

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Jackson Lost Will to Live:

Former adviser claims in new book



Michael Jackson

(AP) -- Pop superstar Michael Jackson feared the ravages of old age and appeared to be abusing prescription drugs and cosmetic surgery nearly a decade before his death, according to a new book by a former adviser.

"The Michael Jackson Tapes" break little in the way of new ground but the book by Shmuley Boteach, based on 30 hours of taped interviews, provides firsthand detail about the performer's excesses and obsessions.

"I don't want to be seen now," Jackson confessed. "Because I am like a lizard. It is horrible."

Jackson died June 25 and his death is being treated as a homicide.

The 50-year-old self-described "King of Pop" seemed to sense during the interviews in 2000 and 2001 that his life was winding down, Boteach said.

"I would like some way to disap-

pear where people don't see me anymore at some point," Jackson said. "I don't want to grow old. I never want to look in the mirror and see that."

"He lost the will to live," Boteach said. "I think he was just going through the motions of life toward the end."

Boteach said he and Jackson recorded the tapes with the idea of giving the public a more accurate image of the reclusive entertainer. Boteach said he soured on the book — originally slated for release in 2003 — after Jackson failed to adhere to the recovery programs they had worked out for his public image and private self. The friendship ended with Jackson's second arrest on charges of sexually abusing a child. Boteach said he resurrected the project after Jackson died because attitudes toward him had softened.

In conversations, Jackson is quick to see himself as a victim and quick to criticize relatives — especially his father, who, Jackson said, beat him with an electric cord.

"He was rough," Jackson says of his father. "The way he would beat you hard, you know, was hard."

### Jackson Song Coming Out

(AP) -- The first posthumous release of a new Michael Jackson song, "This Is It," is scheduled for Oct. 12.

Sony Music Entertainment said the song includes backing vocals by Jackson's brothers. Two weeks later, Sony is releasing a two-disc set to coincide with the movie that shows scenes of Jackson rehearsing for his series of London concerts. Jackson died before publicly stepping back on stage.

The album includes some of Jackson's greatest hits as they appeared on previous albums. The second disc features previously unreleased versions of Jackson songs and a spoken-word poem from Jackson called "Planet Earth."

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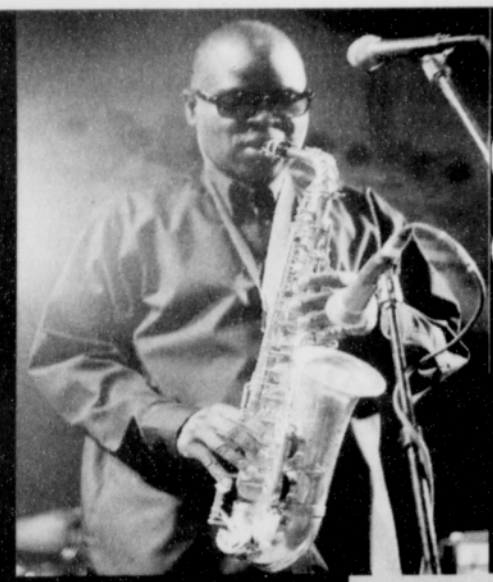


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**Hip Hop Festival** -- The 11th annual POH HOP hip hop festival opens Wednesday, Oct. 7 at the Ash Street; continuing Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Backspace; Friday, Oct. 9 at Slabtown; and Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Roseland Theater.

**Zimbabwean Musician** -- Kurai Blessing Mubaiwa, a visiting musician from Zimbabwe will perform Sunday, Oct. 4 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Mississippi Pizza Pub, 2552 N. Mississippi Ave.

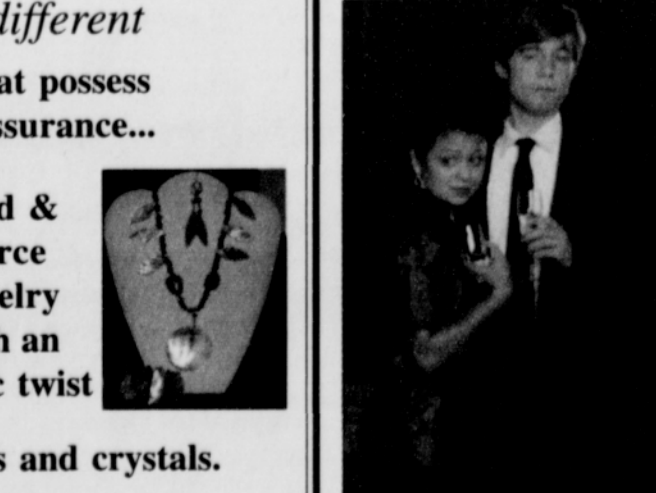
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**Predators of the Serengeti** -- Come hear the roar as the Oregon Zoo shows off its newest and most ambitious exhibit with three African lions and other animals that are home to the Serengeti.

**Dickens' Classic** -- Marissa Neitling and Shea Mackinnon star in Oliver! the musical play based on Charles Dickens' classic novel. Performances through Oct. 18 at the Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego.

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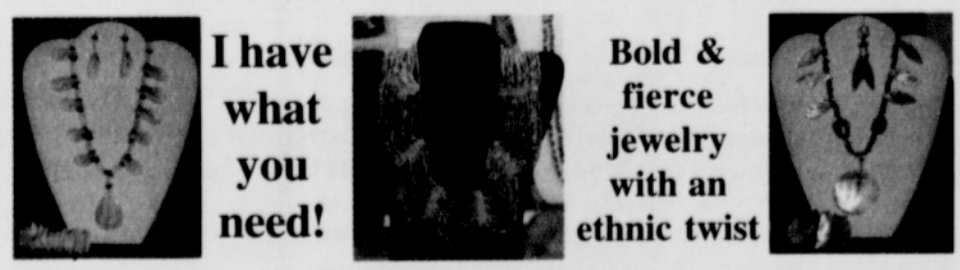
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