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Thank God for another day, God is good. Patience is the key of success. If you want something in life go get it, its out there. We all deserve to be doing good in life. Its up to you. Hustle do what you gotta do for your self. But make sure to do it for you. Life ain't easy it's got a lot of ups and downs. Do what makes you happy but make sure to do it the right way. Life sometimes ain't fair but you are your own referee. Play your card right. Life can always be better.

~Junior Vasquez

Drawing by Elias

Don't think you're more, than what you are, you may shine, but you're not a star, you may be all, that you believe, but you'll never know, till you attempt and achieve, everyone has something, that they're good at, that much is true, and it's a fact, so go ahead with your bad self, you do your think, we all can fly, because we all go wings.

~Gregory Spears

THE SUDO POST-COVID ERAS AUTHORED BY YOURS BLULY LOL DEPICTS THE PRISMS, CATASTROPHES AND CALAMITIES, WITHOUT WINNING TROPHIES THAT SHOULD BRING ONE TO THERE KNEES TO THE ALMIGHTY! THE BASIC INSTRUCTION BEFORE LEAVING EARTH HAS ENORMOUS WORTH, THATS THE NEW BIRTH AND HOPEFULLY THE NEW EARTH ! HENCE THE TOUNGE IS A TWO EDGED SWORD AND THE ONE FLEW UNDER THE COO-COOS NETS, IS LESS THAN THE SPIRITUAL WORLDS BEST ! HENCE LETS PASS THE TRUE TEST,BE BLESSED AND INSTEAD USING YOU HEAD, PAY IT FOREWORD WITH PRAYER,THATS TRULY CARING THAT SPIRITUALLY SHARING THE WEALTHS ! HENCE IN STEAD OF TALKING THAT TALK WALK THE ALMIGHTY'S WALK,THATS SENSE AND SENSIBILITIES LACKING IN NYC AND PROBABLY INTERNATIONALLY THE CURRENT MIS DIRECTIONS ARE INDIGESTIONS DOING OF GOOD SUGGESTIONS! THESE WILL CAUSE AN IMPLOSION THATS NO GOOD FOR THE FLOW OF THE OCEANS SALUTE BILLY OCEAN AND OCEANS11 EXCELLENCE INTENSE, COMPLEMENTS, DRAW TOTHE GREATER ANGELS AND THE ENEMIES WILL FLEE INSTEAD OF CLINGING TO THEE TRUST HE NOT ME LOL

~Sir Richard Holland

STREET VOICES

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If you have any content to share for our newsletter please see one of the breadline staff. **We are in need of content such as a poem, lyrics, writing, thoughts, questions, image of your artwork or anything uplifting or informative.** Anyone who contributes content for our newsletter will receive a $10 gift card.

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FRANCISCAN 360 IS OPEN!

WHAT:
Case Management, Computer Access, Mailing Address, Health Clinic

WHERE:
144 W. 32nd Street

WHEN:
Monday 10-1:30,
Wednesday 10-1:30
Thursday 10-1:30

WHO:
All are welcome!

Good morning! This week we have poetry from Diane D., poetry from Khari, writing from Rodney Wise, artwork from Elias, poetry from Gregory Spears, The "unsolved" case of the gentle jewel thief submitted by James D., writing from Junior Vasquez, original lyrics from Sir Richard Holland and artwork from Garrett.

Announcement: Franciscan 360 will be offering art classes, access to art supplies and a place to create work beginning Tuesday April 23rd, please see Adam for more details.

What do the letter "t" and an island have in common?

What can you put in a bucket to make it weigh less?

What word contains 26 letters but has only three syllables?

Psalms 91:14-16 NIV

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

I WRITE AS THE WATERS STIR
SUCH GLORIOUS COSMIC ALLURE
JESUS, THIS HONOR IS POWERFULLY PURE
A SURPRISE, I NEVER IMAGINED COULD OCCUR

I WILL NEVER TURN BACK
WITH YOU I STAY ON TRACK
I KNOW YOU BRING A WORLD WITH NO LACK
GREAT PLACE 4ALL, SO NO ONE LIVES IN A SHACK

THANK YOU FOR THIS WANDER
THROUGH MILKY WAY AND YONDER
OIL OF GLADNESS HEALING, I PONDER
IN YOUR VISION, I JUST BECOME FONDER

IT IS HOW YOU HOLD MY HAND
I NEVER KNOW WHAT IS PLANNED
SINCE ON THE BATTLEFIELD I STAND
I ALWAYS DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU DEMAND

SO MUCH UNSEEN
WAR AND MOCKERY SO MEAN
CREATION ITSELF IS HERE TO CLEAN
HEALING OIL OF GLADNESS, IN NEON GREEN

~Diane D.

