

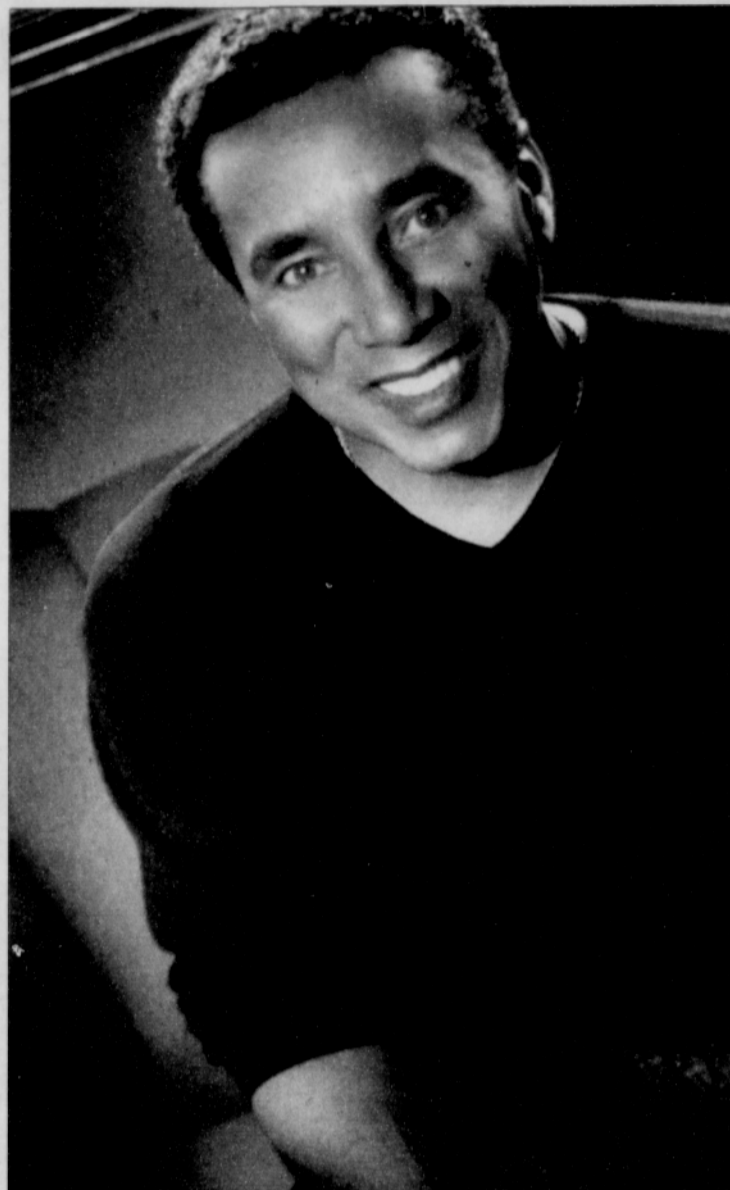
FOCUS

Avril Lavigne Flaunts Her "Real-Girl" Style

Anything but ordinary. That's putting it mildly when describing Avril Lavigne. A skater-punk, a dynamic spirit, a true wild child. One of those rare creatures who started wowing people with her voice and character at around age 2. A small-town kid who couldn't sit still in class, but had the confidence and determination to take off, virtually on her own, to hone her songwriting skills in New York City and Los Angeles. This Canadian teen sensation impacts with her style of sassy vocals. On a writing trip to NYC, Avril caught the attention of Antonio "LA" Reid, who snapped her up and signed her to Arista.



Move over Alanis Morissette, 17-year-old Avril Lavigne makes her musical debut in "Let Go."



Smokey Robinson at Chinook Winds

Legendary singer Smokey Robinson, whose career credits include 36 top-forty hits, will be performing for two nights at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City on Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20, 8 p.m. For tickets, call 1-888-MAIN-ACT or Fastixx at 1-800-992-TIXX (8499).



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NORMAN MITCHELL

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Free to Attend!!
Free Comedy!!
Free HIV Testing!!

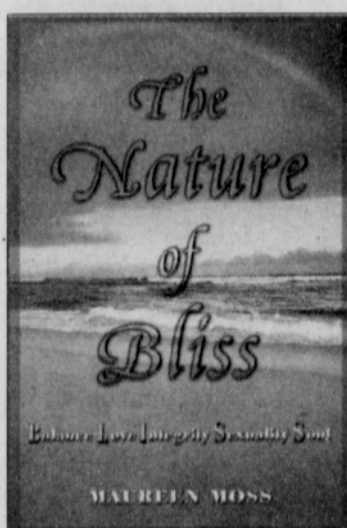
YOUTH EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH
@ 3PM AT THE **MATT DISHMAN CENTER**
77 NE Knott
Take the 6 to Knott
or 4 to Russell/Graham
HIV Testing will be available at 2pm

ADULT EVENT

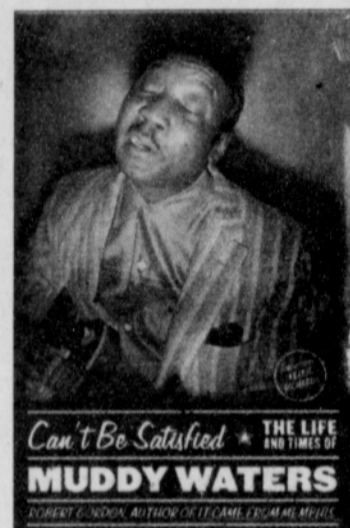
SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH
@ 5:30PM AT **THE MIRACLES CLUB**
4069 NE MLK
Take 6 to Mason
HIV/Hepatitis C Testing Will be available at 4pm

For more information call Duane or Dora at 503-413-1850. This event is brought to you by the African American Health Coalition, Inc. Both locations are wheelchair accessible.



