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JAZZ FESTIVAL SCHEDULED
FOR AMPHITHEATRE

Big Time Entertainment is presenting, for the first time ever, its "A Touch of Jazz Festival" at the Hills Park Amphitheatre, 9099 Hillpointe Drive, in Summerlin. The festival features The Yellowjackets, Everette Harp, Marion Meadows, Kevin Toney with Pamela Williams, and Turning Point. Picnic baskets, blankets and coolers are welcome. Ticket prices are \$40 per person in advance, and \$45 at the door. Children under 12 are admitted free. Saturday, Oct. 20, at noon is when the music starts. For more information, call 1-888-464-2468.

RAP GROUP D12 APPEARS
AT BAR MITZVAH

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) - The Detroit rap group D12 appeared at a different kind of event over the weekend: the bar mitzvah of Ethan Weisman. Ethan's father, Southfield real estate developer Gary Weisman, arranged to have the rappers show up for his son's big day in this Detroit suburb. D12 - without their founder, Eminem - spent about a half hour meeting the 300 guests, taking pictures and signing autographs. They also brought and signed T-shirts, albums and posters. "It was way out there, but it was fun," Gary Weisman told The Oakland Press of Pontiac. "It met all my expectations. The D12 guys were fantastic. Everything was perfect." D12's manager, Mark Hicks, said the five members of the group enjoyed the party. "It was a lot of fun," Hicks said. "The kids were nice and just went wild when the guys walked in." D12's debut album, "Devil's Night," hit the Billboard charts at No. 1 when it was released in June. It sold more than 1 million copies and made headlines with some of its subject matter. A song about drugs, "Purple Pills," had to be changed to "Purple Hills" to get airplay. Weisman acknowledged that he was "concerned" about that, which was one reason he had the group make an appearance without performing.

JAMIROQUAI'S JAY KAY
DENIES ASSAULT CHARGES

LONDON (AP) — Jay Kay, the lead singer of Jamiroquai, denied charges last week of common assault and criminal damage from a fight with a photographer. The 31-year-old is accused of smashing camera equipment valued at \$379 belonging to Dennis Gill, then assaulting the photographer. The confrontation happened April 14 outside the Attica nightclub in London. Kay, who wore a dark blue suit and a black hat during his brief appearance in Bow Street Magistrates Court, spoke only to confirm his name and to plead not guilty to the charges. He made no comment after leaving court. The case was adjourned until a hearing on Oct. 22, which the singer is not required to attend. Kay, who got his start in London's acid jazz underground, helped spark a resurgence in jazz-funk. Jamiroquai won a Grammy in 1997 for the song "Virtual Insanity."

MAYA ANGELOU SEES GROWTH
AFTER SEPT. 11 ATTACK

ATLANTA (AP) - From her New York apartment, Maya Angelou saw smoke billowing from the World Trade Center on Sept. 11. Now, she says hope has replaced the horror of that sight. "I can see in the acorn the oak tree," Angelou said. "I see the growth, the rebuilding, the restoring. I see that is the American psyche. "There is so much we can draw understanding from. One of the lessons is the development of courage. Because without courage, you can't practice any of the other virtues consistently." The 73-year-old poet was in Atlanta on Sunday to campaign for mayoral candidate Shirley Franklin. Actress Cicely Tyson, also a New Yorker, was at the event and said she had an office in one of the towers. When she heard of the plane crashes, she frantically called her staffers but got only an answering machine. "Fortunately, we were on the 13th floor, so everyone got out safely," Tyson said.

EWF leads vets in great show

By Debbie Hall
Special to Sentinel-Voice

It was a night of blending fresh talent and old school, when Earth, Wind and Fire, along with Rufus featuring Chaka Kahn, rocked the house at the Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts on Oct. 7.

The new artist, Rashon Simon, opened the show sitting on a stool and accompanied by two back-up singers, a guitar and a keyboard, using his incredible voice to carry to the back of the theater. When the roadies came on stage, everyone knew it was time to go back to the 70s.

