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FIRST OFF- I find it hard sometimes to wrap my mind around the fact that some elected officials DON'T want what's best for the people. Cancer, diabetes, MS these illnesses know no political affiliation and to not be able to get treated due to a financial condition is sick in itself. America used to stand for the best, financially and morally, but now greed seems to be the national anthem. There's still a ton of money to be made -- and will be made -- with health care for all. The time has come. Buy local when you can --- your dollar is your political statement.

MARCH IS GREETING CARD MONTH! STOP BY AND BROWSE

INFORMATION

ATTN PARKERS Alternate Parking is suspended:
•March 30 - 31st Tues./Wed. Passover (1st/2nd Days)

JUMP AHEAD... Sunday, March 14th at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins, so set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

LISTEN, LEARN, SPEAK... The Ninth Precinct Community Council Meeting, Tuesday March 16th, 7pm @ 321 East 5th Street 212-477-7805

IN YOUR FACE... The Empire State Building lights are part of our everyday lives, but what do they mean?

Date	Color	Occasion
3/19-3/21	White/Red/White	NY Red Bulls, Opening of Arena
3/17	Green/Green/Green	St. Patrick's Day
3/4	Yellow/Blue/Red	WNET.ORG, Celebration of Teaching and Learning
3/1-3/3	White/White/White	ESB Lighting



THEY ALWAYS NEED YOUR HELP

- VISITING NEIGHBORS Call 212-260-6200 or visit their website at www.visitingneighbors.org
- FOOD BANK www.foodbanknyc.org
- ONE BRICK www.newyork.onebrick.org
- GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER www.godslovewedeliver.org
- NYC HELP www.nycservice.org
- ANIMAL SHELTER www.aspca.org

DROP A CAN IN THE BOX Contribute to our ongoing food drive to benefit The Middle Collegiate Church Food Pantry Program. Bring your **CANNED ONLY** goods to our store. Thanks a lot.

OUT AND ABOUT

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

- **LET THE SUN SHINE IN...** Lewis Warsh will be reading from his new novel, *A Place In The Sun*. Also celebrate the publication of the Limited Edition version of *A Place In The Sun* with prints by Pamela Lawton. Pamela will be exhibiting some of her watercolors. March 26, 7:00pm @ The Bowery Poetry Club, 308 Bowery (Houston and Bleecker) 212-614-0505
- **HOW CHI KUNG KEEPS YOU HEALTHY...** Medical Chi Kung is the part of Chinese medicine that cultivates and controls the energy of chi for increased health and well being. Course includes lectures on Chinese Medicine as well as healing exercises. Students will use these insights to improve their health, relax their nerves and calm their minds. 'Medical Chi Kung' will be helpful for those wishing to understand the link between Chi Kung and Chinese medicine to feel healthier and more alive. Part 1: Yin Yang and The Five Universal Energies Part 2 : Acupuncture and Healing: The Meridians. To Register for a workshop or for more info please call (212) 477-7055 or e-mail srab@taoist-arts.com All workshops are held at the Taoist Arts Center, 342 East 9th Street (between 1st and 2nd Ave)
- **IT'S TAX TIME - FIND HELP @ NYPL...** Tax day is April 15 - but why wait until the last minute to do your tax return? Get a head start at select NYPL locations where you can obtain tax forms and get help with your basic income tax return from IRS-trained volunteers. Locations near us: Hamilton Fish Park Library, 415 East Houston St. (near Ave D), 212-673-2290 Muhlenberg Library, 209 West 23rd St. (near 7th Ave.) 212-924-1585
- **LIVING IN A MUSICAL...** is a contemporary story of a young man who is a song-and-dance talent in the tradition of Fred Astaire or Gene Kelly. Not surprisingly, he finds that today's rock- and rap-dominated world has no place for him. To console himself, he has created an imaginative world in which he lives: the world of the classic American musical. Written by Tom Attea, Directed by Mark Marcante, Music Composed by Arthur Abrams @ Theater for the New City, 155 First Ave (bet. 9th and 10th Sts.) Telephone: (212) 254-1109

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Out and About Ottendorfer Library Story

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The Ottendorfer Library Story By NYPL

In 1884, Oswald Ottendorfer and his wife Anna built and endowed a new building at 137 Second Avenue for the German Dispensary, which was established in 1857 to offer health services for German-Americans in the neighborhood. The Ottendorfers, who ran the German-language newspaper *Staats-Zeitung*, had more land than they needed for the three-story dispensary, and Anna Ottendorfer had the idea of building a branch for the Free Circulating Library on the extra plot. The dispensary retained ownership of the library land and the building.

The Ottendorfer Branch of the New York Public Library, located at 135 Second Avenue (between E. Ninth Street and St. Mark's Place) opened in 1884 as New York City's first free public library. Designed by German-born architect William Schickel, this landmark building combines Queen Anne and neo-Italian Renaissance styles with an exterior ornamented by innovative terracotta putty.

At this time, the neighborhood was called Kleindeutschland "Little Germany" and had a population of over 150,000 people of German descent.

Ottendorfer wished to provide this community with books to cultivate their minds and assist assimilation into American culture. Half of the 8,000 original books were in German with the other half in English. Although the German-American community gradually left the Lower East Side, the Ottendorfer branch was reinvigorated in the 1930's with German-speaking refugees from Europe.

The building, which is a designated New York City landmark, has been completely renovated through the Library's Adopt-A-Branch program, through which private donors join public funders to restore branch libraries. While the original Ottendorfer Branch was designed as a bilingual library to serve the German community, the restored library can now better serve its multilingual community and provide an increased level of accessibility to all people. Highlights include restored, repointed, and cleaned facade, new elevator, new air-conditioning system, five new computer workstations, and new children's floor with story hour room.


In the same tradition, the branch continues to reflect its community and remains a vital educational and cultural resource for the East Village today.



Satch's Corner Where you can read about some good cd's, books and videos



"Satch" drawing by Sara Hauser

patty griffin -- downtown church  I like my acoustic music with some bitin' & kickin' and that's why, although they are good and talented, I was never a fan of the "new folkies" from the past 10 years or so. But this disc made me put my money down. Recorded at the Downtown Presbyterian Church in Nashville, the music is alive, crisp and clear and reaches for the heavens. Standouts are the classics "Wade In The Water" and "If I Had My Way" with Regina McCrary helping out on vocals. Worth the time and effort. I give it 3 bones. See you next time on the corner...

Closing Statement: "A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have." ~Author Unknown