

# Las Vegas Trumpet Awards celebration attracts stars

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Honorees and guests on hand to view the telecast of the Trumpet Awards, hosted by Fitzgeralds Hotel & Casino downtown, could adequately be described as a who's who collection of African-American success stories.

Actress Kim Fields, who formerly starred in "The Facts of Life" and "Living Single," served as the mistress of ceremony, as Fitzgeralds on Sat-

Delores Tucker (leadership); Sylvia Rhone, CEO of Elektra Entertainment Group (echo); physician and philanthropist Dr. Anthony Pollard (community service).

Richard Roundtree, the first Shaft of motion picture fame, was included among celebrities, as were Judge Mablean Ephriam, star of the popular syndicated television show "Divorce Court"; social activist and nutritionist Dick Gregory; and Mary Wilson, former member of

and making profits in our locations. I think that it's healthy for transition to occur, to bring in fresh money and new owners. I don't view it as a negative but as a positive. We have a new owner at the Golden Nugget, the Four Queens, new owners with substantial resources at the Horseshoe, and our location, so the future of downtown is brighter than it was before."

Last month, Pollard was grand marshal of the King Day parade. He was honored for community service in Las Vegas, where he, along with wife Diane, are founders of educational programs to help disadvantaged youth, the Academy of African-American Studies in Nevada and hosts the city's annual Juneteenth festival. For the past 15 years, Pollard has operated Rainbow Medical Centers.

"I'm very humble to be honored among so many other honorees because a lot of these peoples are heroes of mine," Pollard said. "To be in the presence of them and receive this honor is a great thing."

Xernona Clayton is executive producer of the Trumpet Awards and corporate consultant for Turner Broadcasting Systems Inc.

The show was taped on Monday, Jan. 26 at the Omni Grand Ballroom in Atlanta.

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urday, combined its second anniversary under African-American ownership with the tape-delayed airing of the 12th annual, Atlanta-based Trumpet Awards and Black History Month observance.

Fitzgeralds' owner and businessman Don Barden was honored with the "Entrepreneur Trumpet." Other honorees present included Isaac Hayes (music); senior judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Horace T. Ward, (civil rights); Dr. C.

the Supremes, the Motown girl group from the 1960s.

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Fitzgeralds remains successful, Barden noted, while other downtown properties have faced difficult times and forced to shutdown.

"We're doing just fine," he said. "We're reinvesting



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## PROUD HONOREES

This years Portraits of Pride recipients are: (left to right) Debbie Conway, Clark County business development manager; Anthony Jones, Scoutmaster for Troop 323; Marcia Washington, Nevada State Board of Education member; Pastor James Rogers Sr. of the Greater New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church; and Dr. Marcia Robinson, Coordinator of the West Las Vegas Art Center. The awards presented by KLAS-TV are aimed at honoring individuals for their commitment to community service.

tive attitudes, and opened the eyes of so many people," Clayton said on tape. "We hope to do the same thing with the latest Trumpet Awards. The lives of these individuals are so compelling."

Pollard said, "Working with Ms. Xernona Clayton at the Trumpet Awards makes you feel better, makes you want to reach out and give more, and I hope being this type of role model will help

others to want to do more and be more."

Hayes, a Grammy Award-winning recording, said, "That's the importance of the Trumpet Awards. The lives of these individuals are so compelling."

Diaspora is wonderful." Tucker, who received the Leadership Trumpet, is the former secretary of state in Pennsylvania and women's rights activist.

"I have received many awards but this award is more important to me than the "People Magazine" as one of the most 100 intriguing women because this came from an organization that I respect," Tucker said. "This (See Trumpet Awards, Pg. 8)

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## Citizens sought to serve on Metro's Use of Force Board

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The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is accepting applications now through March 31 for citizens to serve on its Use of Force Board (UFB).

Established in May 1991, the board's mandate is to review actions of police officers where citizens allege excessive use of force or other violations of the police code of conduct.

"(This is) a board assembled to review the actions of officers," said Deputy Chief Greg McCurdy, who heads the Investigative Services Division. "It's a good opportunity to address policies and tactics."

The board is made up of four citizens and three law-enforcement officers. (LVMPD) officers are chosen randomly from a list of eligible candidates. Applications may be obtained at any Metro substation. The UFB meets once a month at a predetermined time from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Qualified UFB applicants must reside within metro's jurisdiction and may not be affiliated with or a relative of a southern Nevada

peace officer. All members of the board will receive six hours of training. Appointments are for two-year terms with reappointment once.

According to McCurdy, who chairs the board, UFB hears between 20 to 30 cases per year. He thinks the group's input reaches the level of saving the lives of citizens and police officers.

Incidents that fall under the review of UFB include the following:

- Incidents when a person is seriously injured or killed by a department member using any type of force, except traffic accidents.
- Actions by a member that could have resulted in death or serious injury.
- Deliberate shootings by a member at another human being, regardless of injury or damage.

Review of an incident is compiled in a report submitted to Sheriff (Bill Young) for executive determination.

For further information, call McCurdy at (702) 229-3511 or visit Metro's Web site at [www.lvmpd.com](http://www.lvmpd.com).

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