

# Focus

## Missy Elliott Works Up 8 MTV Nominations

Rapper's 'Work It' up for video of the year

(AP) — Missy Elliott worked her way to a leading eight nominations for this year's MTV Video Music Awards.

Her rapper's video for "Work It," a surreal, Daliesque mixture of flies, gray skies and twisted trees, is up for video of the year, best female video and best hip-hop video, the cable music channel announced Thursday.

In technical categories, it was nominated for best direction, spe-



Missy Elliott

cial effects, art direction, editing and cinematography.

Justin Timberlake followed with seven nominations. "Cry Me a River" - in which he gets revenge on a cheating girlfriend, who looks an awful lot like his ex, Britney Spears - received five, and the disco hit "Rock Your Body" got two.

And Johnny Cash's version of the Nine Inch Nails song "Hurt" earned six nominations, including video of the year, best male video and best direction. The song is off his album of covers, "American IV: The Man Comes Around."

"I am overwhelmed by this great honor. I thank you all for thinking of me," the 71-year-old country legend said in a statement.

## BUBBLES CREATOR At OMSI Saturday

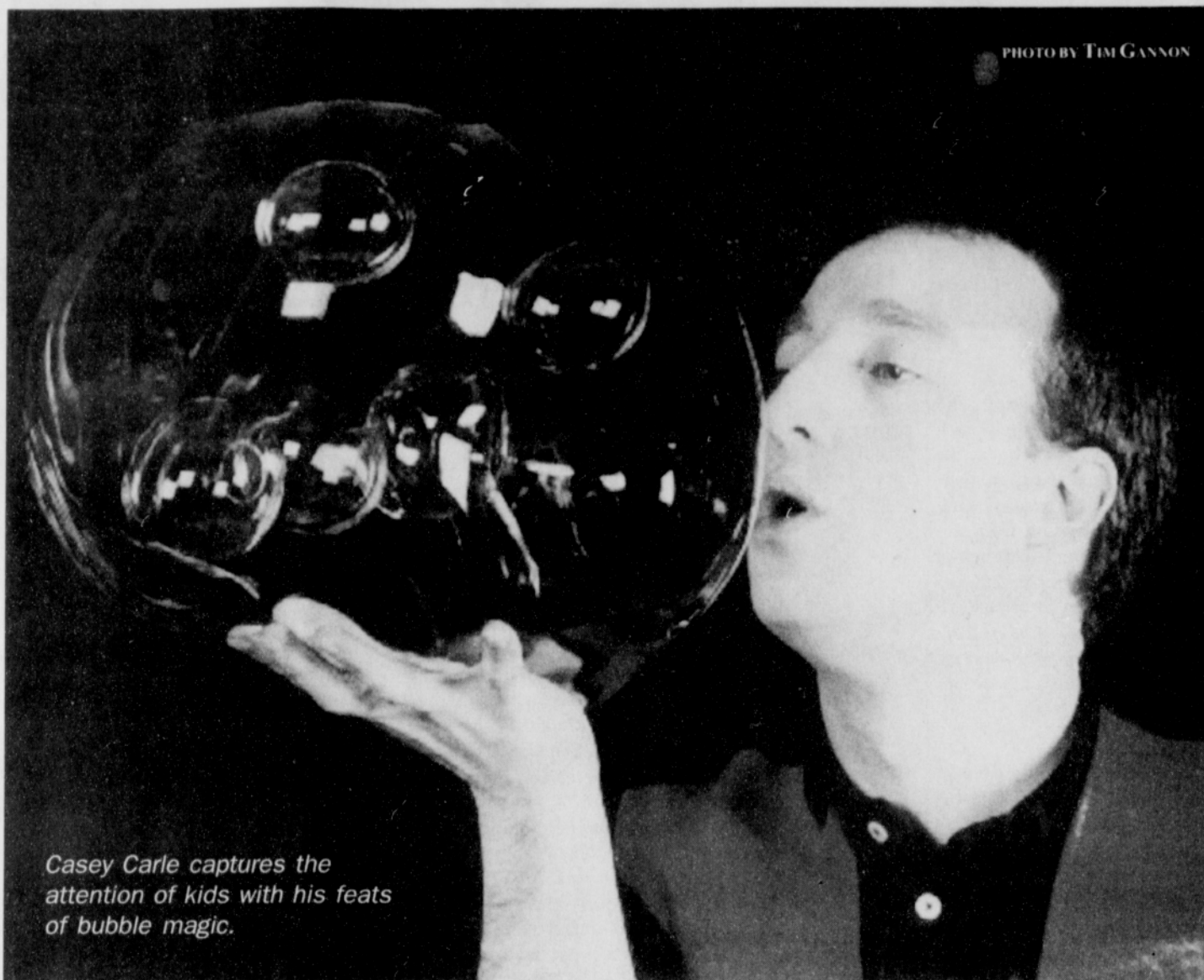


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Casey Carle captures the attention of kids with his feats of bubble magic.

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry takes a summer pastime to a higher level with BubbleFest.

Bubbleologist Casey Carle will present four stage shows on Saturday, Aug. 2, teaching kids and par-

ents the science behind the mesmerizing orbs and fascinate people with his bubble tricks.

Carle will encase people in bubbles, create bubbles that are 25 feet long, make square bubbles and

even teach the audience some tricks to work on their technique at home.

Visitors can also stop by bubble stations to create their own masterpieces.

Shows are at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

BubbleFest is included with paid museum admission of \$6.50 for children and \$8.50 for adults. 1945 S.E. Water Ave. For more information, call 503-797-4588 or visit [www.oms.edu](http://www.oms.edu).

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## Brown Spills Divorce News with Ad

(AP)—"Godfather of Soul" James Brown has announced his breakup from his wife, Tomi Rea Brown, with a full-page ad in the show-business trade newspaper Variety.

The ad features a photo of the couple and their now 2-year-old son, James Joseph Brown II, smiling at Walt Disney World while posing with the costumed character Goofy.

Above the photo, a statement said that

because of their "heavy, demanding tour schedule, they have decided to go their separate ways. There are no hard feelings, just a mutual show business decision made by both parties."

The pair is touring together in Europe, the newspaper added, and may continue working together despite the breakup.

Brown's previous wife, Adrienne, died in 1996 after undergoing plastic surgery.



## Kari Gaffney

Classic jazz artist Kari Gaffney is bringing her sultry, seductive vocals to Portland for an Aug. 23 concert at the Conduit, 918 S.W. Yamhill, Suite 401.

Gaffney's latest release "Satin Doll" when to Number 1 on the CMJ jazz charts, Number 8 on the Top 200 Radio Releases and was a charting release on the Jazz Week Charts.

Tickets are available for \$12 in advance at \$15 at the door. Ticket locations include Stumptown Coffee, The Modern Zoo at Cathedral Park, Disjecta Gallery and Sapphire Hotel.

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