

"Jazz Into The Night" Returns to Fox Ridge Park

The big band of trombonist Jimmy Wilkins will top the bill at this year's "Jazz into the Night" concert, Saturday, August 26 at Green Valley's Fox Ridge Park. Also appearing will be the Bill Trujillo Quartet and Utopia. This annual event, billed as "a jazz picnic in the evening," is free to the public, thanks to the

sponsorship of the American Nevada Corporation, City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Department and the Las Vegas Jazz Society.

Concert-goers are invited to bring blankets and lawn chairs, and to make themselves comfortable on the spacious rolling lawn at Fox Ridge Park.

Picnics and coolers are welcome, and food and beverages will also be available for purchase. The music will

begin at 7 p.m. and continue till 10 p.m.

Trombonist Jimmy Wilkins is a relative newcomer to Las Vegas, having moved here from Detroit only last year. His

extensive background in the world of jazz includes stints with many of the all-time greats, such as Count Basie, Dizzy Gillespie, Clark Terry and Jay McShann. (See *Jazz in the Night*, Pg 20)



PHIL WIGFALL OF "UTOPIA"

Singer Bobby Brown Arrested For Battery

LOS ANGELES - Rhythm and blues singer Bobby Brown was arrested for battery Friday after allegedly kicking a hotel security guard in the back, authorities said.

Brown, husband of pop singer Whitney Houston, was hosting a party in his West Hollywood hotel suite shortly after midnight when the guard asked him to keep the noise down.

As the guard walked away, Brown struck him from behind, Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputy Gabe Ramirez said. Sheriff's deputies were called and issued Brown a misdemeanor citation

for battery. A court date has not been set.

Ramirez said the singer, who has had frequent scrapes with law enforcement authorities during his career, cooperated with the deputies.

The hotel management at Le Montrose asked Brown to leave his room, which he had been occupying for several weeks while filming a movie in the city, Ramirez said.

A spokesman at the hotel declined to comment on the incident or say whether Brown was still a guest. A spokesman at Brown's MCA Records label also declined comment.



JIMMY WILKINS

Morgan Freeman Gets 'Girls'

HOLLYWOOD - Morgan Freeman is set to star and Gary Fleder ("Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead") has sealed a deal to direct the detective thriller "Kiss the Girls," sources said.

Fleder long had been in talks with Paramount about the project, but the deal did not officially close until late last week. Freeman's deal closed Tuesday.

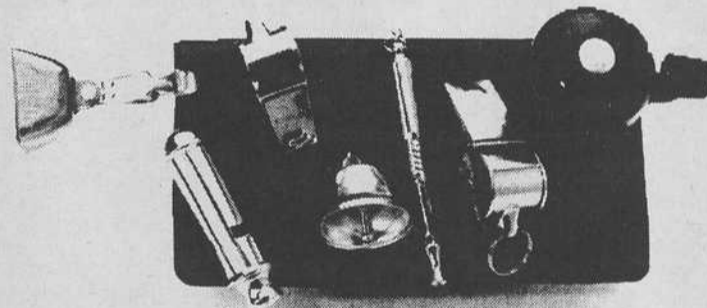
"Kiss the Girls" is based on the James Patterson novel of the same name. The project is the sequel to bestseller "Along Came a Spider" and continues the story of Alex Cross, a D.C. detective with a Ph.D. in psychology who hunts serial killers.

The project is slated to go sometime after the first of the year.

Fleder next ventures to "The Impostor," one of three half-hour segments in a big-screen sci-fi anthology. That project goes before the cameras in the next few weeks.

Freeman stars with Brad Pitt in "Seven."

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