

A Maine Xmas



Xmas day there was a zero visibility until 3pm.

When the storm let up and the skies were clear, me and my family decided to go to the beach. We walked along the puddly sand with our galoshes. We were greeted by a very friendly golden retriever. A young man from California asked one of my relatives to snap a selfie of him so he could show his friends that he was on a beach in Maine on Xmas. Once our earlobes were tingling we knew it was time to go home. The sun was starting to set which cast the sky in shades of purple and orange. One of my relatives were starting to come down with a cold. Once at home we celebrated with a decorative Xmas tree, dinner and gifts.

~JFG

Twass the night before Xmas
And all thru the hood
Not a person was stirring
Up to no good
All the kids were in bed
Sound asleep
But me being a menace, I heard a peep

I listened and listened and what did I see
My sly parents trying to hoodwink me
Back and forth they went
Wit presents galore
Am I supposed to believe Santa came through the front door

I sneaked up behind them and coughed
My parents turned with shock on their faces
At once they knew they had no more chances to lie to my face
about Santa and his reindeer

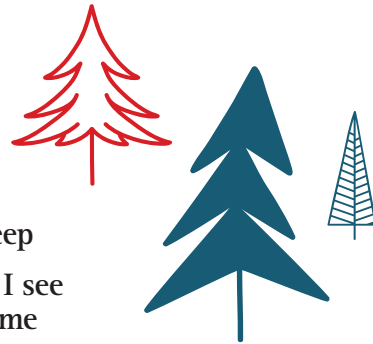
“So Santa not real I suspected as much, tooth fairy too cuz my teeth are worth more than 5 measly bucks”

“Don’t tell your sister you know how she is”

“Gullible, a fool”

So that was the year I found out Santa wasn’t real
I quickly told my sister the next year and we caught my parents again lol

~Khari



It’s Christmas time
That much is true
IF I wanted a present
It would be you
I wanted to be lovers
But in the end
It wouldn’t work
We’re better off friends
You make me happy
When I am sad
You make it good
When it was bad
It’s Christmas time
That much is true
But it would be nothing
If I didn’t have you

~Gregory Spears

Drawing by Lola Derrick



The Birth of Christ

A baby boy born in
Bethlehem at an inn-
Rejoice! New king!

-M. Dunn

Haiku by M. Dunn

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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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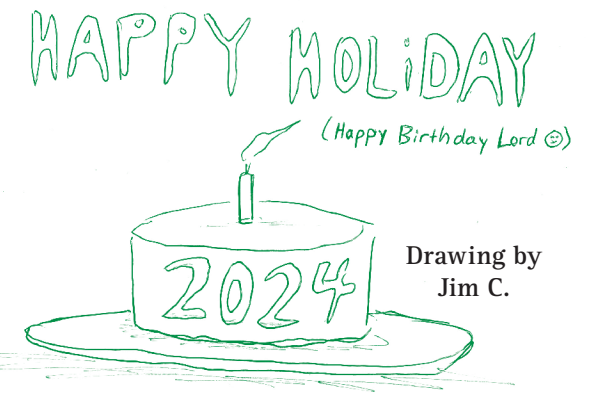
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WHERE: 144 W. 32nd Street

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Scheduled appointments only on Friday from 9am - 4pm

WHO: All are welcome!

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Merry Christmas from all of us at the St. Francis Breadline! In this special edition of Street Voices, we have Christmas themed writing by Jane Farmer, Rodney Wise, Cmng, JFG, Khari, Timothy Middleton, Gregory Spears, Wenda Lee Shelton Mendes, writing submitted from an anonymous guest, a Christmas Haiku from M. Dunn, Christmas art from Lola Derrick and Jim C.

Be the first person to correctly answer all three trivia questions and win a gift card.

What’s the name of the giant snow monster who guards the North Pole in Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?

How many gifts in total were given in “The Twelve Days of Christmas”?

Which reindeer is never mentioned in “The Night Before Christmas”?

Answers to last week’s trivia.

What is the 4th letter of the Greek alphabet? Delta

How many dots appear on a pair of dice? 42

What is acrophobia a fear of? Heights

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and will call him Immanuel.*

ISAIAH 7:14



Happy holidays everyone it’s that time of year!!! Everyone rushing around trying to get gifts on time to family and friends what a festive time, I’m not sure if there will be snow we will have to wait and see, anyway I wish everyone a Very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! And may all your dreams and blessings and miracles happen for you during this joyous time of year !!! Stay prayed up my friends

