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FIRST OFF... Although it doesn't officially start until the 23rd, that sound heard thru the village last week was not just the wheels of carts filled with student's stuff, but the energy that comes with the beginning of the fall season. I would say that the summer of '06 is behind us, heat waves, power failures and all. With the prospect of an all New York World Series on the horizon, it's shaping up to be a fun time with the big city becoming a small town. Enjoy the change in seasons, support your local vendors when you can, and keep the community strong and vital.

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INFORMATION

Attn. Parkers: Alternate Parking is suspended:

- Sept. 4th, Monday Labor Day
- Sept. 23 -24 Sat. - Sun. Rosh Hashanah

--New York primary elections take place on September 12th--

- The Ninth Precinct Community Council Meeting will be held on Tues., Sept. 19th, 7:00 pm @ 200 East 5th Street (JASA) Corner of Cooper Square/3rd Ave.



• Help sort through donated baby clothing that will be shipped out to various shelters throughout NYC. Visit their website at www.onebrick.org



- **DONATE!!** .. to our ongoing food drive to benefit **The Middle Collegiate Church Food Program**. Bring your canned goods to our store.

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 September 29th. Inclusion subject to space availability.

- **NIGHTLY CARES...**music for sleepless nights. Featuring Anima, (-Beth Anne Hatton, soprano -Vita Wallace, baroque violin -Barbara Weiss, harpsichord, recorder -Motomi Igarashi, viola da gamba & lirone, Sunday, Sept. 17th at 3:00 pm @ Middle Collegiate Church , 50 East 7th St. (enter on 2nd Ave.) Info: www.animabaroque.com
- **CHECK IT OUT...** The website for MODERN METRICS (a chapbook company started by R. Nemo Hill & Quincy Lehr) is up at last. It includes ordering instructions! Because no private or public library should be without a complete set of these fine books. www.modern-metrics.com
- **GARDEN VARIETY THEATRE...**A series of short plays written specifically for 6th & B Garden. Sept. 21st, 22nd and 23rd at dusk. @ 6th & B Garden (6th St. & Ave B)
- **INDIAN LARRY BLOCK PARTY...**3rd Annual Indian Larry Grease Monkey Block Party. Enjoy the shop, the bikes along with the bands, performing acts, food and drink. Sat., Sept. 16th, at North 14th St (bet. Kent & Wythe Sts, Bklyn) 11am-9pm, 718.609.9184 www.indianlarry.com
- **A Great WAY TO SEE NYC...**5,000 Cyclists, Five route options, choose your distance, ride your own pace., by Transportation Alternatives' NYC Century Bike Tour, Sun. Sept. 10th, Register at <http://nyccentury.org>, For a brochure call 212-629-8080.
- **HARMONY ON THE HUDSON...**Family Music Festival with performances, lawn & street games, food & drink available. Sun., Sept. 10th, 1:00- 6:00 pm, Featuring Tom Chapin and Friends, BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet, The Klezmatiks, Join David Pleasant's RiddimAthon!, Double Dutch Divas. @ Robert F. Wagner, Jr Park (Just north of Battery Park, off Battery Place) Info: www.bpcparks.org
- **SANTO GIGS..**Sept. 14th & 28th with jazz singer Melissa Hamilton at Danny's Skylight Room, 346 West 46th St. (bet 8th & 9th) at 9:15. Tues. Sept. 26th, Rome Neal's Banana Puddin' Jazz Jam, 9pm, @ Nuyoric Poets Cafe, 236 E. 3rd St., 212-212-505-8183 130

STREET FAIRS

- Saturday, September 9th, 10am - 6pm 10th & STUYVESANT STS. BLOCK ASSOC. FAIR Music, Food, Antiques & Bargains galore. 10th St. Bet. 2nd & 3rd Aves.
- Saturday September 16 11:00 to 6:00 Stonewall Veterans' Association Festival Greenwich Avenue between 6th & 7th Avenues
- Friday September 29 11:00 to 6:00 Downtown Visiting Neighbors Festival Maiden Lane between Water & South Streets



GUEST COLUMN OF THE MONTH 

Guest Column

“How Much Is That Church In The Window?” by Santo Mollica

I went to a catholic grammar school for seven years. Our Lady of Pity, on 151st Street and Morris Ave in The Bronx. My older brother, sister, and cousins all went there before me, some of us sharing the same teachers over the years. The church was next door to the school, the school yard behind the school building. I lived around the corner and can remember looking down from the window of my grandmother’s fifth floor walk up while going through a bout with measles and watching my friends play in the school yard at lunchtime.

The neighborhood gathered on Sundays for mass, going to Maria’s pastry shop afterwards for Sunday morning treats like cream donuts and jelly donuts, crumb buns and the like. The midnight mass on Christmas eve was the big event of the year, full of pageantry and ritual. The choir singing, the altar boys lined up on either side of the altar dressed in red and white, the congregation packing the place before going home to open their presents and carry on their own Christmas customs.

There were weddings and funerals; baptisms and confirmations. In May you would see the second graders (boys dressed in dark suits, girls in white dresses) line up for their first big event in life-- their first communion.

I didn’t realize it at the time but this is where the seeds of community were first sown in my brain. It was my block, my school yard, my school and my friends but there was a bigger picture we all belonged to and that church was the artist that painted it and maintained it for years.

Now I’m in the East Village and not really part of any church but the sense of community has never left and I try to re-create that feeling daily where ever I am and in whatever I do. As I see the churches falling to the wrecking ball in this neighborhood, I can’t help but feel for generations that will have to find that feeling elsewhere if they get it at all.

And the real kicker is that it’s not just “big developers” coming in and putting up their towers, it’s the actual archdiocese that is systematically selling their houses off to the highest bidder.

It seems they’ve forgotten a basic spelling concept: you can’t spell neighborhood without G...O...D.



“Satch”
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

PAUL SIMON -- SURPRISE

It’s no surprise that this latest disc by Paul Simon is good. Although I must admit that it took a few listenings to sink in. There’s a lot of subtle stuff going on both musically & lyrically that creeps up on you the more you hear it... and that’s what the surprise truly is. 9/11, Katrina, aging & God are also addressed in one form or another. Standouts include “How can you live in the northeast?”, “Outrageous” which asks the question, “Who’s gonna love you when your looks are gone?” You gotta listen for his answer.

“See you next time on the corner....”

Closing Statement: “...And their memories like a train, you can see it getting smaller as it pulls away” -Tom Waits