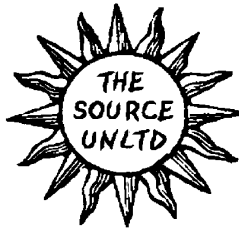


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FIRST OFF... It's been a heavy summer. With the oil & economic woes casting a large shadow over the consciousness of the country, it's no mystery that the most popular film is something called *The Dark Knight*. But the fall is coming and with it the promise of change. The winds will shift and if we're lucky, there will be an inspirational breeze that will lighten things up and lead us to better times. We can always hope. Support your local vendors when you can, and keep the community strong, vital and real.

SOURCE STUFF FOR AUGUST

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INFORMATION

Attn. Parkers: Alternate Parking is suspended:

- August 15th Friday Feast of Assumption



- The Ninth Precinct Community Council Meetings will start again in September.

WWW.THE.NEWNINTHPRICINCT.ORG



- Volunteers are needed to assist in a dance program which includes adapted aerobics and creative dance.

Contact: Penny Shaw, Project Director,
(212) 772-4613 www.project-happy.net



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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 must be received by August 25th. Inclusion subject to space availability.

- **VERY NYC FILMS...** Two gems from local filmmaker Richard Sandler: *Brave New York* (2004) is a free-form documentary that loosely chronicles the last 12 years of intense change in the East Village, *SWAY* (2006) is an experimental documentary edited from 14 years of shooting video in the New York subways. Friday, August 22nd, 8:30pm @ The 6B Garden, Corner of 6th Street and Avenue B., FREE
- **FLOATING ABOVE CENTRAL PARK...** AeroBalloon™ is an anchored, helium-filled, state-of-the-art balloon that ascends to a height of 300 feet. The balloon will fly daily until August 22, 2008 at Cherry Hill in Central Park, and will take up to four passengers at a time for a 10 minute ride. Space is limited, so call first. Info: 646-827-6287.
- **NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NEEDED...** *Playing the Building* is a sound installation by David Byrne, in which the actual building becomes the instrument. Devices are attached to the building structure — to the metal beams and pillars, the heating pipes, the water pipes — and are used to make these things produce sound. Express yourself, anyone can play the building, @ The Battery Maritime Building, 10 South Street, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Noon - 6pm. Open until August 24th. FREE
- **FIDDLING POET...** Ken Waldman with a new book "*Are You Famous?*" August 9th, 4pm @ Bowery Poetry Club, 308 Bowery @ Bleecker Street, Info Call: 212-614-0505
- **LOCAL PLAYWRIGHTS ON THE FRINGE...** Two new works:
 - John Reoli's *One Seat In The Shade* at Soho Playhouse, 15 Vandam St., as part of NY International Fringe Festival.
 - Steven Fechter's *The Golden Aurora* @ Bleecker St. Teatre, 45 Bleecker St., also part of the N.Y. Fringe Festival. FRINGE runs from August 8th -24th, Tickets/Times/Info: Call: 866-468-7619 or Visit: www.fringenyc.org
- **SCENES OF THE CITY...** New York is home to some of the most recognizable moments on film. Architect and author James Sanders discusses how the mythic city of King Kong, Taxi Driver, and Annie Hall has become the "real" New York for millions of movie watchers. Tuesday, August 12th, 6:30pm at The Tenement Visitors Center and Museum Shop, 108 Orchard Street (below Delancey). For more information, email: events@tenement.org or phone: 212-982-8420
- **SANTO GIG...** With the Americana-style band D.B. Rielly, downstairs at Niagara Bar, 7th Street & Ave A, Mon., on Aug. 18th, 9pm. No cover. For more info call: 212-420-9517



GUEST COLUMN OF THE MONTH

Be Part of the Guest Column...Submit stories, photos, drawings to: santo@sourceunltd.com

THIS MONTH...Gotham Girls Roller Derby

Gotham Girls Roller Derby: **New York's home-grown do-it-yourself sports league**



Gotham Girls Roller Derby is bringing back the American-born sport of roller derby. GGRD started in 2003 when ten inspired women began practicing on asphalt in an empty city park under the Manhattan Bridge, sweeping up sticks and rocks and broken bottles, learning skating tips from each other. In true "D-I-Y" fashion, the women figured out how to play the lost sport of roller derby, suffering scrapes and bruises along the way.

After practicing for a year, the GGRD held its debut bout in November 2004 at The Skate Key, a historic (and now shuttered) skating rink in the South Bronx.

Despite the tragic closure of nearly every skating rink in New York (including The Skate Key, Empire Skate, and the Roxy), GGRD has thrived, growing to a fleet of 55 skating women on four teams. The league is also supported by nine referees, four mascots, a squad of "Jeerleaders," and countless volunteer support staff. Bouts at Hunter College draw sellout crowds of 1,000 fans, some of whom relish memory of roller derby bouts past, and others who are appreciating the sport for the very first time.



Photos: Brendan McMullen

Gotham Girls Roller Derby is a skater-operated not-for-profit corporation. Each of the skaters is a committed partner in the health of the league. Any bouting and merchandising revenues are reinvested back into the league and pay for the many expenses, including insurance, promotion, security, and rent.

The skaters themselves design and sew the uniforms, print the posters, manage the public relations, find sponsors, and handle all aspects of bout production. Nothing is staged or scripted. The result is a refreshingly honest and genuine entertainment experience for all spectators.

As an independent sports league competing amongst corporate titans for fan and media attention, GGRD wouldn't succeed without the financial support and encouragement of local businesses and of course their fans.

- *Catch the Gotham Girls in one of their four remaining 2008 bouts at Hunter College (68th and Lex): August 16, September 12, September 27, and October 25. All bouts begin at 8:30pm. Tickets available at www.gothamgirlsrollerderby.com.*

Satch's Corner Where you can read about some good cd's, books and videos that can be purchased at www.thesourceunltd.com through our affiliation with amazon.com (just click on the amazon logo)



"Satch" drawing by Sara Hauser

ERIC BURDON DECLARES "WAR" Before they were slippin' into darkness and their world became a ghetto, War hooked up with ex - Animals frontman Eric Burdon and after a lot of touring, their collaboration culminated with this album. Besides the major hit "Spill The Wine" which is still played on the radio today, this disc contains some fierce blues jams and tone poems that sound as fresh today as when they were recorded. The 14 minute "*Tobacco Road*" as well as "*Mother Earth*" are standouts in this style. I give it 4 peaceful bones. See you next time on the corner....