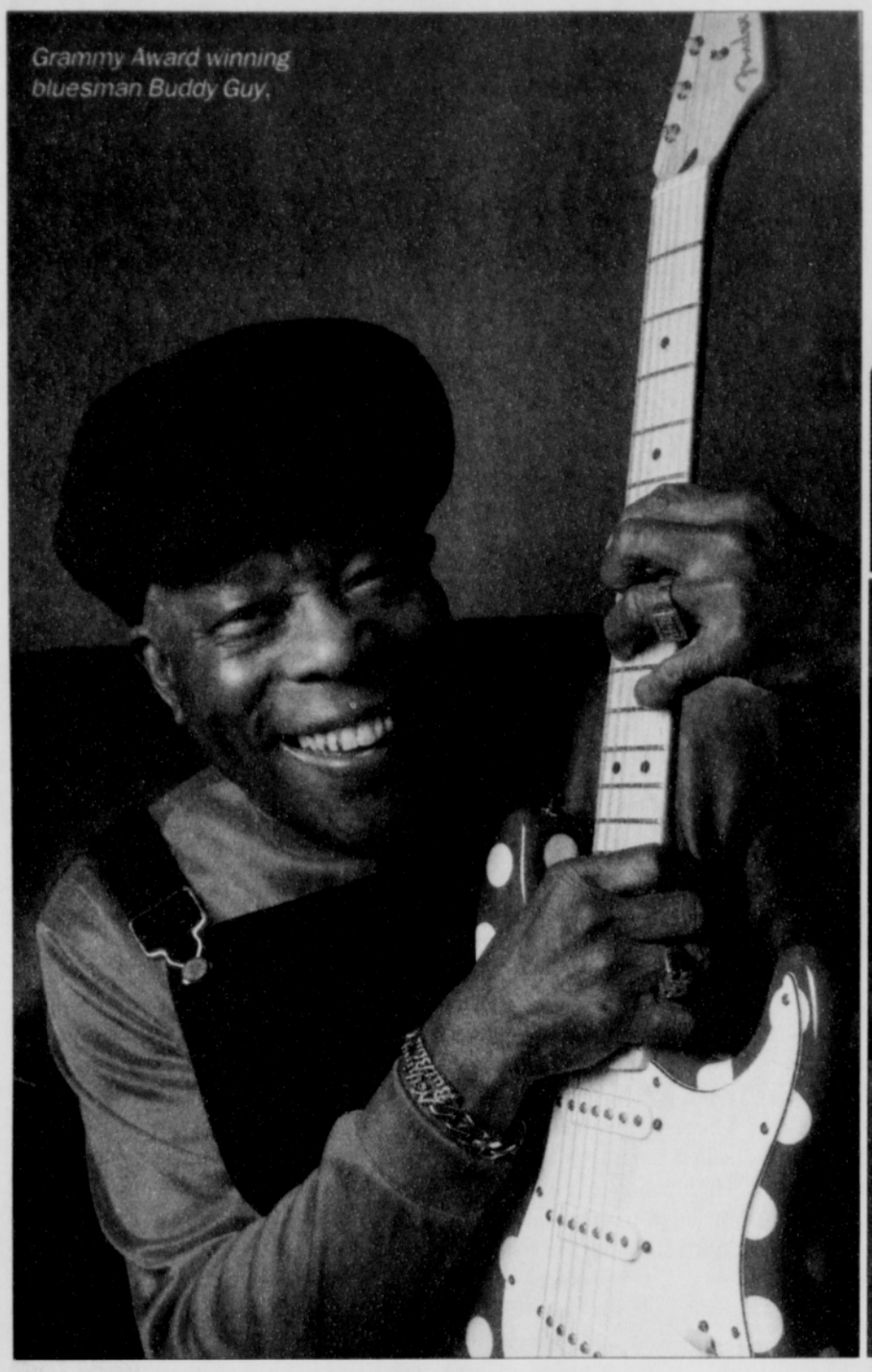
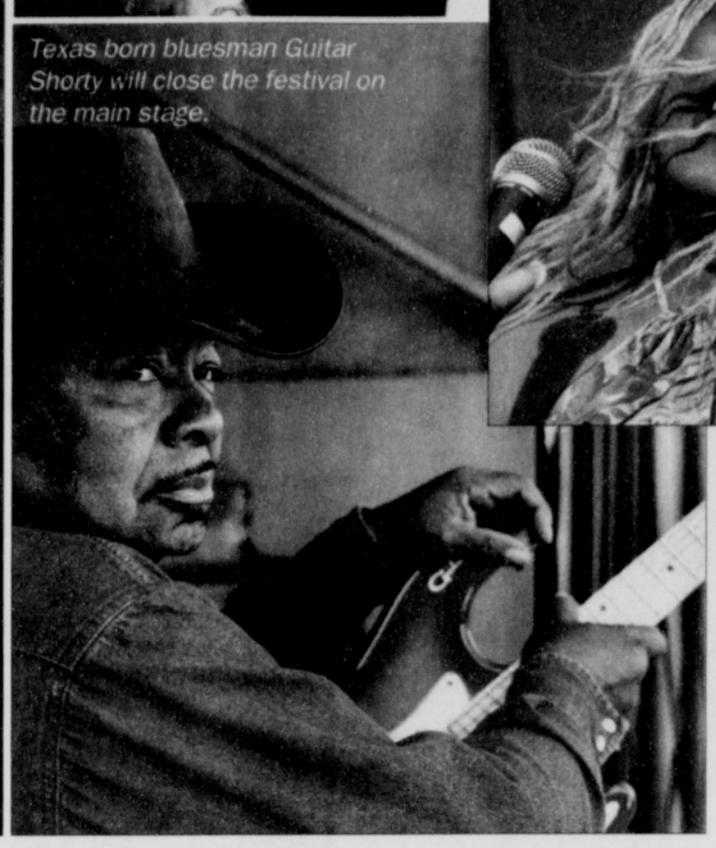
Blues to Heat Up July 4th Weekend