In Print

A film on Muddy Waters, based on the companion book by Robert Gordon (shown right) called "Can't Be Satisfied," will be held at the Waterfront Blues Festival on Friday, July 5, 10 p.m., located at the A&E Front Porch Stage at the north end of Waterfront Park.



The Path to Bliss

The Nature of Bliss: Balance, Love, Integrity, Sexuality, Soul

BY MAUREEN MOSS/SIDNEY HOUSE; 2002

If someone were to ask you what is the "nature of bliss," you may find yourself pausing in search of an answer.

If someone suggested the "nature of bliss" is simply Balance, Love, Integrity, Sexuality and Soul, in harmony, you may find yourself having an Aha moment.

There are many moments in Maureen Moss' new book, "The Nature of Bliss."

With a distinct voice, a unique approach and a timely topic, Moss has finally cut humanity a direct, uncomplicated path to getting to the destination of our true natures...that of Bliss. Each chapter gives the reader personal accounts of transformation and a series of Inner Explorations on how to harmonize, understand and utilize our sacred power.

Keepin' the Blues Alive

Can't Be Satisfied: The Life and Times of Muddy Waters

BY ROBERT GORDON/LITTLE, BROWN; 2002

As Robert Gordon brilliantly details in "Can't Be Satisfied," Muddy Waters invented electric blues and created the template for the rock and roll band and its wild lifestyle. Gordon excavates Muddy's mysterious past and early career, taking us from Mississippi fields to postwar Chicago street corners. We meet the men and women who surrounded Muddy, riding shotgun with him as his style evolves.

The blues is feeling good about feeling bad. Gordon doesn't shy from the contradictions, he embraces them, garnering the same energy in storytelling that fueled Muddy's music making. There's never been a comprehensive biography of Muddy until now. And with "Can't Be Satisfied," there will never be a need for another.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

A weekly guide to events and activities in the Portland area.

July 4th at Blue Lake Park; Thursday, July 4
Celebrate a classic American holiday with friends and family at Blue Lake Regional Park in Fairview on Thursday, July 4. Bring your favorite picnic and a blanket to enjoy a festive day at the park ending in a spectacular pyrotechnic show. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. with fireworks starting at 10 p.m. \$6 per car for entry in the park.

Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival; Through July 7
Blues pioneers and legends are part of an eclectic lineup for the 2002 Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival, through July 7 in Tom McCall Waterfront Park. More than 80 blues artists will perform on three stages at the West Coast's largest blues festival. The event benefits the Oregon Food Bank. Call 503-973-FEST or go online to www.waterfrontbluesfest.com.

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center; July 8 - 12
The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center is offering two classes for students: Mask & Movement and Ethnic Dance, from July 8-12 for middle and senior high school students. Mask & Movement teaches how to incorporate theatre, dance, music and literary arts. Instruction is from 10 a.m. - noon. A variety of ethnic dance will be taught from 1-3 p.m. Call 503-823-2001.

Cinemax Movie Special; July 9 & 24
Today, more than 20,000 children live on the streets of Romania's cities and towns, a tragic legacy of former President Nicolae Ceausescu's regime. "Children Underground" tells the tragic story of five of these young people when it debuts on Cinemax on Thursday, July 9, from 6-8 p.m., eastern time. The next playdate is July 24, 6:30 a.m.

The Vagina Monologues; July 9 - 14
Powerful, provocative and hilarious monologues explore and explode the myths and mysteries surrounding that most private female part. A rotating cast of local celebrities will perform. The event will be held from July 9-14 at the Newmark Theatre, located at the corner of S.W. Broadway and Main St. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 503-224-4400 or go online to www.ticketmaster.com.

The Indigo Girls; Thursday, July 11
Listeners can enjoy a live performance of The Indigo Girls as they perform music from their recently released album "Become You." They will be at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on Thursday, July 11, 8 p.m. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 503-224-4400 or go online to www.ticketmaster.com.

Songwriters in the Round; Sunday, July 14
Grab a pint of your favorite ale and join Nashville singer/songwriter Craig Carothers as he leads music lovers through an unforgettable evening of Songwriters in the Round. The audience sits around three or four songwriters, who sit in a circle and take turns playing original songs. The music gets underway at 7:30 p.m. in McMennamin's Kennedy School historic gymnasium, located at 5736 N.E. 33rd. Call 503-249-3983.

da Vinci Days; Friday, July 19
A uniquely Corvallis creation in its 14th year, this three-day event showcases the best in art, science and technology featuring Oregon's only Kinetic Sculpture Race. It's a dazzling array of cutting edge science exhibits, film, music and art that will capture your attention. It will be held at Corvallis Central Park, 6th and Monroe, on July 19 - 21. Call 541-752-9655 or go online to www.davincedays.org.

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