

Trumpet

"The Trumpet Awards sends a message across America and abroad that African-Americans have much to be proud of." —Founder and Executive Producer Xernona Clayton

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The Spingard Medal. Sutton said, "Doing good, is doing good with your money." Sutton is recognized for his numerous philanthropic contributions.

Several entertainers from film, music and stage were among those honored.

Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. presented 73-year-old Quincy Jones with the Lifetime Achievement special honor. When asked how young people can succeed, he said, "If you can see it, you can believe it, and do everything with humility."

Recording star and Las Vegas headliner Toni Braxton cried when she accepted her Trumpet award and thanked Gladys Knight, who was present, for inspiring her.

"I feel wonderful," said Dionne Warwick as she received the Living Legend Trumpet award. "It's great to be recognized by your peers."

CeCe Winans and Donnie McClurkin were recipients of the Gospel Giants Trumpet awards. McClurkin wowed the audience as he sang his gospel-themed acceptance speech: "If I could help somebody, my living will not be in vain."

Trumpet awards also went to sports legends, including entrepreneur Michael Jordan, who was honored as Goodwill Ambassador, and to the 1968 Olympic track icons Tommie Smith and John Carlos, remembered for their pro-Black, raised-fist, silent



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Orok Duke of Chicago received the Young Star award.

stance at the victory podium in Mexico City.

In addition, Trumpet award went to Justice Alan C. Page, the first African-American to serve on Minnesota's Supreme Court. Aside from his stellar accomplishments in the field of law, Page was an All-American professional football player for nearly 15 years.

Among his pioneering sports victories, in 1971, he became the first defensive player in NFL history to receive the Most Valuable Player award with the Minnesota Vikings and the Chicago Bears. He was named nine times All-Pro defensive tackle. In 1988, Page was in-

ducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

Other special award honorees included actor-director Clint Eastwood, recipient of the Social Justice award; Nancy Brinker, founder of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, who received the President's award; and Chairman of the Board and CEO Terrence Lanni of MGM Mirage.

An international Global award was given to Prime Minister Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, for his work in politics, community medicine, labor relations and economic development in Caribbean nations.

Celebrity and high style filled the events and the traditional red carpet.

Legendary song stylist Nancy Wilson looked fit and fabulous dressed in a clinging, black, sleeveless, designer gown.

"The people here are part of my family. It's wonderful to be here. I've been doing it for years," Wilson said, adding her advice to up-and-coming performers: "It's important to be true to yourself. Know who you are. Learn from those willing to help you."

Gospel artists Vickie Winans and Yolanda Adams were fashionably stunning in metallic-tone formals.

Among the other celebrities in attendance were Dick Gregory, Andrew Young, Baby Face, Jasmine Guy, Linda Johnson Rice, Judge Mabeline Ephraim, Terrence Howard and Kim Fields.

Comedian George Wallace, a Las Vegas Strip headliner, was a featured performer at the awards ceremony, leaving the audience rolling with laughter. He explained why Las Vegas is the fastest growing city in America: "People come here, lose all their money, and they can't go home."

Some of the past Trumpet Award winners include: Muhammed Ali, Destiny's Child, Spike Lee, Julius "Dr. J" Erving, Vernon Jordan, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Stevie Wonder and Usher.

The Trumpet Awards Foundation credits its host of

co-sponsors and donors for helping it contribute more than \$3 million to charitable and educational causes. The foundation has partnered

with TV One, which will air the awards show in its entirety in February.

Parker Philpot contributed to this article.

Arrest made in race case

Ex-sheriff nabbed in '64 killings

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - A White former sheriff's deputy who was once thought to be dead was arrested on federal charges Wednesday in one of the last major unsolved crimes of the Civil Rights Era — the 1964 killings of two Black men who were beaten and dumped alive into the Mississippi River.

The break in the 43-year-old case was largely the result of the dogged efforts of the older brother of one of the victims, who vowed to bring the killers to justice.

James Ford Seale, a 71-year-old reputed Ku Klux Klansman from the town of Roxie, was charged with kidnapping hitchhikers Charles Eddie Moore and Henry Hezekiah Dee, both 19.

