

To Be Equal

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 the Urban League affiliates in their communities. Teams of the National Football League will help spread the word in their home cities by sponsoring televised announcements during their games. Sears, Roebuck & Co. supported our national effort as well as those of several of our affiliates.

Yes, this day—the first of what will be annual event—will be unabashedly given over to celebrating our young people who are “doing the right thing.”

But it's celebration with a broader purpose, a purpose which I'll discuss in greater detail

in the next few columns. The major point is that we are sending a message:

To the media and the larger society, our message is: Look what you have missed—young people whose dreams and aspirations and talents improve the quality of all our lives. You need to support them for your own sakes as well as theirs.

To these young people, we say: We hear you, and we are proud of you. But, even as we celebrate what you have done, we charge you to continue to strive to do even better.

To those youth who have yet to find their way: We are going to

more vigorously try to reach you and help you understand that a sense of self-respect and control over one's fate comes not from

Power

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Black Political Convention to forge this agenda for progressive political change."

There are numerous committees working on this convention concept as well as on the other aspect of this project called for in the Mission Statement. That is the organizing of "a massive and on-going voter registration of Black people as independents; using our vote to insist and insure that candidates address the Black agenda and creating and sustaining a progressive independent political movement."

Finally, we must stop selling the Black vote to white political interest that don't benefit the masses of our people. If African people in America are truly acquire political power, we must develop true independent strategies apart from the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or any other white-dominated political party. This should be clear to all by now!

the barrel of a gun or the end of a needle, but from the pursuit of positive achievements.

To parents and other adults

and institutions in the black community: These rituals will tell our children clearly what we value. And they'll convey a message that the larger society needs to hear loud and clear—our children are an asset, not a liability, to America. But we must more effectively organize

ourselves to insure that our youth feel our love and hopes for them and high expectations of them. Tell them achievement matters. Our children's future and our fate as a people depend on it.

Remember: an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Travel

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 from polluted waters, Riley said.

Hepatitis B transmission occurs primarily through blood transfusions, through use of contaminated syringes or other medical and dental devices or through non-medical practices

such as tattooing, acupuncture, ear-piercing or razor sharing. It can also be transmitted sexually.

Most visitors to the Third World are probably safe from hepatitis B unless they receive medical care or have sexual contact with locals, Riley said.

Golf

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 requirements from their application forms. For example, when a club requires a picture of a prospective member, that's suspect behavior."

Today, because of negative publicity, "the remaining clubs in America that maintain racial and religious restrictions typically will either deny it, or have nothing to say on the subject," Teitelbaum said. But, the issue should not be ignored, he stressed. "Private club discrimination is sometimes seen as kind of irrelevant, because it doesn't really hurt anybody, and besides, I wouldn't want to be a member of a club that wouldn't accept me.' But we should remember that private club discrimination has a very significant impact in the world of business, because on that golf course or in a private club dining room, deals are cut, relationships are made, and it teaches the terrible lessons of an 'acceptable'

bigotry. And when community leaders or significant public personalities are members of restrictive private clubs, they lend those policies credibility, and they give those practices stature."

Nike's public relations manager, Jim Small, said the ads were not intended to target particular clubs but "to get people talking — that golf has not been an inclusive sport for minorities and women and Tiger is leading the charge to make it that way."

In fact the material "came through collaborative discussions with Tiger and his family They were very much involved in the selection of these spots," said Donna Gibbs.

"One of the things Tiger was interested in from us as a very high priority, was that we would support many minority youth golf programs to make golf more inclusive to minority youth and girls," Small said.

Conference

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Samuel gave special thanks to KCEP radio for giving the song airplay and told those in attendance the recording was number 27 on Billboard Magazine's Hot Singles list.

The first day of activities concluded with a showcase of local talent sponsored by the radio station. According to station manager, Sherman Rutledge, ten acts were chosen from 54 demo tapes presented to the station.


The highlight of the second day was the panel discussion, "The Shooting of Tupac Shakur: A Thin Line Between Success and Crime."

During the discussion Tanya Hart, formerly of E! Entertainment News, who knew Shakur, talked about how he "took a wrong turn." Also on hand were Sgt. Greg McCurdy of the Las Vegas police. The workshop was followed by a candlelighting vigil and prayer.

In all the event was a success, said Bailey. "It was overwhelming for me to feel the love from the community," she said. "They really want to keep it going."

The best part of the conference, she said, was seeing local artists placing their demo tapes into the hands of record industry executives. "They really made a connection," she said.

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