

WHAT'S happening

His mother played electric guitar, and his grandfather played the banjo. His grandmother wrote poetry, and his father preached the gospel. Born in the Hacklebarney section of southeastern Iowa, where music is a way of life, **Greg Brown** (right) grew up practicing the arts of songwriting, storytelling and music. At 18 he hit New York, and from there Portland, Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Since then he's recorded his own albums, worked for National Public Radio's "A Prairie Home Companion" and toured nationally, playing his intricate mix of gospel, blues, country, rock and jazz. Brown's show at the WOW Hall will sell out, and rightfully so. You'll only get in if you get your tickets early. See Sunday Calendar.

In its 12th year, **Fiesta Latina** transforms the Washington-Jefferson Park into a traditional Latin American street festival. With a schedule to please both the young and old, this year's program features numerous children's events and activities, breakdancing, dance contests, live music, an art exhibit, food from Latin American countries and even a performance of **capoeira** (bottom right), a Brazilian dance/martial art. LTD transportation is free. See Friday, Saturday and Sunday Calendar and special schedule box this issue.

Lane Arts Council **First Friday Artwalk** is a free guided tour of downtown art galleries and visual arts attractions. This week the walk begins at 5:30 pm with a **UO MFA exhibition** (bottom left) at Jacobs Gallery. At 5:50 it's *Figures in Bas Relief*, work by Miriam Kley at Karin Clarke Gallery. At 6:10 the walk features work by William Baby, Shane Fortner and others at New Zone Art Gallery. At 6:30 it's beadwork by Nome May, Michael Rose and Chela Guyette at Harlequin Beads & Jewelry. The last stop at 6:50 features work by Kris Ibach, Sadie Smith and Cyndy Duerfeldt at LaFollette Gallery. See Friday Calendar.

Ed Rosenthal (bottom center) speaks about his battle with the federal government over medical marijuana at 150 Columbia, UO. His speech, "My Fight With the Feds," covers Rosenthal's conviction for cultivating marijuana, despite his legal authorization to do so under California's medical marijuana law passed by voters in 1996. Rosenthal's legal battle against the government has teamed him up with half of the very jurors who convicted him this past February. See Friday Calendar.

On May 1 a great group of local musicians get together and play a benefit for the **Justice Not War Coalition** at Sam Bond's Garage. Sunken Grade, Dan Dolinger, Tom Heintl, Dan Jones and the Squids and even Ed Coles and the College Girls of Tora Bora will support the evening with their music. The coalition organizes community action for global peace & justice, resists suppression of liberty in the name of security, and speaks out against policies and actions that target people for their racial, ethnic, cultural, and/or religious identity. See Thursday, May 1 Calendar.

