

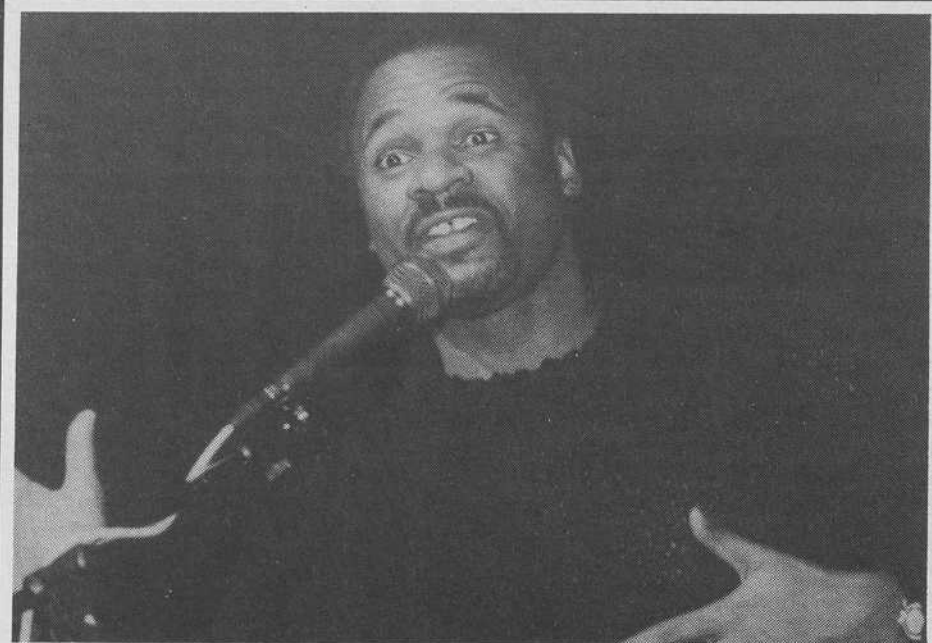
ENTERTAINMENT

Poetry captures Black History

U.S. Bank recently held its reception for Southern Nevada's Fifth Annual African-American Reflections poetry contest at the West Las Vegas Library Theatre, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd. This year's theme "African-American Heroes: Voices From The Past," encouraged young poets to study the lives of African-Americans who have made contributions to American history.

Twenty poems were selected from elementary, middle and high school students. The winning students received plaques, a \$100 U.S. savings bond and read their poems. Their teachers also received \$100 to be used for classroom purposes.

The winning entries were compiled in a booklet which the participants received that evening.

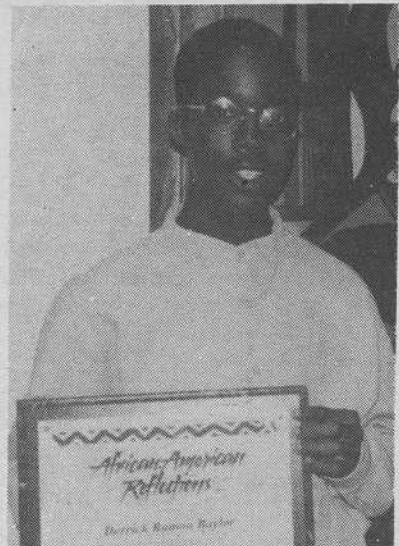


Must be the music Photo special to Sentinel-Voice by Paul 'Spyder' Evans

Contributing to an evening of performances and workshops by members of the Las Vegas Jazz Society, Rodney Lee, a Chaparral High School english teacher, flavored the event with improvisational poetry renderings during the contemporary and mainstream jazz selections recently at the Whitney Library Concert Hall.

African-American Heroes: Voice from the Past

By Derrick Ramon Baylor
African-American Reflections Winner
Grade 8,
Theron Swainston Middle School,
North Las Vegas



African-American, Afro-American, black, Negro, colored, slaves,
Rich voices scream and shout from their graves.
Listen carefully or the words will be missed,
Listen carefully and get the gist.
Voices from the past scream out in pain,
Voices from the present shout our gain.
Walking the planks of Elmina and Cape Coast,
It is from your pain that we can now boast.
Once sharecroppers, maids and porters were we,
Now attorneys, educators and physicians to be.
Once chiefs, warriors, and kings were we,
Now pushers, idlers, and bangers — not me.
Not those of us who truly listen,
Not those of use who really care.
From every fiber of my body,
To every strand of my hair.
It hope to be able to take a stand,
To rise up and be a real man.
Voices from the past scream out in pain,
Voices from the present should shout our gain.

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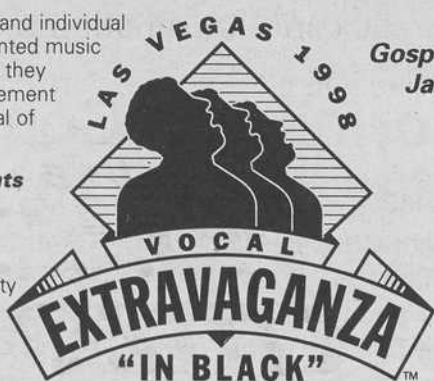
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