Music, fireworks support Oregon Food

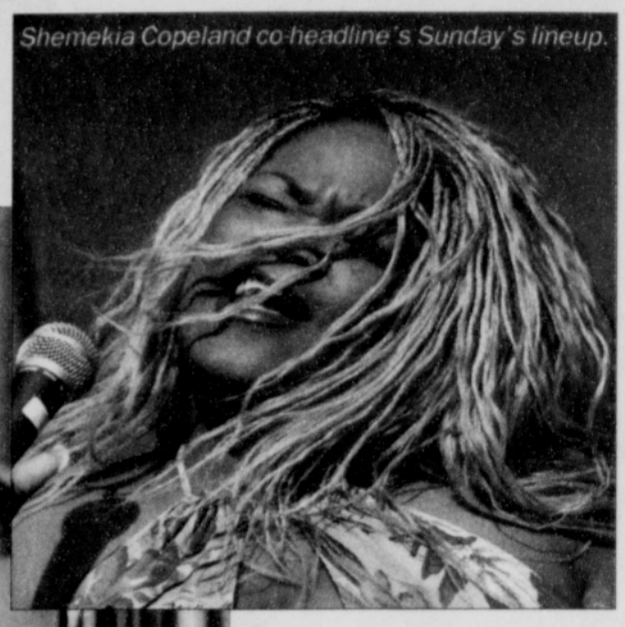


Grammy Award winning bluesman Buddy Guy.

Blues diva Mavis Staples.



Texas born bluesman Guitar Shorty will close the festival on the main stage.



Shemekia Copeland co-headline's Sunday's lineup.

Affordable entertainment and a good cause will fill the downtown waterfront with festive crowds this weekend for a four-day July Fourth celebration.

Gammy Award-winning bluesman Buddy Guy, legendary Chicago harmonica ace Charlie Musselwhite, Afro-pop superstar Oliver Mtukudzi, New Orleans acoustic roots-rockers the subdues, and blues divas Mavis Staples and Shemekia Copeland will highlight the 2005 Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival, presented by First Tech Credit Union.

The star are among dozens of world-renowned blues artists who will perform at the 18th annual event Friday, July 1, to Monday, July 4, from noon to 10 p.m. each day and night at Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

On July 4th the evening ends with spectacular fireworks over the Willamette River.

The festival is the largest blues festival West of the Mississippi and annually attracts more than 120,000 blues fans, who travel from throughout the world to hear performances by more than 100 blues artists on four stages.

The 2005 event will spotlight Women in Blues, Gospel Blues, and the blues-based music of the Gulf Coast states of Texas and Louisiana. The festival will also feature a special tribute to Ray Charles.

Admission is $5 per person per day plus two cans of nonperishable food. All festival donations benefit Oregon Food Bank's work to eliminate hunger and its root causes.

For a detailed line-up of events and information about festival blues cruises on the Willamette River, visit the Waterfront Blues Festival website at waterfrontbluesfest.com.

Ask Deanna!

Real People, Real Advice

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Dear Deanna!

I've been dating a guy for four years and he claims that he loves me. However, I often wonder how we can love one another when we really don't know each other. We never go out together although we spend time at each other's home. He blames it on his job. It's true he works a lot, but I feel that if you really want to be with someone you'll make time. I turned 40 on my birthday and feel its time to move on. *--Jeanette; On-Line Reader*

Dear Jeanette:

There's a huge communication gap in this relationship. It's odd to be with someone for four years and still fall short on quality time. He's simply not into you but you've made it easy for him to be in this relationship. You should get a new attitude and lay your cards on the table and express your desires. If he still wants to be dead weight using his job as an excuse, then hit the road and don't look back.

Dear Deanna!

