POETS CORNER

Stay In School

By Patricia Mona Grimes Teach me Lord to stay in school Let me learn to become educated And intelligent I know the golden rule and today Books make a great tool An apple a day to keep the doctor Away no! For the teacher while I play Recess is over and tis time for Class to start So I study hard to become smart And not just a dumb ole Teachers pet! When it's time for graduation I will be on top Leading the line because I have

Become smart

Facing the future with my brand

New start!!!

Thickness Glides

By Keith A. Brantley, Izulu Poets In my mind resides the way thickness glides like butter over buns, my imagination runs and I can't seem to catch it. Sometimes I dream just to match it ... that sensation which rumbles when my tongue is humbled in the presence of thick, flowing grace. I dream of honey and I see your face. I admire your style and I pause for a while and then a while longer; You pound my heart and it's that much stronger than it was before; Thickness glides,

let it pour, let it pour.

Living On Borrowed Time

By Shirley Christian Copywritten 10/94

Too many things to do today,

Not enough time to do them anyway,

I'll deal with this tomorrow,

Not right now, I can't deal with sorrow.

I want to have fun, now's the time to enjoy myself,

Life comes but once, no place for the berefit.

So many things I want to accomplish, so much to do,

foolish, procrastinator, if you only knew.

Tomorrow is not promised, you may not

have 'til the end of this day,

Take life by steps and ask God to help

you the rest of the way.

The bells for each of us, one day will chime,

Always remember, we're living on borrowed time.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

OCTOBED BATES

By Gwen Walker

Oct. 12 - Racial Brawl on Kitty Hawk. Oct. 12-13 1972, 46 black and Caucasian sailors were injured in a racial fight that broke out on the Kitty Hawkwhile the aircraftwas stationed off North Vietnam. According to the New York Times, Oct. 14, 1972, "The Navy has had the reputation in the



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Black Community as being a service in which blacks are limited to stewards' jobs." The previous year, 1971, the Navy had begun a five-year program to increase the number of black recruits to match their 12% level in the general population.

Oct. 13 - Jesse Leroy Brown was the first Black American naval aviator and also the first Black Naval Officer to lose his life in combat when he was shot down over Korea on Dec. 4., 1950. On March 18, 1972, USS Jesse L. Brown was launched as the first ship to be named in honor of a Black Officer. Brown was born on Oct. 13, 1926, at Hattiesburg, Ms.

Oct. 14 - 30th Anniversary of Dr. Martin L. King becoming the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize when he received his honor Oct. 14, 1964. Dr. King donated the entire \$54,000 prize money to furthering the causes of the civil rights movement.

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