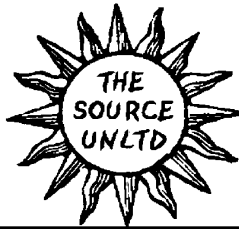


Source Letter



PUBLISHED BY THE SOURCE UNLTD

COPIES & MORE SINCE 1982

A monthly publication with news about the East Village community at large ©2004

Free in The Village

Volume 5, Issue 11 March 2009

Priceless Everywhere Else

The Source Unltd • 331 East 9th Street • NYC 10003 • 212-473-7833 • www.sourceunltd.com

FIRST OFF... George Harrison said it best "It's been a long, cold, lonely winter..." Long and cold outside, and lonely inside for a lot of businesses. The daily gloom and doom reports from the various media outlets have not helped any one in getting through the rough patches. We just need to take a lesson or 2 from this escapade and prevent it from happening again. Some will have you believe that this all happened in the 30 somewhat days since Obama took over, but we now see what 8 years of looking the other way as corporate pirates robbed the system has done. Moving on, turn your clocks ahead, here comes the sun and I say it's all right. As usual try to shop local, and keep the community strong, vital and real.

COME BY AND TRY OUR SELECTION OF PENS AND MARKERS

Miss an issue? Visit www.sourceunltd.com

INFORMATION

Attn. Parkers: Alternate Parking is suspended:

- March 10th Tuesday Purim



- The Ninth Precinct Community Council Meeting is on Wednesday, March 18th @ 321 East 5th Street
Phone: 212-477-7805 www.thenewninthprecinct.org



- KittyKind volunteers provide care for the cats available for adoption at Petco Union Square.

Go to: www.KittyKind.org/volunteer_form.cfm for more info.



- **HELP OUT...** contribute to our ongoing food drive to benefit The Middle Collegiate Church Food Pantry Program. Bring your **CANNED ONLY** goods to our store. Thanks

COMMUNITY EVENTS

GET LISTED! UPCOMING EVENTS, GIGS, ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST...

To submit, stop by our store @ 331 E. 9th Street OR e-mail us at santo@sourceunltd.com
Submissions for the next Source Letter must be received by February 28th. Inclusion subject to space availability.

- **FAST 'N' BULBOUS... 'The Captain Beefheart Project'** a tribute led by two innovators of the new music scene: Gary Lucas, who was guitarist for Captain Beefheart's Magic Band in its latter years (1980-82), and composer, jazz saxophonist Philip Johnston, who co-led the Microscopic Septet, widely regarded one of the most unique bands of the 1980's. Tuesday, March 10th, 7:00pm @ Le Poisson Rouge, 158 Bleecker Street, For more info: (212) 228-4854
- **PAMELA BOB SINGS THE MANDEL AND LYDON SONGBOOK..**Wed., March 11th, at 8:30pm @ The Cornelia Street Cafe, 29 Cornelia Street (between Bleecker & 6th Ave.) For More Info and Reservations Call 212-989-9319.
- **SPRING CLEANING...**Recycle your clothing. Acceptable donations include clean used clothing, shoes, boots, hats, jackets, towels, bedding, and linens. Drop-offs around us:
*Union Square Greenmarket (Union Square W. Bet. 15 & 16th Sts.) Mondays & Saturdays, 8am-6pm *Tompkins Square Greenmarket - Sundays, 8am-4pm (E. 7th St. & Ave A) For More Information Call: The Office of Recycling Outreach at 212-788-7989, or visit their site www.cenyc.org/clothing
- **BELLY DANCE CLASSES...**with Reyna Alcalá. Level One & Level Two classes available and are held at Champions Studio, 257 W. 39th St., For more info call: 212-533-5665
- **SWIMMING IN AIR: The 8 Taoist Exercises...**Swim in the energy of chi while practicing this graceful chi kung from ancient China. Swimming in Air strengthens the legs, flexes the spine and unites the entire body for increased health and energy. For beginners & advanced students alike. Sunday, March 22, 2009 Noon to 6:00 p.m. @ Taoist Arts Center, 342 East 9th Street. For More Info: (212) 477-7055
- **URBAN WORD...**NYC's 11th Annual Teen Poetry Slam brings out the top teen poets from across the city. Poets will compete for a chance to perform at the Grand Slam Finals at the Apollo Theater on April 4th, and represent NYC at the National Teen Poetry Slam in Chicago. Monday, March 9th, 6:00 pm @ The Poetry Project at St. Marks Church, 131 East 10th St. Call (212) 674-0910 for more info.
- **VOTE FOR CHEESEHEAD...** *The Party Beyond Obama*, a film by Jimmy Dougherty, will be shown @ the Hamilton Fish Library, March 14th, 2pm, 415 E Houston St. (212) 673-2290
- **SANTO GIGS...**with DB Rielly, www.dbrielly.com Sunday, March 8th @ LUCKY MOJO'S, 5-14 51st Ave., Long Island City, NY, 9:30pm, 718-786-7427



