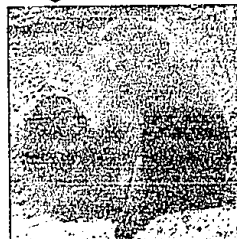


FRIDAY



The Iley Brothers perform with special guests Kool & The Gang, 8 p.m. at Chene Park Riverside Amphitheater, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. Tickets \$45, \$36 and \$25, call (248) 646-6666 or (313) 983-6611 for information.

SATURDAY



Visit the Primate House at the Detroit Zoo to see one of the zoo's newest family members, a Japanese snow monkey born on May 10. The Detroit Zoo is at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696 in Royal Oak. Admission is \$7.50 adults; \$5.00 senior citizens age 62 and older and students; \$4.50 children ages 2 to 12. The zoo is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SUNDAY



The Neville Brothers perform songs off their latest CD, "Valence Street," 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets are \$25 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn. Little Feet opens the show at 8 p.m. Fireworks follow the Neville Brothers' set. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> for more information.

HOT



Hot Tip: Join the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Thursday-Sunday, July 1-4 for a "Salute to America." Doors open 7 p.m., prelude concert 7:30 p.m., DSO concert with fireworks finale begins 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$18 adults, \$9 children ages 6 to 12, children age 4 and younger are free. Call (313) 576-5111, (248) 646-6666, or (313) 983-9175. For more information, call (313) 983-0177.

A FLAVORFUL BLEND OF MUSIC AND FOOD

TasteFest

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Kim Henson is in an unenviable position. As the director of entertainment for the Comerica Michigan Tastefest, she has the job of making sure the musical acts mesh with the tastes of the 250,000 people who pour into the New Center Area on July 4 weekend.

But the Nashville-based Henson handles it gracefully and diplomatically.

"With the festival and the talent buying, we're certainly targeting that audience that's likely to come down and enjoy restaurants, enjoy a little nightlife, work, or live in this Detroit market."

At the same time, she has to please older adults, children, and those who rarely go to or fear Detroit.

"We also realize we're great family entertainment. We want to bring the young people with kids. We have a Cuban orchestra coming in that'll do salsa."

"You always want to make sure that you're being sensitive to changes in the market and who you're serving," said Henson, who also books the Clio Amphitheatre near Flint.

TasteFest — which runs Thursday-Monday, July 1-5, in Detroit's New Center Area — celebrates its 11th anniversary with 75 free stage performances and 35 restaurants selling "tastes" of their specialties.

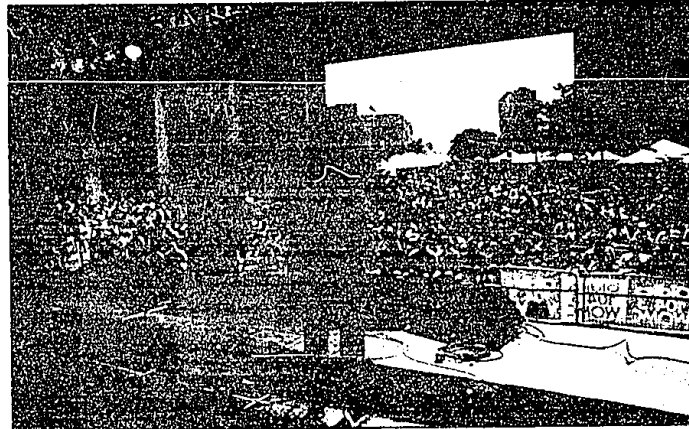
The list of headliners reads like a buffet of hip groups. Grammy nominee Faithless kick off the event on July 1, followed by David Clayton-Thomas and Blood, Sweat and Tears (July 2), jazz singers The Rippingtons (July 3), salsa group Adelberto Alvarez y Su Son (July 3), the R&B act The Dramatics (July 4), the ska band Reel Big Fish (July 4), blues singer Susan Tedeschi (July 5), and the Beatles tribute group "1964: The Tribute" (July 5).

Henson explained that there are no opening acts so the crowd will circulate among the restaurant stands while waiting for stage to stage.

Alvarez's performance will be his first in the United States.

"He's a very predominante and well-

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Headliners: The Beatles tribute group "1964: The Tribute" (top photo), the local rock/pop band Brilliant (above) and the ska band Reel Big Fish (below).