The victims' weighted, badly decomposed bodies were found by chance two months later, in July 1964, during the search for three civil rights workers whose disappearance and deaths in Philadelphia, Miss., got far more attention from the media and the FBI.

Seale is expected to be arraigned on Thursday in Jackson.

A second man long suspected in the attack, church deacon and reputed KKK member Charles Marcus Edwards, now 72, was not charged. There was no immediate explanation from federal prosecutors. Nor did they say why Seale was not charged with murder.

The arrest marked the latest attempt by prosecutors in the South to close the books on crimes from the Civil Rights Era that went unpunished. In recent years, authorities in Mississippi and Alabama have won convictions in the 1963 assassination of NAACP activist Medgar Evers; the 1963 Birmingham, Ala., church bombing that killed four Black girls; and the 1964 Philadelphia, Miss., slayings.

"I've been crying. First time I've cried in about 50 years," Moore's 63-year-old brother, Thomas, said after the arrest. "It's not going to bring his life back. But some way or another, I think he would be satisfied."

Dee's sister, Thelma Collins, told The Associated Press through grateful sobs: "I never thought I would live to see it, no sir, I never did. I always prayed that justice would be done — somehow, some way."

Seale and Edwards are suspected of kidnapping the two victims in a Klan crackdown prompted by rumors that Black Muslims were planning an armed "insurrection" in rural Franklin County. Seale and Edwards were arrested at the time.

But, consumed by the search for the three missing civil rights workers, the FBI turned the case over to local authorities. And a justice of the peace promptly threw out all charges against Seale and Edwards. In 2000, the Justice Department's civil rights unit reopened the case.

For years, Seale's family had told reporters that he had died. But in 2005, Thomas Moore and a Canadian documentary filmmaker, David Ridgen, found Seale, old and sick, living just a few miles down the road from where the kidnapping took place.

"If they hadn't brought it to my attention, I wouldn't have known to do anything," said U.S. Attorney Dunn Lampton, chief federal prosecutor in Jackson.

Thomas Moore said he always carried a burden of guilt over his younger brother's death.

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Farrakhan stable recovery

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CHICAGO (NNPA) - All across the world, family, friends and others continued their prayers and support for Minister Louis Farrakhan's health and recovery from surgery on January 5.

"The doctors were pleased with the outcome of the operation," reported Farrakhan's National Assistant Minister Ishmael Muhammad.

"The Minister's condition is stable and he is conscious," said Ishmael in his webcast on the Sunday following the operation.

Farrakhan underwent a major 12-hour abdominal operation reportedly to help

correct severe damage caused by the radiated seed implantation procedure he received to treat his prostate cancer, spokesperson's said.

"During the 10-day period following surgery, he will be monitored closely for any complications. While we are grateful to Allah and relieved that the operation is over, he is still not out of the woods and in the clear," said Ishmael.

"The doctors are guardedly optimistic about a full recovery that would significantly reduce or completely remove the constant pain that the Minister has experienced over the past several months and literally years," Ishmael added.

Considering the severity of his medical condition, a spokesperson for Farrakhan said "he looks very, very well."

The recovery will take several weeks, but he is expected to deliver the keynote address on February 25 at the Ford Field Stadium in Detroit for the Nation of Islam's 2007 Saviours' Day convention. "Before he went into surgery, the Minister said he set his face resolutely on Detroit," said Ishmael.

Prior to the surgery, members of the Nation of Islam went on a nationwide fast and prayer vigil for Farrakhan's complete recovery.

During the webcast, Ishmael acknowledged the

messages and outpouring of global support expressed by leaders in religious, political, literary, entertainment, and many other fields, as well as heads of state from countries in Africa, the Middle East and other regions.

Among the national well-wishers were Rep. John Conyers from Michigan; Dr. Dorothy I. Height, chair and president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women; Rev. Johnnie Coleman, founder of Christ Universal Temple; Susan Taylor, editorial director of *Essence* magazine; actor and activist Harry Belafonte and commentator Tavis Smiley.

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