

WHAT'S happening

Essayist and *Portland Magazine* editor Brian Doyle hosts a reading by award winners of *Oregon Quarterly's* fifth annual Northwest Perspectives Essay Contest in Gerlinger Alumni Lounge, UO. Doyle chose **Michele Taylor's** (top right) winning essay, "Sorry for the Inconvenience," for its "surprising power, its controlled building of story, the manner in which the art of the writer is shaped and focused into a story that sings the subject." The contest attracted more than 60 entries. See Thursday, June 3 Calendar

A night of improvisational comedy at the Hult's Silva Hall features "Whose Line is it Anyway?" television show performers. **Ryan Stiles** (below) and other comedians take the stage and show off their improvisational talents by acting out hilarious scenarios on the spot, with no rehearsal. See Wednesday Calendar.

Lane Arts Council has designated May 30 to June 6 as **ArtsWeek** – a celebration of community arts throughout Lane County. ArtsWeek helps to raise awareness for the development of Lane County community arts programs and services, as well as offer a variety of fun events for the community. For event information visit www.lanearts.org

Congratulations to the South Eugene Axemen men's ultimate frisbee team, who placed **fourth in the nation** at the National Ultimate Frisbee High School Championships, last weekend in Corvallis. After forming the team in 2002, leading themselves with little funding and no adult coaching, the Axemen turned themselves into some of the best junior players in the world. They proved their mettle beyond a doubt, losing by one point in the semifinals against rivals from Seattle. It was an honorable culmination to a phenomenal season, each of South's players excelling past their previous skill-levels in front of a crowd of hundreds.



An art walk at the Meridian Building features live music, as well as jewelry by Sarah Peterman, watercolors by Ellen Morrow, fiber art by Leita Wright and glasswork by the Eugene Glass School. Here's work (below) by **Ellen Morrow**. See Thursday, June 3 Calendar.



A silent auction and wine-tasting benefit for **Committed Partners for Youth** raises funds for youth mentoring programs. This annual event features an Olympic theme and is hosted by Mary and Richard Slaney. The auction, at Valley River Inn, features a prize package by **Marla Runyan** (below). See Thursday, June 3 Calendar.

