• Still think more liquefied natural gas (LNG) pipelines are a good idea? Just this week in Texas **a gas pipeline blew up killing one man and injuring seven** people. Last week in West Virginia a natural gas well drilling explosion injured seven people as well, and the fire burned for days. In Portland, *The NW Examiner* reports a 50-year-old LNG storage tank owned by NW Natural with a capacity of 7.35 million gallons tank has survived small earthquakes, but may not withstand that big quake geologists are predicting. The tank was built before current earthquake standards went into effect, and according to *The NW Examiner*, geologists have suggested that soils in the area where the tank stands could liquefy during prolonged shaking.

• In a follow-up to last week's cover story on **Ultimate Frisbee and disc golf**, we heard from Annie Greenberg and Craig Huber that the winner of the 2010 Callahan Award was UO's Eli Friedman. In 2009, the UO men's Ultimate team didn't get a chance to compete for the Callahan, or even in the championships, and the story made headlines around the country: "Speeding, drinking, nudity – they're not bad things," Dusty Becker, the team's co-captain at the time, told the *R-G* last year. "They're things a big portion of the community doesn't think are wrong." Alas, the student board that governs UO club sports disagreed and the team sat out the championships. But this year the team has shown they can have fun and come out on top.

"The Callahan Award is given each year to the best and most valuable male and female player in the country," say Greenberg and Huber. "The award honors the physical talents and skills of the player and their leadership and sportsmanship. This award is equivalent to the Heisman Award. Congratulations to our local home town guy and Ultimate player of the year Eli!"

• Here's the latest scoop from the **Jay Bozievich campaign** for county commissioner. Looks like the campaign got busted last week for trying to cream voters. "The Secretary of States (sic) office has determined that we cannot give ice cream away to supporters and volunteers even as a thank you for helping with the primary," reads an email from Friends of Jay Bozievich. "So, we have to charge the cost of the ice cream to stay within the law." Bozievich has been holding ice cream socials around the West Lane District to thank voters for keeping him in the race with 35.5 percent of the vote, and to sweeten up volunteers for the November run-off against Jerry Rust. Each scoop of Bozievich's unhealthy cow fat now costs 50 cents. Rust, meanwhile, is giving away nothing but old campaign buttons made from thin slices of yew tree – zero in fat, high in fiber and carbon storage, and containing the natural cancer-fighting substance taxol.

• Freshly picked organic salad greens from the **Courthouse Garden** were served with Saturday night spaghetti at the Eugene Mission late in May. Bags of greens, bok choy and kale have gone to Relief Nursery families and Catholic Community Services. It's clear when you see the scale of the garden at 8th Avenue and Ferry Street that distribution will be a major enterprise. Fortunately FOOD for Lane County, with years of experience in giving away the treasures of its gardens, is stepping up to help. The UO landscape architecture students, released prisoners re-entering the community and volunteers who have grown this stunning garden on the city-owned property east of the U.S. Courthouse are encouraged to fill their pockets with greens. Lorri Nelson, a Eugene architect who joined Ann Bettman to teach the UO Courthouse Garden course spring term and will lead the project this summer, says "The students were thrilled to know that their last day would involve packaging up produce to take it to local organizations who need it." Volunteers to weed, water, plant, and pick are needed Saturdays all summer from 10 am to 12:30 pm.

• We don't have many **historic buildings** in downtown Eugene, thanks to old urban renewal projects and myopic city planning, so we should celebrate and cherish what we do have. The Eugene Hotel at Broadway and Pearl opened its doors to the public on June 15, 1925, and has served as a vibrant community center and resource ever since. It was converted to retirement apartments in 1983 and is still going strong. The hotel is celebrating its 85th birthday this Saturday with free music in the lobby and lounge starting at 11 am, and Sunday with an oldies car show and other events starting at 3 pm. Check it our, or give the hotel a call at 343-8574.

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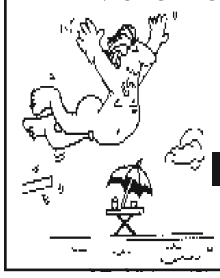

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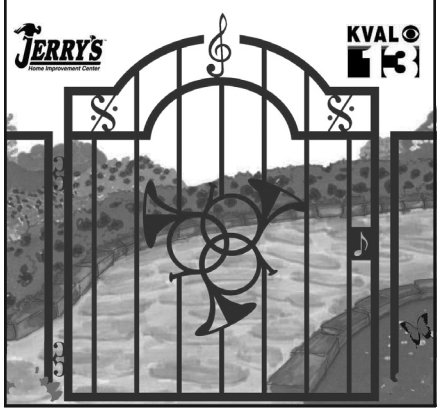

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