Tony Maiden, lead male

vocalist of Rufus featuring Chaka Kahn, boasted that its original members were back and "just as good as ever." Everyone was a little older and heavier, but Chaka was singing as powerfully as ever. There were no instrumental solos or Chaka singing her solo hits, "I Feel for You" or "Through the Fire," just introductions of the band and their songs from the 70s.

At one point, Chaka urged the audience to dance in the aisles and "tell me something good." Chaka also maintained her sense of humor when she told the audience that Rufus was cutting a new

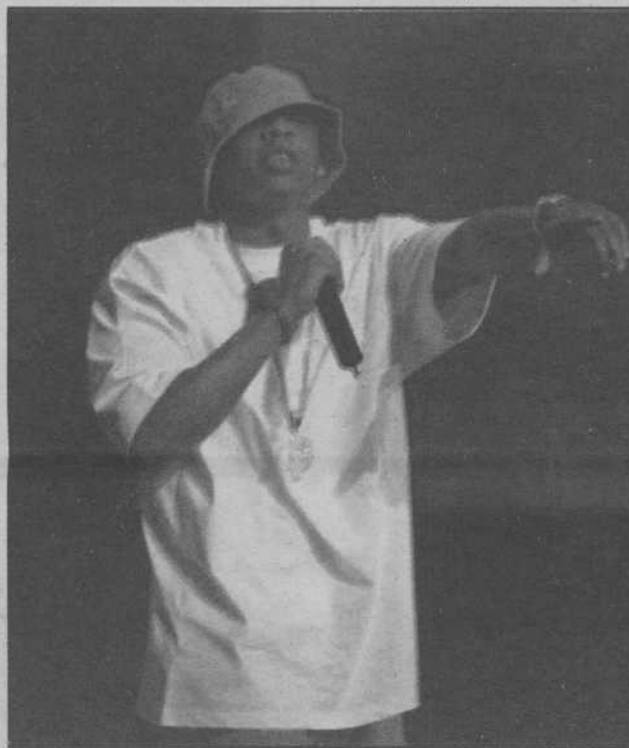
CD and, after cheers, asked if anyone would buy the CD. With more cheers, Chaka laughed and told the audience, "great, all 30 of you," when one man yelled out "make that 31!" Chaka blew him a kiss and finished the show on an up note with "Sweet Thing" and "Ain't Nobody."

Pfiser, the company that produces Viagra, sponsored the concert and actually ran a funny commercial on the giant video screens during the change. The lights dimmed, and in a blaze of fireworks and flames, original members Verdine White, Ralph

Johnson and Philip Bailey appeared behind a silhouette screen. One more explosion and all three burst onto the stage with White on bass, Johnson on percussion and Bailey the lead vocalist.

New members Larry Dunn, Ralph Johnson, Al McKay, Johnny Graham, Andrew Woolfolk, Fred White and Roland Bautista, along with dancers and back-up singers, added to the total event. In fact, a "Jimi Hendricks experience" was incorporated, including the feedback and the fire.

There were drum solos, (See EWF, Page 9)



RAPPER JAY-Z

Jay-Z pleads guilty

NEW YORK (AP) - Grammy-winning rapper Jay-Z was sentenced to three years probation on Wednesday after pleading guilty to charges of stabbing a record producer during a fight in a nightclub.

The millionaire rapper, whose real name is Shawn Carter, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault, admitting he stabbed Lance "Un" Rivera on Dec. 1, 1999, at a party for rapper Q-Tip at Manhattan's Kit Kat Klub.

Jay-Z, 31, accused Rivera of making and selling counterfeit copies of one of his recordings. The rapper pulled a 5-inch knife and stabbed Rivera at least twice, according to a police account of the attack.

"I stabbed Lance Rivera," Jay-Z mumbled as he pleaded guilty to third-degree assault before Justice Micki Scherer in Manhattan's State Supreme Court. The judge will sentence him on Dec. 6 to three years probation.

Rivera, 35, prepared a lawsuit against Jay-Z but didn't file it after they settled out of court for between \$500,000 and \$1 million. The victim later told prosecutors he was not interested in pursuing the case.

On Tuesday, a weapons charge against Jay-Z was dismissed. (See Jay-Z, Page 9)

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