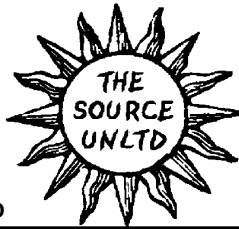


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FIRST OFF... I know it's spring... baseball season has started. For as long as I can remember, I've enjoyed watching people execute & perform live whether it be music, dance, theater, or sports. To see someone pull off an incredible feat before your eyes rather than on tv is a once in a lifetime thrill. As the years have passed & entertainment of all sorts has become big business controlled by corporations, that feeling has become a lost pleasure. New stadiums are built geared for corporate boxes high above the field where people eat catered food & drink martinis. Meanwhile you can't even sit in the "cheap" seats anymore for less than a week's pay. I won't mind seeing the empty AIG section at Yankee Stadium. I'm a fan so I'll still root, root, root for the home team and hope they give it back to the people at some point. Shop local, and keep the community strong, vital and real.

INFORMATION

Attn. Parkers: Alternate Parking is suspended:

• April 9th	Thursday	Holy Thursday/Passover
• April 10th	Friday	Good Friday/Passover
• April 15th	Wednesday	Passover
• April 16th	Thursday	Passover/Holy Thursday
• April 17th	Friday	Good Friday (Orthodox)

•The Ninth Precinct Community Council Meeting is on Wednesday, April. 15th, 7pm. @ 321 East 5th Street
Phone: 212-477-7805 www.thenewninthprecinct.org



• **Literacy Partners/Tutor** training covers strategies for teaching reading and writing to adult learners.

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• **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

EVENTS

GET LISTED! UPCOMING EVENTS, GIGS, ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST... To submit, e-mail us at santo@sourceunltd.com OR stop by our store @ 331 E. 9th Street *Inclusion subject to space availability.*

- **ON BDWY...** Pop artist Jeff Koons will discuss two recent publications documenting his works: *Celebration & Versailles*. Glenn O'Brien will do the interview. This event is free but the seating is limited. Reservations include a copy of *Celebration*, April 13th, 7pm - 8:30pm @ Strand Books 12th St. & Broadway, Call 212-473-1452
- **IT'S NOT YOUR DADDY'S' LIBRARY ANYMORE...** The NY Public Library has officially joined Twitter. It's true. Now it's quick and it's easy to receive all your updates from the Library. Just visit <http://twitter.com/nypl>.
- **EARTH FAIR...** Two-day festival of art, music and the environment at Grand Central Station, Environmental groups will have interactive displays that will not only educate, but provide an opportunity to take positive action for our environment. Live musical entertainment including NY City-based bands. April 24th & April 25th
- **PUNCH UP YOUR LIFE...** A comedy series hosted by Jessi Klein and Pete Holmes. With special guests every week, Tuesday, April 14th, 8:30pm at Housing Works Bookstore Cafe, 126 Crosby Street, Call: 212-334-3324
- **TWO WORLDS COLLIDE...** Blessed Unrest & the NYU Percussion Ensemble combine physical theatre and classical percussion in *CoMotion*, Saturday April 25 at 8:00, Sun. April 26 at 2:00 and 7:30 @ Frederick Loewe Theatre, New York University, 35 W. 4th St. (bet. Washington Sq. East & Greene St.) Call 212-631-8789 or visit blessedunrest.org Free
- **KERNEL OF SANITY...** Kermit Frazier's new play is a taunt, tense 90 minutes of continuous action. Three people clash over their contradictory senses of marginalization and betrayal. April 9th through May 3rd @ Henry Street Settlement, New Federal Theatre, Grand Street (at Pitt Street). More info call: 212-598-0400 | 466
- **FORCE OF LIFE...** A blood drive will take place on Tuesday, April 7th, at the Ninth Precinct, 2nd Floor, 321 East 5th Street. For info contact Detective Jaime Hernandez, Community Affairs at 212-477-7805.
- **GIVE US BREAD...** This staged reading, featuring *The Anthropologists*, explores the pivotal but little-known food riots of 1917 when immigrant women on the LES demonstrated against rising food prices. April. 30 at 6:30pm @ The Tenement Museum, 108 Orchard St. RSVP to events@tenement.org.
- **CONTEMPORARY DANCE...** Dong Haeng (*We go beyond the crossroad*), a new program by Korean choreographer Sunhwa Chung. April 24th-26th @ CRS Studio, 123 4th Avenue 2nd Floor, Call 212-352-3101 or visit www.crsny.org
- **SANTO GIGS...** with DB Rielly, www.dbrielly.com
 - Friday, April 3rd, Waltz-Astoria, 23-14 Ditmars Blvd., Astoria, NY 10 pm
 - Monday, April 20th, LIC Bar, 45-58 Vernon Blvd. Long Island City, NY 9:30pm



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

THIS MONTH'S GUEST COLUMN by Linda Justice

A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS by Linda Justice

The local newspapers fill us with dismal stories that we digest with our morning coffee. Rarely do stories of kindness get printed. Here's one.

It was the summer and I was returning home from vacation. I stopped to purchase a money order for my rent. It was a warm, sunny day, so I decided to get a coffee and sit in the sun like a cat at St. Mark's Church. I was carrying a book, into which I slipped my newly purchased blank money order. I lounged on the bench for a while and then meandered on home. There, I visited with my cat and began straightening up and putting things away, when all of a sudden I remembered the money order. Quickly I searched my book – it was gone! I looked around the apartment for anyplace that I might have haphazardly placed it. In a panic I retraced every step. This was the whole month's rent, hundreds of dollars. I frantically searched and searched. The realization hit me that it must have fallen out-- but where? At the park! It had been well over an hour, perhaps even two since I'd been there. I sat down, head in hand, thinking about being late with the rent and wondering how I could have been so dumb. I then decided that I owed it to myself to at least return to the park and look.

I arrived at the park scoping the ground with my eyes, bending this way and that, and peering under the bench where I had previously sat, when suddenly a nicely-dressed middle-aged black man, wearing a light blue shirt, I'll never forget the color of that shirt, stopped me and asked, "What are you looking for?" "A money order," I responded. He opened the book he was holding revealing the money order. "I almost gave up on you. I've been waiting and waiting for you to return, I almost went on home!"

I was speechless. Then I said, "Can I please give you a token of my gratitude?" He waved the idea away, saying, "No, no. I understand." He didn't even give me a look that said, "Gee you must be stupid." He was just thankful that he had waited and was able to help. I never saw this man again. I was shocked, knowing full well he could easily have cashed this money order for hundreds of dollars. I can't say that I would have been so heroic, and it taught me. Right in the middle of Manhattan, right in the heart of the East Village, a act that taught me so much about kindness. I have always wanted to share this story.■


****Linda Justice has lived in the East Village since 1977,
and still feels lucky to live in such a diverse and creative neighborhood.**

HAVE A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS STORY TO SHARE? E-MAIL IT TO: santo@sourceunltd.com

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"Satch" drawing
by Sara Hauser

SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS--SANTO SWINGS  Other than the obvious truth in the title, this disc is a lot of fun to listen to. Steeped in surf rock with twangy guitars and heavy echoed vocals, this group has a blast playing in this style and their cover of the 1966 hit "Double Shot of My Baby's Love", done in spanish, is a hoot. I give it 3 bones. See you next time on the corner...

Closing Statement: "Bad habits are like a comfortable bed, easy to get into and hard to get out of" -unknown