

YOUTH VOICE

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From the EDITOR



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Dear Readers,

My name is Lauryn Pollard, and I am a sophomore at the Meadows School. The Las Vegas Youth Voice is a small newspaper that will come out monthly. It is important to me to get your feedback as well as any ideas you have that you feel will make the paper more enjoyable. Each month we will have contests and polls to find out your feelings, and find out what is going on in the community. It is important for us kids to have an outlet as well as something to look forward to. I feel this paper is a way to help achieve that goal. Feel free to contact us any time with your ideas and don't forget to keep reading for new and exciting things every month!



2005 Annual TRUMPET AWARDS

2005 Annual Trumpet Awards held at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia on April 25, 2005.

The 13th annual Trumpet Awards, "a program dedicated to honoring African American achievement in the arts, science and politics," took place on April 25 in the Grand Ballroom of the Georgia World Conference Center. Xernona Clayton, the creator of the awards and an executive producer for CNN, expressed to CNN that it was important to create the Trumpet awards because, "There is a need for a well-rounded view of African-American contributions in all areas of life—including politics, medicine, science and art."

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Awards honor African-American achievement in fields as diverse as law, politics, public service and entertainment. Trumpet awards are the most prestigious awards program in the Midwest, honoring distinguished individual achievement of public relations and other communications professionals. These coveted awards are presented for excellence in planning, creativity and execution. Each year, from the hundreds of entries, special recognition is given to a select few Golden Trumpet entries. Entries that illustrate special creativity, address an issue to improve the quality of life, or exhibit exceptional overall public relations can be recommended by the judges for this special recognition. These entries are then evaluated by a group of top agency executives who select "the best of the best."



Mexican Independence CINCO DE MAYO

It is a common misconception that Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican Independence Day. The truth is that Mexico received its independence on the 16th of September in 1810. The holiday actually honors the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862. The Battle of Puebla happened at a violent and chaotic time in Mexico's history. Mexico had finally gained independence from Spain. France invaded at the gulf coast of Mexico along the state of Veracruz and began to march toward Mexico City. Although American President Abraham Lincoln understood Mexico's cause, and for which he is honored in Mexico, the U.S. was occupied in its own Civil War at the time and was unable to provide any direct assistance. For the most part, the holiday of Cinco de Mayo is more of a local holiday in Mexico, celebrated most enthusiastically in the state of Puebla. Throughout the years, it has become very popular in the United States.

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