My husband caught me in our home with someone else a month ago. I was in a compromising situation that he walked directly into. He immediately started packing his bags and has been staying in a hotel. I want to apologize to him and try to work things out but he refuses my calls and won't respond to my e-mail. How do I handle this? *--Patricia; Detroit*

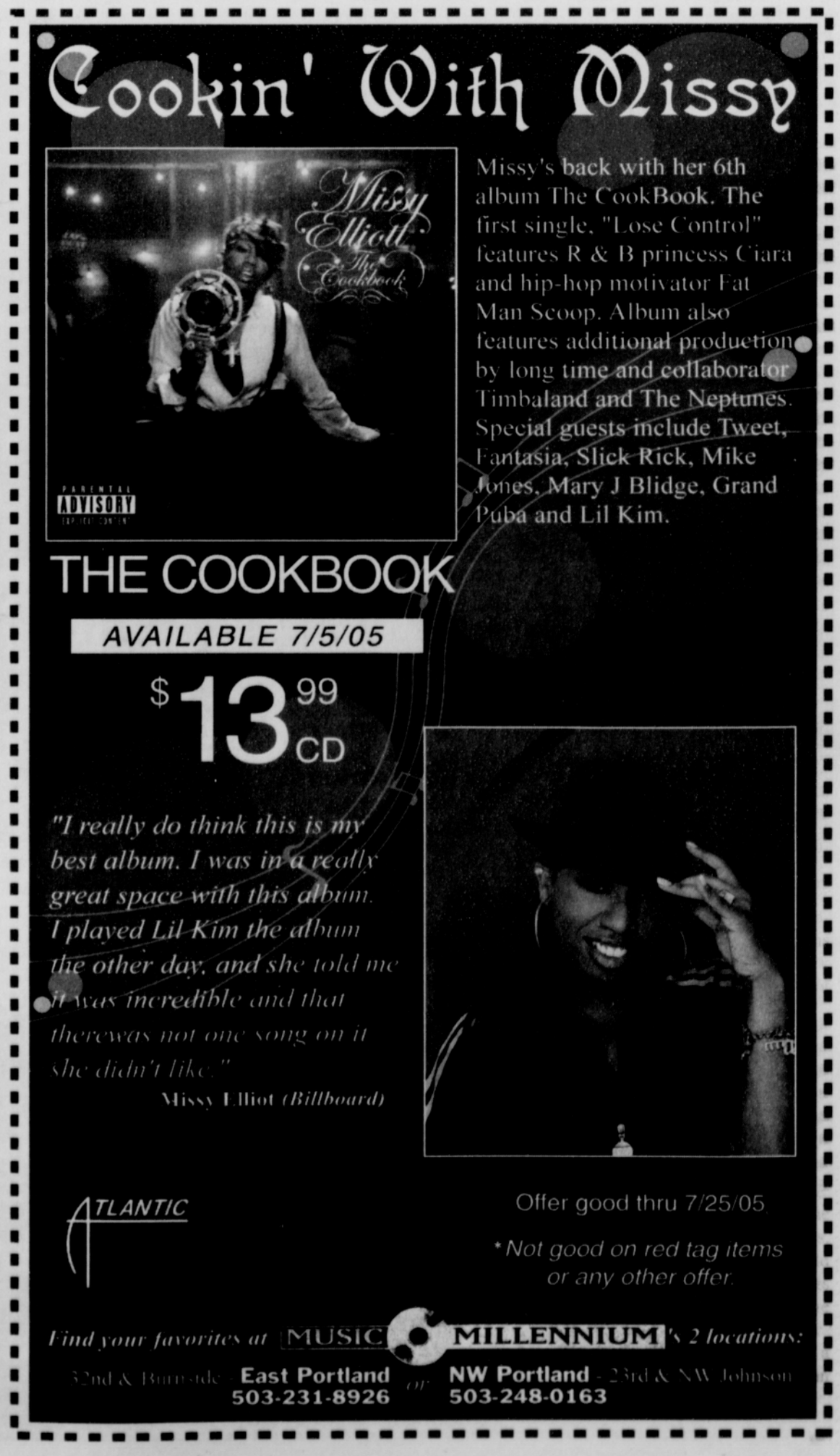
Dear Patricia:

You got exactly what you deserved. You can apologize all day long but you also need to seek forgiveness and pray to your Heavenly Father for strength and a fix it plan.

Dear Deanna!

I'm a single pastor with no kids and never been married. I met an attractive female that I chatted with for over 45 minutes although I was with someone else at the time. I gave her my business card and she gave me her e-mail address. She told me she's been seeing someone for 2 years. I sent an online greeting with hopes of hearing from her. I've never felt like this before and wonder if it's appropriate? *--Wise One; On-Line Reader*

Dear Wise One:

You're already disqualified from a relationship with her because she has a mate. She displayed limited interest with the e-mail exchange because instead of responding, she can simply delete your messages. Don't be discouraged. You should translate these elevated feelings into positive thoughts. If she doesn't respond, instead of rejection, consider the experience a blessing and wait for the woman you deserve.

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