Black is the New Black

Black music is greater or equal to the blues. It's Bessie Smith as empress of analog emotion. BB King's guitar string, Big Mama Thornton's "Hound-dog" voice divine and bourbon foot stomp...

Black music is hip hop. The pre digital SoundCloud that takes us high and rising. Record break spin wit juice and gin, native tongue ling and trap. It's rhapsody, 808 boom bap, all beats, high hats and claps.

Streams of Black Thought and bass heavy flow, black music is the banjo. A lost history untold by radio, sold from West Africa to the minstrel show. It's frying pans and animal skin, pig ankle strut and jug stomp.

The echoes of Uncle John Scruggs claw hammer roots as Rihannon Giddens and Don Flemons retell the truth and hold the flag.

Black music is jazz. Alice Coltrane and her hands plucking sound, Maz Roach and his feet to the ground, up and down between high kick and snare, Jeff Parker and the Chicago skyline pushing the limit of improvisation, sample and soul.

Black music is rock n roll. It's Big Joanie and rriot vibration, fishbone feedback in living color, the music of a people, the pulse of it's heart, a house that was built by Sister Rosetta Tharpe.

~Khari

WAR

War has been going on since the beginning of time. When we look all through the Bible since the days of Joshua with his battle with the Amalikites to the Battles that king David had to face running from king Saul to his battles with the philistine called Goliath. But, today look at Israel and Hamas as well as Russia and Ukraine. But, the biggest battle is the war within ourselves. Many people today are defeated due to making bad choices and fighting what we call our fleshy nature, or sinful nature. "There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh (but according to the spirit) ". Rom 8: 1. This verse illustrates that walking according to what our fleshy nature dictates to us we are in condemnation. "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the spirit, set their minds on the things of the spirit ". Romans 8: 5. If you continue to listen to what you're sinful nature desires it will eventually destroy you. But, walking in the spirit brings life and peace. Before we receive Christ, our nature is corrupt or carnal. Being Carnal minded will always lead you to follow what you're sinful nature wants. Decrement comes from listening to the probes of the Holy Spirit. Walking in the spirit will help us to make better decisions and choices so we won't fall into regrets. Not saying that you won't make mistakes in life but, it will help you to avoid major pitfalls or you will see sometimes see dangers a head and learn to avoid certain traps before it happens. So, today let's try to listen to that "still" soft voice called the Holy Spirit. May you find HIM Today.

~Rodney Wise

The Case of the Gentle Jewel Thief

(Be the first to solve the case and win a gift card)

Inspector George Ramsey of Scotland Yard is telling you of his Atlantic crossing and his success in apprehending Brenda Gibson, International jewel thief. Our voyage had nearly ended. Begins George, and I was beginning to lose hope of catching her with the goods· although I was positive she had the diamonds in her possession. We were approaching the Statue of Liberty. I stood at the rail watching her. How attractive she looked, elegantly dressed, waving an elaborately long cigarette holder to point out interesting landmarks to the other passengers. Not a bit like one's notion of a jewel thief. She sounds lovely, George, you say. What about the diamonds? Yes I knew I had to find them before we docked. If she got past your custom officials, all would be lost. Luckily I had become acquainted with her on board. We had had cocktails and danced together several times. In view of this, I told her how much I enjoyed her company, and asked if I might have her New York telephone number. She agreed very sweetly and rummaged in her purse for her card. I thought at the time that she might be quite nervous, judging from the heavy nicotine stains on her fingers. And then, just as she found her card and gave it to me· I knew where she was hiding the jewels. And I was right!

Where did the Inspector find the diamonds?

~James D.

Graffiti drawing by Garrett