. Check out Valisa Higman's mixed media (pictured right) at Infinity Mercantile, James Herman's "primitive pop art" at Wandering Goat, John Holdway's surreal paintings at Studio C or Zen paintings by The Sad Monk at The Art of Glass. These and many more nontraditional venues will be hosting art for your viewing pleasure. If music is more your thing, check out **Baker London and the Fuumes** at the Whiteaker International Hostel or **The Sound Visionary** at Studio C or get your dance on at Scobert Gardens Park for a rousing 7 pm show from **Samba Ja**. As twilight settles in, switch to Monroe Park for an evening screening of everyone's favorite Bill Murray flick, *Ghostbusters*. We're already tired just *thinking* about how much fun this night will be. See Friday Calendar.