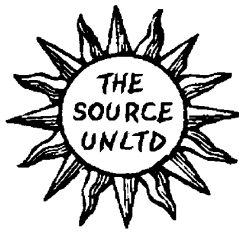


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FIRST OFF... The holidays are upon us and we, here at The Source Unltd., have a lot to be thankful for. After reaching an amicable agreement with the landlord, we now have our electricity upgraded & have joined the 21st century. No more generator! We'd like to thank Polly Eustes for all her efforts in helping to resolve this issue as well as Ken Fiske for doing a great & painless job in upgrading the power. Also many thanks to all our neighbors who stood by us and put up with the noise for the past year. We could not have persevered without you all! Enjoy the upcoming festivities. Support your local vendors when you can, and keep the community strong, vital, and real.

SOURCE STUFF FOR NOVEMBER

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INFORMATION

Attn. Parkers: Alternate Parking is suspended:

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| • Nov. 1st | Thurs. | All Saints Day |
| • Nov. 6th | Tuesday | Election Day |
| • Nov. 9th | Friday | Diwali |
| • Nov. 11th | Sunday | Veterans Day |
| • Nov. 12th | Monday | Veterans Day (observed) |
| • Nov. 22nd | Thursday | Thanksgiving Day |

• The Ninth Precinct Community Council Meeting will be held on Tues., November 20th, 7:00 pm @ 200 East 5th St. (cor. Cooper Sq. & 3rd Ave.) WWW.THE.NEWNINTHPRICINCT.ORG



• **Help serve food** on Thanksgiving. The Henry Street Settlement needs your help! Call Bernadette Perrette, (212) 766-9200 x259. <http://www.henrystreet.org>



• **BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY ALL YEAR ROUND...**
Help out by contributing to our ongoing food drive to benefit Middle Collegiate Church Food 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 November 28th. Inclusion subject to space availability.

- **ON THE ROAD, ON THE PAGE...** John Leland will discuss his new book "Why Kerouac Matters: The Lessons of On the Road (They're Not What You Think)" with music historian and journalist Ashley Kahn and musician David Amram. Followed by Q&A & signing, Tues., Nov. 13 at 7pm, @ Used Book Cafe, 126 Crosby St., 212-334-3324
- **POETS' POTLUCK...** Just as it sounds: poets and the (ingestible) goods they bring. A low-key night of readings, screenings, performances and really good homemade food. Planning is in the works - If you'd like to participate please email cf@poetryproject.com, Friday, Nov. 16th, 10:00 pm @ The Poetry Project, 131 E. 10th Street (cor. of 2nd Avenue) Call (212) 674-0910
- **BRIT-POP... Punk Upstairs Downstairs Party...** Every Tuesday at Club Midway rock artist Dylan Nirvana and Chris M spin garage punk n' smash from the UK. Club Midway is at 25 Ave B (btw 2nd & 3rd St.) 212-253-2595.
- **NATURAL WAYS TO HEAL YOUR BACK..** Join Sharon Ufberg, DC, as she teaches how to take care of your back & put back pain behind you. Plans include multi-disciplinary treatment options, the importance of stress management skills. FREE. Nov. 12th, 1pm - 2pm @ Phillips Ambulatory Care Cntr., 10 Union Sq. E., Friedman Conference Center, 2nd Fl. Registration is REQUIRED. For more info call the Karpas Health Info Center at 212-420-4247.
- **TEEN AUTHORS READ @ Tompkins Square...** You want teen authors? We got teen authors. Come hear about the hottest and brightest voices in teen lit today. Meet Alaya Johnson, Kristen Kemp, Louise Plummer, Abby Sher, Jake Wizner, and Scott Westerfeld. David Levithan hosts. For ages 12-18. Wednesday, Nov. 7, 6:00 am @ Tompkins Square Library, 331 E. 10th St. (212) 228-4747
- **THE CONSTANT COUPLE...** Play by George Farquhar Previews: November 13 - 25 (2pm), & showing through December 23 @ The Pearl Theatre Company, 80 St. Marks Place, (bet. 1st & 2nd Ave.) For more info: 212-598-9802 or visit www.pearltheatre.org
- **TRIO LIVE...** Stew Cutler & his trio will be performing Friday, Nov. 16th @ The Blue Mahoe, 243 East 14th Street, at 8pm. It's \$10 to get in and there will also be 1/2 price vodka drinks courtesy of *Ectasy Vodka. (212) 358-0012 www.stewcutler.com
- **MAKE YOUR MARK...** EV Parks Conservancy will hold the fourth stone setting ceremony in Tompkins Square Park, Nov. 11th at 1pm (Raindate Nov. 18th) New stones will be set at the feet of the Temperance Fountain. 212-353-9063