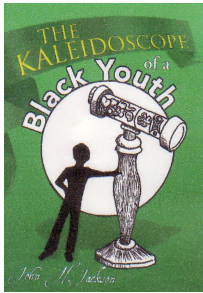
GUEST COLUMN OF THE MONTH Be Part of the Guest Column. Submit stories, photos, drawings to: santo@sourceunltd.com

THIS MONTH'S GUEST COLUMNS

The Kaleidoscope of a Black Youth
by John H. Jackson

a review by Erik Bishop

Even though everyone has had a different experience, growing up, dealing with the military and subsequent life back in the States - there is some universal thread. Jackson has a firm grasp of that proverbial thread of life. Sounds like he's traveled the world with his eyes wide open.



The Kaleidoscope triggered a lot of memories both humorous and intense - in my *own* past. It's odd, the things we select to remember - and I don't mean just life-and-death stuff. Jackson's book reminded me of some of those little, albeit sometimes bizarre things that can still make us laugh, 30 years later. Sometimes it's a woman's mannerisms, a song or the color of a tin roof that sticks with us forever. Kaleidoscope - I get it.

These are unique, American perspectives. A nice anthology from a man born in the south during the Great Depression who - after serving his country - became a painter and poet in New York City in the highly creative 1960's. A worthwhile read.

There is talk of Mr. Jackson's book being compiled with a collection of many of his poems spanning from the 1960s to today. Most of these literary pieces were written right here in the East Village. The collection is slated to come out in 2009 - on CD ROM for both Windows and Mac environments. (The current book is available in paperback at Amazon.com)

-by Erik Bishop

Golden Local: Crif Dogs Wins Coveted Human Trophy As seen on 4 NY TV website



It was a rainy evening in the East Village of New York City, but a Golden light was cast over the victorious Crif Dogs, the winner of me, The Golden Local. For those of you living in a cave of late, nbcnewyork.com has graciously called upon my services as the arbiter of taste and all things local, to conduct monthly online polls to determine what really is the "best" here in New York City. This month's contest focused on the New York staple: the hot dog. In an epic battle of guts, determination, and pork, the downtown favorite Crif Dogs beat out the always crowd-pleasing uptown Gray's Papaya by a vote of 56% to 44%.. (113 Saint Marks Pl., (212) 614-2728)

Brian, the owner of the glorious winner, said proudly, "We grew up in Jersey riding our motorcycles to get these kind of hot dogs, and then I thought, I can do this. I always knew my wiener was the best." I started the evening off right, inhaling two of the finest culinary creations known to man in NYC: the "Tsunami" dog (a storm of pineapple flavor in my mouth) chased by the barking dog "Chihuahua" (bacon, sour cream, avocado—the sign said "don't be scared" and fear took a backseat to golden taste and flavor.) Afterwards, a delicious, frosty libation of root beer washed my meal down. The fearless leader of the Crif thanked God first and foremost, followed by Mom, and then wife (whom he lovingly referred to as his "manager"). I decided it was best not to delve any further. As the night came to a goldificent end, I thought about asking for a hot dog named after me. Then I realized there would be no need for such a thing. When you're the Golden Local, you don't have to brag. You're already in the know. -By MICHAEL NATHANSON AKA "THE GOLDEN LOCAL"

Satch's Corner Where you can read about some good cd's, books and videos

You can buy this disk on our website: www.thesourceunltd.com (Just click on the Amazon logo)

BOB DYLAN --TELL TALE SIGNS One of the great Bob Dylan myths thru the years has been that he walks into a recording studio, plays his songs in one take and, once the genius is captured to tape, leaves it up to the producers to do the rest. These recent releases titled "The Bootleg Series" stick a fork in that myth. The discs are full of alternate takes, sometimes 2 or 3 of the same tune, as well as songs that just didn't get on the "official" releases. There are several standouts on the 2 discs here and is a good listen not just for hard-core fans but also casual listeners who like good music and well written songs. It gets 4 bones. See you next time on the corner....



"Satch" drawing by Sara Hauser

Closing Statement: "Life's a path lit only by the light of those I've loved" -Tom Waits