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We have been asked many questions since we opened this site, so I want to tell you a little about us.

After going to other Tupac sites and seeing that a lot of the people talking about Tupac really had no idea who Tupac was. After being in a forum for awhile and seeing that the message that Tupac was trying to get across was being twisted and his legacy was being twisted it was time to think about what could be done to try to get the truth out and keep Tupac's legecy strong and real.

This site came about out of necessity. The "major" Tupac sites were and are failing terribly. Go to any of them. There is Eminem or 50 cent. And those sites say they rep for Tupac and they are part of the crowd that shoves the east down our throats. I think the topper of it all was on the anniversary of the death of Yafeu Fula - aka - Kadafi that really got me. One "major" Tupac site had Eminem as a headline and no mention of the Outlawz- Kadafi, and the other "major" sites did not mention him either. How soon we forget.

Resurrection came out and Eminem was a god to some of these sites. They bump runnin as homepage music and build him up. That was not Tupac's music. It is a good song, but it is not Tupac. It is not westcoast. The beat is not Tupac. So why all the hype for something that is far from being Tupac. And sometimes the Tupac News may be a lil slow. That is because there is nothing new to add. Unlike some of those "major" sites who feel they have to report every mention of Tupac's name. If Billy Bob at the garage mentions Tupac we will not have it, but most likely on of the "major" sites will. But if there is important news to share we do a good job there.

We say we rep the westcoast music, and some wonder why there is a mention of eastcoast artist on the site. When we say westcoast we mean the way westcoast rap was. How it came to be westcoast. Music and rap with a message. A message deeper than gym shoes or clubb"n. Sure we all need a lil "good time" tracks, but where is the message in the music? Where is the social involvment in the real world? That is what we mean when we say westcoast.

## **About Us**

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You will notice that in our news we do not mention Eminem or 50cent or alot of those other acts (notice: not artist), because they hurt the social structure of the community of rap and hip hop. There are plenty of sites that deal with them; even most of the so called Tupac sites fill their pages with them. We try to give a balance of news in the westcoast frame of mind. Weither it is Chuck D or some Bay Area artist with a message in their music or maybe it is an eastcoast artist that has a social message. I can think of a few and one in particular who is very good.

We try to bring a lil social relavence to the news. We like to introduce you to new artist who may not get a fair shake from the mainstream press.

Yes we have a Death Row News section. We rep big for Suge Knight and Death Row. I feel we owe that to him. Remember: Tupac was only at the Row for 9 months, and alot of the music we have, we wouldn't have; if not for Suge Knight.

This site is a fan based site. Built by fans for fans of Tupac Shakur. Alot of people have done alot of work, all for nothing ---to get this site up and running. And we are still adding and building. So if you are a fan of Tupac and/or westcoast music: and you have an opinion or see something that needs to be improved or added-----write me an email and we will do our best. This is a fan based site so Tupac's fans are important here.

You will notice different links thru out the site. Links to Family Violence Prevention, The black panther Party, Mutulu Shakur, Bro. Min. Malcolm X and so on. All these site have relevence. Tupac was brought up with all these influences. Check them out. See what influenced the thinking of Tupac.

Well I hope this gives you a "lil insight to who we are and what we consider our mission to be. -----One Love----ThugLifeArmy Staff