Comerica Michigan Tastefest

The annual festival of food and music runs July 1-5 in Detroit's New Center area. The festival features a lineup of free national and local entertainment on three stages, a children's stage and activity area, and more than 35 Michigan restaurants selling "tastes" of their specialties. Culinary and ice-carving demonstrations, and other free activities are also offered. For more information, call (248) 872-0188 or visit <http://www.tastefest.org>

JBL SOUND STAGE
Fisher Building Parking Lot, West Grand Boulevard at Third Avenue
THURSDAY, JULY 1:
Fastball, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 2:
Blood Sweat and Tears featuring David Clayton-Thomas, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3:
Adelberto Alvarez y Su Son, a 12-piece Cuban Salsa Orchestra, 3 p.m. and The Rippingtons featuring Russ Freeman, with the Craig Chaquico Band, and special guest Paul Taylor, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:
The Dramatics, 3 p.m. and Reel Big Fish, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:
"1964 The Tribute" — Beatles Tribute Show, 2 p.m. and Susan Tedeschi, 4 p.m.

WELLNESS PLAN JAZZ SHOWCASE
West Grand Boulevard at Cass Avenue
THURSDAY, JULY 1:
Deborah Chenault with David Lee Trio, noon and 1:15 p.m., Original Moon, 4:30 p.m., and the "Phat Jazz Jam" featuring The Edges with Althea Rene and Lenny Price, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 2:
The Articles, noon and 1:15 p.m., Swile Lewis and Rick Matile, 4:30 p.m., and Orquesta Sencacional, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3:
"Sisters in Jazz" featuring Marlon Haden, Geyelynne McKinney, Ellen Rose and Sheila Landis, noon, David Myles and Mylestones, 2 p.m., Tuxedo Junction, 4:30 p.m. and Randy Scott, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:
Casa Tech High School/Midnight Jazz Combo, noon, "Bakers Keyboard Piano Reunion" featuring the JazzMasters, Teddy Harris, Alma Smith and Charles Eyles, 2 p.m., Pamela Wise and the Afro-Cuban All Stars, 4:30 p.m., and Kimmie Horns, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:
Tim Bowman, 1 p.m., "Battle of the Horns" featuring Dwight Adams, George Benson and Raybe Bigger, 3:30 p.m., and Modern Times with Owen and Charles Scates, 8 p.m.

NESTLE ICE CREAM STAGE
New Center Park
THURSDAY, JULY 1:
Brilliant, 5:30 p.m., and The Twelveton Tarantulas, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 2:
Soul Clique, 5:30 p.m. and Mudpuppy, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3:
Universal Xpression, noon, Al Hill and the Love Butlers, 3 p.m., Halbesiders, 5:30 p.m., and The Butler Twins featuring Cathy Davis, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:
Starlight Drifters, noon, Bonne Tempe Route, 3 p.m., Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty and Willie D. Warren, 5:30 p.m., and PayFunk, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:
Thornetta Davis and Black Beauty, 12:30 p.m., Reverberon featuring James Wallin, Jeff Foxlikes, Greasy Carlini and Bobby East, 3 p.m., Immunity, 5:30 p.m.

KIDSHOW2
Fisher Theatre Lobby
SATURDAY, JULY 3:
Eugene Clark, 1 p.m., Gary Rosen 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and Storyteller Ivory Williams, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:
Yo-Master Zeemo, 1 p.m., and Gary Rosen, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:
Yo-Master Zeemo, 1 p.m., Jonathan Park, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and Incognito, 3 p.m.

MUSIC

'Musical gravity' brings J. Geils Band together for reunion tour

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Seventeen years ago, ego clashes, attitudes and animosity put the brakes on the rock super group J. Geils Band. Harmonica player "Magic" Dick Salwitz says "musical gravity" brought the band back together for this summer's reunion tour.

But Seth Justman, keyboardist, said all it took was a couple of phone calls.

"There was a manager by the name of John Baruck, who manages REO Speedwagon, who called each of us on the phone and said, 'I have a very simple proposition. Why don't you guys get together, rehearse your show and go on the road for like a month and don't worry about making records. Don't do

WHO: J. Geils Band
WHAT: Perform with special guests Toots and The Maytals
WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, and Wednesday, July 14.
WHERE: Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.
TICKETS: \$37.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn for the July 14 show. The holiday week-end shows are sold out. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>

anything, just play the songs you used to play and get together and have a good time and see how it all feels," Justman recalled.

"The whole idea that it was such a

simple kind of approach, I think, appealed to everyone. Amazingly enough, our schedules all coincided during this time period. Everyone just decided, hey, it sounds like a good time."

A good time, indeed — especially to Detroiters. The J. Geils Band is playing 18 shows in 13 cities. Three of those shows are at Pine Knob — 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, and Wednesday, July 14. The holiday weekend shows are sold out.

"The shows in Detroit should be amazing," Justman explained. "We consider that like the Mecca of rock 'n' roll — no question about it. We consider it our home. We know so many people

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Reunited: J. Geils performs two sold-out shows Saturday-Sunday, July 3-4, at Pine Knob. Tickets are still available for the Wednesday, July 14, show.