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FIRST OFF... Back in the day, Pete Townsend wrote the immortal words "Meet the new boss, same as the old boss...and I get on my knees and pray, we don't get fooled again!" With that in mind, as the euphoria of "no more Bush" dies down and it's back to business as usual, it will be more important than ever to hold our elected officials accountable for their actions and decisions. In case anyone was wondering, we didn't publish last month because Margaret K., our editor-in-chief & the driving force behind the SourceLetter broke her ankle & has been laid up. She is now on the mend & was able to hobble over to her Mac and bang this out. The girl's a trooper! See you next month, **Really** try to shop local, and keep the community strong, vital and real.

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INFORMATION

Attn. Parkers: Alternate Parking is suspended:

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| • Feb. 12th | Thurs. | Lincoln's Birthday |
| • Feb. 16th | Monday | Presidents Day |
| • Feb. 25th | Wed. | Ash Wednesday |



- The Ninth Precinct Community Council Meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 18th @ 321 East 5th Street
Phone: 212-477-7805 www.thenewninthprecinct.org



- **Everyone is Young at Heart!** Valentine's Day with Cabrini Seniors, Sat. February 14 @ Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehab. - 542 East 5th St., Contact event manager MuthuK by e-mail: muthu@onebrick.org





- **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

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 for the next Source Letter must be received by February 28th. Inclusion subject to space availability.

- **LOWER EAST SIDE STORIES : LOVE IN NYC.....H.R.** Britton joins other storytellers in a warm post holiday tribute to Valentine's Day on February 26th, 6:30 pm, @ The Tenement Museum, 108 Orchard St. Call: 212-982-8420
- **FIGURE DRAWING SERIES...** This figure drawing series is facilitated by the Tompkins Square Branch Library artist-in-residence. Attendees are required to bring their own supplies, the model is provided. First come, first served. Sat, Feb. 14 at 2:30pm @ Tompkins Square Library 331 East 10 Street. Call for more info: (212) 228-474
- **Winter Jam NYC...** Join the NYC Dept. of Parks & Rec. for Winter Jam NYC 2009, Featuring a 70-foot long Snow Flume for sledding, a snowfield with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, a synthetic ice climbing wall, a Warming Hut with free samples from NY State farmers. Winter sports equipment will be provided. Sat., Feb. 7th @ East River Park, Enter at Houston St., 11am-4pm, FREE
- **"There is nothing wrong with your television set. Do not attempt to adjust the picture. We are controlling transmission...from the inner mind to the outer limits."** The Feb. 17th date when all TV stations were to turn over to digital only signals HAS CHANGED. The New Date Is June 12th. Visit <https://www.dtv2009.gov> if you need help.
- **SILENT FILM LIVE MUSIC...** Experience 1925 Yiddish film classic *His People* as you've never seen it before. Musician Paul Shapiro and his sextet provide musical accompaniment to this riveting story of an immigrant family living on the Lower East Side at the turn of the century. Sun. February 8 at 3:00 pm @ the Museum at Eldridge St., 2 Eldridge St. (bet. Canal & Division) 212-219-0302
- **GETTING BLOOD OUT OF A STONE...** It's tax time again. To make things a little bit easier call 311 or visit www.NYC.gov/ofe for more information about tax credits, where to find free or low-cost tax preparation services, & where to find free or low-cost financial education classes
- **SANTO GIGS...** with DB Rielly, • Monday, Feb. 2nd @ LIC Bar, 8pm, 45-58 Vernon Blvd., Call: 718-786-5400 Or visit: www.longislandcitybar.com, It's Free
• Thursday, Feb. 19th, @ ART-O-MAT L.I.C., 7pm 46-46 Vernon Blvd. (cor. of 47th Ave.) L. I.C., NY Free
• Friday, Feb. 27, Waltz-Astoria, 9pm, 23-14 Ditmars Astoria, NY, www.waltz-astoria.com, 718.95.music 
- **GUEST COLUMN OF THE MONTH** Be Part of the Guest Column. Submit stories, photos, drawings to: santo@sourceunltd.com

THIS MONTH... Reflections : A Letter from The Carnahans 

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(Holiday letter we received Dec. 2008: printed with permission)

Dear Margaret and Santo,

We went to Washington DC, August 1963, and stood with all the people to hear Martin Luther King's "Dream", which became everyone's dream that day. We do fault ourselves for not including our sons.

Then we went to the banks of the Potomac to feast on our fried chicken and we, the people, were much amused together. For there were police boats puttering up and down the Potomac searching for riots.

We watched on TV day and night at the endless long days of the committee to decide to impeach Richard Nixon, together with all of the people, watching that congressional committee and their multi lawyers argue and settle on the Articles of Impeachment.

We all grew entranced with Senator Erwin, calm, cool, collected with his pocket copy of The Constitution of the United States, always at the ready for instant confirmation of constitutional fact.

We joined with Susan and Barry and, all the people, across the country, and wrote postcards to every member of the House and Senate, recounting our reasons for impeachment. When they wrote us to tell us who our representatives were in Congress we replied "In matters of such gravity as impeachment you represent all of the people".

With All of the People, we have spent 8 years watching the eroding of our Bill of Rights, our loss of face before all the people of the world, the conduct of an illegal war and the elimination of the Geneva Conventions.

And then in the midst of our angst...

We heard Senator Barack Obama speak at the Democratic Convention of 2004, who spoke to, all the people, with such belief and hope and inspiration and faith that together we were one, we were committed to this shared dream.

But it was his last sentence that pierced my soul..."God Bless the United States of America!"

In our society of acronyms, using the fewest words possible, he reminded us ... That's us, that's the Constitution, that's what we are.

*Ansley & Kelly



*Ansley & Kelly Carnahan lived in the East Village on 8th Street between Aves. C & D for 33 years.

The Firemen's Garden adjacent to their building honors the memory of NYC firefighters who were killed in the line of duty. This site pays homage in particular to the memory of Martin R. Celic, a member of Ladder Company 18 who lost his life fighting a fire in the tenement that once stood there. The Carnahans had begun gardening in the lot next to an abandoned building in 1975. After the burnt-out building was condemned and torn down, they & other local residents expanded their garden to the new lot. Marty Celic's family donated the benches. In Aug. of 1996 the garden was granted "official" NYC Parks Dept. status. Ansley & Kelly now live in Vermont & recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary.



"Satch" drawing
by Sara Hauser

SATCH'S CORNER MONTHLY REVIEWS Buy this on our site: www.sourceunltd.com (Click on the Amazon logo)

RICHIE HAVENS -- NOBODY LEFT TO CROWN ...I've always been a Richie fan -- something about a guy singing his heart out and furiously strumming an acoustic guitar that hits a spot. What got me on this disc was a smoking version of the aforementioned Pete Townsend song "Won't Get Fooled Again". The right song for the right time. Overall, Havens sounds really good here with the guitar sounding full and crisp and the vocals dead on. A good listen to see how an old warrior does it.
See you next time on the corner....

Closing Statement: "Love is the greatest refreshment in life." ~Pablo Picasso