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**FIRST OFF..** Baseball started the other day ---- it's officially spring! Hopefully, along with the seasonal awakening, some of our elected officials will come out of their 6 year slumber and do something about the blatant abuse of power & influence this regime has been exerting since getting in. From eavesdropping to media blackouts to the medicaid fiasco -- everyday another expose! But where are the democrats to take advantage of these miscues? Big wheel keep on turnin'....

## SOURCE STUFF FOR APRIL

**3-HOLE BINDERS  
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### INFORMATION

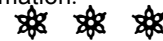
**Attn. Parkers:** Alternate Parking is suspended:

- April 13th, Thurs., Passover: 1st Day, Holy Thursday
- April 14th, Fri., Passover: 2nd Day, Good Friday
- April 19/20th, Wed.-Thurs., Passover: 7th/8th Day
- April 20, Thurs., Holy Thursday (Orthodox)
- April 21, Fri., Good Friday (Orthodox)

• **HEAR AND BE HEARD** at the next meeting of the 9th Precinct Community Council, April 11th, 7pm at 170 Ave C (Entrance on East 11th Street).



• **Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic.** Call headquarter office at 800-803-7201 or send an e-mail to [volunteer@rfd.org](mailto:volunteer@rfd.org) to receive further information.



• **CANS•CANS•CANS...** 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](mailto:santo@sourceunltd.com)  
Submissions must be received by April 29th. Inclusion subject to space availability.

- **POET'S STREET...**One of the founding poets of the Nuyorican Poets movement will have Third Street, between B & C Avenues co-named, Rev. Pedro Pietri Way. April 1, Sat. 12:00 noon - 8:00 pm. Come out and celebrate. A FREE event all day.

- **Hell** is a new opera inspired by Dante's Inferno and post 9/11 events. By poet Eileen Myles and composer Michael Webster. March 31 - April 9. Held at Performance Space 122, 150 First Avenue, [www.ps122.org](http://www.ps122.org) Call Theatermania at 212-352-3101.

### STREET FAIRS



- **Sat. April 8** Chelsea Community Council Festival  
23rd Street bet. 8th & 9th Avenues
- **Sun. April 9** Union Square Festival  
Broadway bet. 17th & 23rd Streets
- **Sat. April 15** 9th Pct Community Council Street Fair  
Astor Place bet. Broadway & Lafayette Street
- **Sun. April 16** Bailey House Street Festival  
Christopher Street bet. Greenwich & 7th Avenues
- **Sat. April 22** Earth Awareness Day Street Fair  
Waverly Place bet. 5th Avenue & Broadway
- **Sat. April 29** Police Athletic League Festival  
University Place bet. Waverly Place & 14th Streets
- **Sat. April 29** Chelsea Visiting Neighbors Street Fair  
8th Avenue bet. 14th & 23rd Streets

- **IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.**Electronic recycling is here! Turn in those old broken TV's, motherboards, radios, etc. Sun., April 23rd, Union Square Park - North Plaza, 9am to 3pm. Brought to you by the Lower Eastside Ecology Center. Want to volunteer? 212-477-4022

- **THEATRE FOR THE ADVENTUROUS...**a benefit to support the collaboration between blessed unrest of new york, & teatri oda of prishtina, kosova, Sat., April 8, 7:30, @ The Interart Annex Theatre, 500 W. 52nd St., 2nd Fl. [www.blessedunrest.org](http://www.blessedunrest.org) 212.631.8789

- **SANTO GIGS**  
**Tues., April 11th**, 8pm with Inner Gypsy, CBGB 313 Gallery, 313 Bowery  
**Mon., April 24th**, 9pm with Inner Gypsy at Continental, 3rd Avenue at St. Mark's Place.  
**Tues., April 25th**, Rome Neal's Banana Puddin Jazz Jam, 9pm, @ Nuyorican Poets Cafe, 236 E. 3rd St., 212-505-8183



**GUEST COLUMN OF THE MONTH**

## Birdseye-View of the City belongs to Brooklynite

**Park Slope Photog Shoots City From Chopper** by Michele De Meglio

Ever wonder who produces aerial photographs of New York? Look no further than a local Brooklynite.

Jeff Prant of Park Slope makes his living photographing New York City from a rented helicopter then distributes the images in postcard form to bookstores, museum gift shops & souvenir stores citywide.

The postcards feature aerial photos of Brooklyn and Manhattan neighborhoods, as well as street and subway level shots. He explained that most of his images are in color rather than black and white as, "It gives you more elements to work with. Plus it more closely approximates reality."

He pointed out that his work is different from the typical Empire State Building and Times Square postcards intended for purchase by tourists. "Unlike a lot of postcards which just show the Statue of Liberty, my postcards give a sense of what it's like to live in New York and I like to portray the city how it looks to people who live here," he noted.

Prant's photographs, namely, winter and fall scenes of Central Park, have an old fashioned feel to them that the photographer embraces. "I'm always attracted to things that look like they're from another time. So I guess that's just a happy coincidence and I like the sort of classic New York look," he said, "They still have the classic look of New York in the 1930's and 1940's."

One of his Brooklyn images is a photo of Fort Greene Park taken from 700 feet in the air. The shot shows a view of the park itself, leading toward the tip of Brooklyn and into downtown Manhattan. Off in the top left corner, boats can be seen circling the East River.

Although his postcard business is thriving, Prant is aiming to expand his reach to the literary world. An image of the setting sky with a row of silhouetted street lights in Cape Cod graces the cover of mystery novel *Conflict of Interest* by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg. For Thomas Kelly's book *Mobtown*, the photo shows an elderly man in a black fedora hovering in the entranceway of a broken down convenience store as a sky blue vintage car approaches.

A member of Transportation Alternatives, which is currently working to improve the pedestrian crossing at Grand Army Plaza, Prant is dedicated to the Brooklyn community. Originally from New Jersey, he has resided in Park Slope for 19 years and has no plans to leave. "I'm committed to New York and I certainly plan on staying here. New York offers such a variety of experience and visual possibilities," he said.

*Jeff Prant's cards are for sale at our store including the wonderful 5" x 7" aerial view of the East Village.*



"Satch" by Sara Hauser

**Satch's Corner** Where you can read about some good cd's, books & videos which can be purchased at [www.sourcounld.com](http://www.sourcounld.com) through our affiliate program with [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

### THE PERSUASIONS -- Sunday Morning Soul

There's something about 5 guys with great voices and the ability to make them blend, soar & groove without the need of any additional instruments that's inspiring. Add to that mix some rousing gospel tunes and you've got something that'll get you going. The leadoff cut "Goin' Blood" is outstanding and the old traditional standby "Dry Bones" shows the group having fun. These guys have been recording for over 20 years, covering everyone from the Beatles to U2, always showing the power of the voice.

See you next time on the corner....

**Closing Statement:** You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you. -John Wooden

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