GUEST COLUMN OF THE MONTH

This Month... "Someone To Watch Over Me" by Santo Mollica

November 17 is my brother’s birthday. He would have been 60. His name was Gaetano but everyone in the family and the old neighborhood called him “Tommy” because that’s what the Italians do: name you one thing and call you something else. He had a little over 10 years on me so we never hung out together early on. But I heard the stories. And he was cool. One of the corner boys, hanging out on the avenue, leather jacket & cigarettes, knew his way with his hands, could handle a knife. Got thrown out of catholic high school and wound up in public school. I still have a wooden jewelry box he made for me in shop class. I didn’t need James Dean, I had “Tommy”. Being a wise guy coming of age in the fifties caused a lot of problems at home. He and my old man couldn’t be in the same room without a referee and when my mom passed away in ‘64, he lied about his age and signed up for the air force. Volunteered to go to Nam. I remember my 4th grade class writing letters to him at the front, “Dear Sandy’s brother, Tommy...(yeah, they called me “Sandy” cause that’s what the Italians do, remember?) ... we hope you get home safe....” He made it back. It was the times on his furloughs that we hung a bit. Taught me about wearing cologne. Holding doors open for the ladies. When the time came, to light their cigarettes for them. Told me to always try to avoid a fight, but if pressed fight to the death. (This came in handy many times throughout my life.) Severe, but this is a guy who survived Nam. One major move he made changed my life. After getting out of the force, he settled in New Hampshire, got a job managing a restaurant/bar and was about to get married to a local girl. Being a romantic at heart, he decided to get married on my parents wedding date which also happened to be my birthday. Him & the old man were on good terms at this point, so only we made the trip

since he was on the shit list with the rest of the family for taking off and leaving the fold. After we got settled in at a hotel, we went to the bar to hang for the evening. Being that it was the day before the wedding & my birthday (I was turning 15) celebrating was on the menu. I was hanging with the big boys and determined to match them drink for drink. They kept them coming, one rum & coke after another. I don’t remember how many I drank but I was clearly no match. I wound up with a scenic view of the toilet and a night wishing the end would come. They say the sins of the father get passed on to the son. My father was an alcoholic. My brother was an alcoholic. Thanks to them the curse passed over me. The following summer I went to live with him and it was then that we formed a bond that lasted for the rest of our lives. He taught me how to drive his standard shift blue volkswagon; made me get a job at a local burger joint and maintain a checking account. At 16 he taught me to function like the adults do. Soon thereafter, he starting working for the government and wound up in an assortment of out of the way towns across the country: Socorro, New Mexico; Kittery, Maine; Somewhere, Tennessee and finally, the hills of West Virginia. Me and Mo visited him everywhere, staying in touch and making sure he knew he had a family. As I grew older, the mental and emotional distance of the years between us shrunk and we were able to talk & confide in each other about a host of things. The drinking was always a sore point and that’s what eventually did him in (as it did my old man) but he knew it, was aware of it and went out the way he lived. Without any excuses. I have a vision of them hanging out, hoisting a few, having a few laughs, with my mom refereeing. Like I said, it’s a vision. One thing I know for sure, they’re looking out for me. Happy Birthday Gaetano.



“Satch” drawing by Sara Hauser

Satch’s Corner Where you can read about some good cd’s, books & videos which can be purchased at www.sourceunltd.com through our affiliate program with amazon.com

LOUIS JORDAN & HIS TYMPANY FIVE -- SATURDAY NIGHT FISH FRY Been searchin out the roots lately & this disc qualifies as a must have. Louis Jordan may be best known for his hits “Is you is or is you ain’t my baby” or “Caldonia” but all of this stuff swings and gives a glimpse of the future of popular music --- rock & roll. The musicianship is top notch, the lyrics smart & humorous (although a little critical of women) and the whole feel makes you want to be at that rent party on a Saturday Night. A good audio picture of a more innocent time in America.

I give it 4 bones. “See you next time on the corner...”

Closing Statement: “No one grows old by living, only by losing interest in living.” -unknown