

Drawing by James C.

A FEW GOOD MEN?

If we were to give a survey on what people would say, what kind of person they really are and where did they think they stood at with God, relationship wise. I believe a lot of people would say how good of a person they were and how that justifies them to make heaven. But, let's take a look at what the Holy Bible says about the state of man. The Bible's picture of man is negative: Every man at his best state is altogether vanity. For there is not a just man upon the earth; that doeth good and sins not. THERE IS NONE THAT DOETH GOOD, NO NOT ONE. Rom 3:3. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he SAVED us. For by grace we are saved, not anything of our selves; it is the gift of God: not by works, lest any man should boast. Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.. for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

~Rodney Wise

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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 writing from Timothy Middleton, Rodney Wise, Henry, ATW, Khari and James F., poetry from Popeye, Stanley "Cosmic Stan" Johnson, and Gregory Spears, and artwork from Dominic and James C.

Be the first person to solve all three riddles below to receive a gift card.

Jared's father has three sons: Snap, Crackle and...?

What has legs, but does not walk?

What goes up and down but doesn't move?

Acts :11-12

Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

"On the Road"

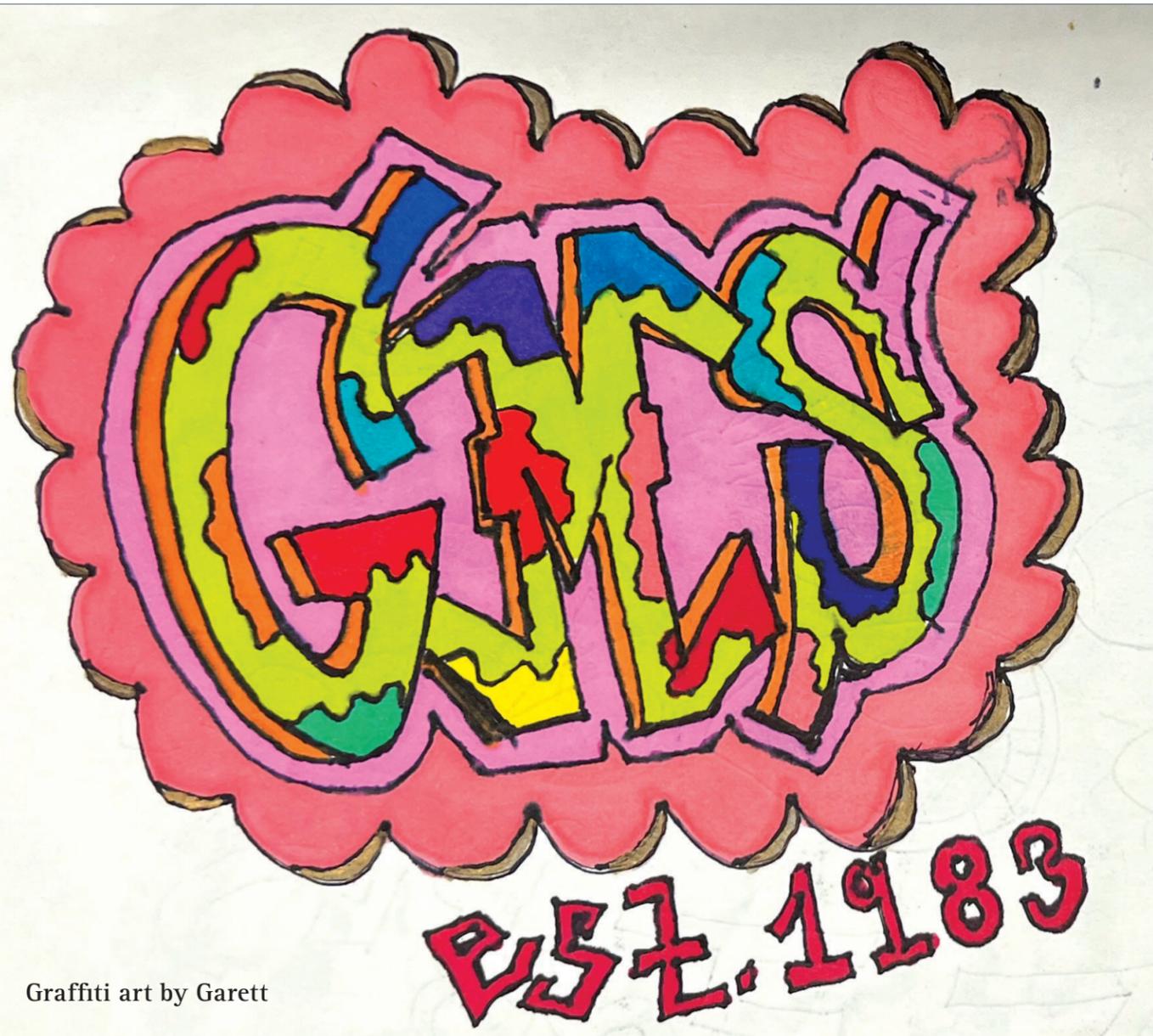
Last night
I slept
near Washington's hometown
on the river quiet, no traffic noise
no horns or sirens
just
crickets and frogs
lights across the river
display an awesome sight
slept, no blanks
no mosquitoes
a little chill in the air
we start slipping
toward fall
I woke as the water
receded
the frogs jump to catch
their morning breakfast
the sun rises on a new
day in Virginia -

~Popeye

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Bomb Poetry

In Conception, poetry is your lesson, I'm the best, I'm confessing, Don't need, No Smith and Wesson, The difference I'm living, other poets are only existing, I'm becoming, better than before, right now in 2024, As in difference, between verbs, and words, striking out the competition, with lyrical curves, balance is my choices, music are our voices, like water, my poetry is the moistest, uncharted sentiment, I invent poetry to win, yes, my friend, It's the best poset Cosmic Stan, AGAIN!!!!

~Stanley "Cosmic Stan" Johnson



Graffiti art by Garrett

Fear not because God is with you!!!! And every day especially when your heart feels the loneliness of life, pray, prayer is the best weapon we have: it is the key to God's heart

~Timothy Middleton

Show us Your Glory

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit
Set us on fire Lord
Send us out into a broken world
Show em' who You really are

Show us Your glory!
Show us Your power Lord!

~Henry

Antenna

Cover my skin in sorrow, lay my body down with feathered tears. Help me sleep with the dreams of friends who are having conversations with ghosts so that I can wake with their pain. A shared depression, a thread among empaths. Give me the compassion and emotional power to be strong when needed.

~Khari

Day 2 when I was not high going down, what a thing, it's small, you know. Like a dime. Or more like a car, a big car with all the stops. So farad I can think about is using. To make me feel better. But you know, what I have always said. I know where it's going to take me. So I got. Not looking forward to day 3.

~ATW



Assisting your fellow man when he is in need is precious! The lord says be your brother's keeper is more than just words its a staple in life. Without it nothing positive will exist! Lend a hand, say a kind word to someone, feed someone, lend an ear to someone! You and your fellow community members will be better for it.

~Kevin F



If I had'a made that left, instead of the right, we'd still be together, in a different life, If I could correct, some things I did, you would've just had, only my two kids, If I kept straight, and stayed on course, we'd be together, and be a force, but that was then, can't erase the past, but my memories of you, will forever last.

~Gregory Spears