~Timothy Middleton

The Christmas Spirit



We find ourselves approaching Christmas once again! It's the time for community, love, friendship, cheer, and joy. Whether you are spending this Christmas with your family, your friends, or alone, we can all, undoubtedly, feel the holiday spirit as we live in one of the most festive cities in the world. No matter the state of your current situation in life, we can all participate in the jolliness and events occurring around the city. Though we shouldn't use the holiday season as an excuse to neglect our responsibilities and slack off, especially given that the new year is rapidly approaching and we must all prepare for a clean, fresh slate, wrapping up the projects of 2024 and tying up loose ends, we should also take the time to balance the daily rigors of our lives with holiday cheer. Taking a walk with friends around the Winter Village in Bryant Park and sightseeing the gigantic Christmas trees scattered around the city are two fun, free ways to get into the holiday spirit and enjoy time with your loved ones and are both on my own personal to-do list before the year is out. Enjoying the company of those within our community and spreading the love to all those we come across is what the spirit of Christmas is all about. Even if you cannot afford gifts and trinkets to give away, a simple smile to a person you pass on the street could make someone's day and, in turn, cause them to pass on the holiday cheer to another stranger on the street. Kindness, love, and community is what Christmas is all about. This is one holiday that you don't need money to participate in, despite what many may believe. We can all do our part in spreading joy to all this Christmas as well as make long-lasting memories with our loved ones. Let the spirit of Christmas enfold you and carry that spirit with you well into the new year as many blessings will come your way as a result.

Merry Christmas!

~Jane Farmer



Drawing by Lola Derrick



WHAT CAN WE DO FOR CHRISTMAS?

Seeing that Christmas only comes once a year? Let's try to do something good that is kinda like coming out of our comfort zone. For instance, give someone who is homeless a few dollars, give someone a plate of food, give someone a few items from your closet that is still in good condition, or give someone a hug or a firm handshake. A lot of people here in New York City don't have family. So let's try to show a little love this holiday season.

~Rodney Wise

THE STORY CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA WHAT AN EXCITING MOMENT TO GIVE SANTA YOUR WISH LIST FOR CHRISTMAS BIKES, HAT SHOES CLOTHES WATCHES AND EVERYTHING ELSE CHRISTMAS MUSIC SONGS DANCING LOVE LAUGHTER PLUS MUCH MORE CHRISTMAS CARTOON MERRY CHRISTMAS CHARLIE BROWN THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS THE CHRISTMAS MIS!TOE THE BEAUTIFUL WHITE CHRISTMAS TREE BEAUTIFUL! GIFT WRAPPING PAPER THE SNOW ON THE GROUND NOT TO SHOVEL THE SNOW SOMEONE ELSE CAN SURELY DO THIS MAKING SNOW ANGEL AND SNOW BALL TO THROUGH. #CHRISTMAS



~Wenda Lee Shelton Mendes

America news - cmnglock

As we approach the holiday season. On this cold and dreary Winter Tuesday. As we remember what xmas is all about. Jesus and his birth in Bethlehem, in a manger.

If you look back on old xmas movies it's all about children living in orphanages. About a cranky mayor who didn't believe in xmas.made children turn in their toys in town square.

Children of all ethnics and races of thee which live on this planet. Children should be reminded of the joy peace of this holiday .

The most fantastic memory would be the night before Christmas such a great story for children I read to my son's as young children.

Children love all the lights and movable figures that put remarkable memories of these display of color, illuminating red white green, in Pennsylvania there's a place where this display is in function. Family hold gathering of seeing each smile for children opening gifts in seasonal paper and what they proposed ad a want this holiday season.

Happy Holidays

~Cmng



JOY

Christmas Contribution #2

We shouldn't lose sight of the true meaning behind Christmas: celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Although He may not have been born specifically on December 25th, we in the Christian world have collectively decided that we will commemorate His birth on this day and we have for more than 1,500 years. Jesus' birth represents the coming of joy to the world as well as the fulfillment of Christian prophecy that the Son of God would be born on Earth. Isaiah 9:6, 7, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace". This prophecy tells us that it was known that Jesus was coming- both as a human and as a divine being. He was born into this world for the sole purpose of saving us and suffering on the Cross for our sins. We celebrate Christmas to honor and remember all that He did for us during his mortal life on Earth as well as all that He did and continues to do as the most high, steering us onto the correct path and helping us all on our spiritual journeys so that we may once again join Him in the Kingdom of God. We can best appreciate His birth and all of the sacrifices He made for us here by spending Christmas Day as well as the entire Christmas season praying to Him, remaining Holy, and, of course, spending this time with our loved ones spreading joy and cheer and remembering that it is love that is most important in this life- not expensive gifts, food, and gimmicks, but showing love for one another as well as love for Him, just as He loves us. Do not forget about Jesus Christ this Christmas and remember to keep Him in the center of your holiday!

~Jane Farmer



El media Salim

The last Christmas in Morocco

It was a beautiful playful night, all the people were excited to enjoy the holiday. All the gatherings and dancing making everything special and beautiful. People singing and playing trumpets, all the kids are running and enjoying the beautiful weather. All the celebrations and festivities felt like a wonderful feeling to everyone. Everyone was so happy, having the best time in their life, the city was so enjoyable, excitement was running through the whole city and that was the best Christmas that year.

~Anonymous

