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become apparent. His younger sister, Marie Bernarde Miller, then a nun in a St. Louis convent sent Miller \$ 20.00 and a one-way bus ticket to St. Louis. Miller, who immediately spent the money on drugs, attempted to cash in the bus ticket to no avail. Miller then, out of desperation, decided to make the trip to St. Louis to try to start his life over.

Miller's sister immediately enrolled him in a treatment center and after successful completion; Miller decided to devote his life to helping others overcome the same disease which had held him captive for so long.

The world summit, according to Miller, is the realization of how critical the problem actually is. The summit received endorsements from The City of Las Vegas, NV; The City of Little Rock, AR; The City of New Orleans, LA; The City of New York, NY; The City of St. Louis, MO; and other prominent organizations and celebrities. Former heavyweight boxing champ, Riddick Bowe, has promised his attendance. Well known rapper/actor Curtis Blow is scheduled to attend. A BASIC youth rally hosted by Youth Excited about Success (YES) and Black Entertainment Television (BET) is scheduled along with two live broadcasts over 127 US cities and the Caribbean

via the American Urban Radio Network. Over 30 national exhibitors are scheduled to attend and feature the latest in community based substance abuse treatment.

Locally, all coordinations for the event are being provided by Exquisite Impressions.

Floyd Henderson, Director of Special Events, said the city is long overdue for an event of such a positive magnitude. Henderson encourages all local organizations to participate in the three-day workshop. He said the event will be both "stimulating" and "educational" in various strategies in tackling the African American community's most devastating problem.

Starting Sunday, December 5th, tickets can be purchased at the BASIC World Summit registration desk, 2nd floor, convention area at Harrah's Hotel & Casino between 1pm-5pm. Henderson can be contacted at 795-8893.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**JACKIE ROBINSON**

By Gwen Walker

Jackie Robinson was born in Ciara, Georgia on January 31, 1919. He was raised in Pasadena, Calif. and attended college at UCLA. After a short time in the army as a lieutenant during World War II, Robinson returned to the states, hoping to become a physical education teacher. He chose to play baseball with the Black Baseball League in order to sharpen his skills. In 1945, Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers assigned him to the Montreal Royals to be groomed for the major league. At the time Robinson was playing for the Kansas City Monarchs.

On April 10, 1947, the Brooklyn team announced that it had purchased Robinson's contract. A day later Jackie Robinson began his career in the major leagues. He retired in 1956 after compiling an outstanding record as a hitter, base stealer, and fielder. He had been cited for being the Most Valuable Player in 1949, had played on one world championship team, and had stole home base 19 times, once during a world series.

Jackie Robinson dies in 1972 in Stamford Connecticut. He had become a legend in his



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JACKIE ROBINSON

POET'S CORNER*Love*

By Miranda

Sometimes I wonder if my heart knows
What it is capable of, is it
infatuation or is it true love.

Funny how the heart can rule the mind,
telling the soul everything is find; of
course there will be time for disagreement,
time for despair, room for achievement.

Hope, trust, built on the foundation of care; love
a four letter word that can build and destroy, housed
for encouragement, warmth and joy.

Confided in the tiny closet of the heart
I found love once, and it turned it's back on me;
Surely, I've learned now; that without FAITH THERE
IS NO HOPE FOR CHARITY.

The Eyes of the Beholder

By Kamau Khalfani

As we are here before you, our pain is too great,
There is much we should have said, and now it is too late.
How will you ever know how we truly felt about you, for
Teaching us about life, for providing for us through and through,
We understand how beautiful you are now that we are older,
Since we have learned that beauty is in the eyes of the
Beholder.

To say we will miss you is to say the least, at least
We know that you will be left in peace.
You have left us with a legacy any family would be proud
To shoulder, for we have inherited, the eyes of the beholder.

Black Youth

By K. Musari

If the strength of youth is the triumph over adversity
why not by black youths?
If the constancy of felicity is the way of youths
why not by black youths?
If the sustaining of life is the hope of youths
why not by black youths?

Youth is parallel to sunlight after storm or like rest
for those who drove the battering ram
it is relief this youth who takes the place
afresh anew spirited determined to finish a start
that time forbids the elder to proceed
but now look on in confidence that youth continues
by nature of minds
of sons do better than fathers
and it has been this way always
why not by black youths?

Elders have sought the stars
it is youths who shall find them
Elders have builded the hull of ships
it is youth who will erect the sails
and it has been so for eras and centuries
and ages and ages and today

Youth be golden it is virtue
it is the receptacle of all lore
before and after birth
it is the deciding factor of progress
or no progress

Black youths are of the flesh to sweat tomorrow
the minds to shape one hundred years from today
why not?

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