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FIRST OFF... Not a day goes by when someone comes in and talks about a battle they are in to save their rent stabilized life here in the city. I find it sad that those of us who made a commitment to build a life in this city in general and the East Village in particular when it was comparable to the wild, wild west are now "rewarded" with visits from building inspectors and forced to go to various housing agencies & courts to maintain what we've built. Here's hoping the new crew in Albany will take notice and help out. Support your local vendors when you can, keep the community strong and vital.

SOURCE STUFF FOR FEBRUARY

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INFORMATION

Attn. Parkers: Alternate Parking is suspended:

- Feb. 12th Mon. Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 18th Sun. Asian Lunar New Year
- Feb. 19th Mon. President's Day
- Feb. 21st Wed. Ash Wednesday

• The Ninth Precinct Community Council Meeting will be held on Tues., Feb. 20th, 7:00 pm @ 170 Ave C (enter on E. 11th Street)



• Volunteering made easy at One Brick. Visit their comprehensive web site at www.onebrick.org for listings of places & people that could use your help.



• **CANS IN THE BOX** ... People gotta eat. Help them out by contributing to our ongoing food drive to benefit 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 February 26th. Inclusion subject to space availability.

- **IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN...** Well now you can know, thanks to the MTA's new Subway Service Advisory E-mail Notification Program, which sends service changes straight to your inbox with information on weekend service. To sign up visit their site at <http://advisory.mtanyc.info>
- **NOTES ON MARIE MENKEN...** explores the almost forgotten story of the legendary artist Marie Menken (1909-1970) who became one of New York's underground experimental filmmakers of the 1940s through the 1960s, Mon., Feb. 12th, 7:00pm & 9:00pm, @ Anthology Film Archives, 32 2nd Avenue. Call for more info: (212) 505-5181.
- **Songs of the Great American Songbook...** performed by Sandi Ross, Saturday, February 3rd, 2:00 pm @ Tompkins Square Library, 331 East 10th Street [near Avenue B], Call: (212) 228-4747, E-mail: tompkins_square@nypl.org
- **Bowery Women: Poems...** Poets to be featured at this reading are Amy Ouzoonian, Deanna Zandt, May Joseph, Tara Betts and Tsaurah Litzky. @ Tribes Gallery, 285 E. 3rd St. (bet. avenues C & D) on Sun., February 11th, from 5 to 7pm.
- **ASCENDING TIMELESS...** a Korean-infused modern dance work performed by Sunhwa ChungKo-Ryo Dance Theater, Feb. 22-25, @ Joyce Soho, 155 Mercer St. (bet. Houston & Prince), at 8pm. Info: 212-334-7479.
- **THE LEGACY OF THE BLACK POWER MOVEMENT...** a conversation between two generations...Herb Boyd, award winning journalist, and historian Dr. Peniel Joseph will discuss the legacy of black power in America, February 13th, 7:00pm - 8:30pm at Strand Book Store, 12th Street and Broadway Info: 212-473-1452 www.strandbooks.com
- **FREE BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES...** To register for classes, stop by the Henry Street ATTAIN Computer Lab, located at 301 Henry Street between Jackson and Montgomery, or call 212-771-6048.
- **ED'S BACK...** A reading by Ed Friedman & Paul Violi, Wed., Feb. 28th, 8pm @ Poetry Project, 131 E. 10th St. (cor. of 2nd Ave) Call (212) 674-0910 www.poetryproject.com
- **NEW ORLEANS BENEFIT...** Allen Toussaint, singer, pianist, songwriter, New Orleans native, and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee performs a special family oriented benefit to raise funds for his home town. Sun. Feb. 25th, 12:00 pm, @ Joe's Pub, 425 Lafayette Street (bet. East 4th and Astor Place). Order tickets in advance by calling 212-967-7555 More info at: www.joespub.com

GUEST COLUMN OF THE MONTH



Did You Know: The Secret History of



Until recently, CBGB, the New York Club often credited with giving birth to American punk rock during the 1970s, occupied a storefront at 315 Bowery that had been a bar as far back as the 1870s. According to research conducted by the *Municipal Arts Society* and *Place Matters*, 315 Bowery has been variously inhabited by a saloon, eating house and liquor importer since it was built in 1878.

Even before 315 Bowery was built, there were thousands of drinking establishments in lower Manhattan. In the 1870s, the area below Fourteenth Street that stretches from the Bowery to the East River was known as *Kleindeutschland* or "Little Germany". German-speaking immigrants gathered in the neighborhood's many saloons. At 97 Orchard St., Bavarian-born John Schneider operated a lager beer saloon that, between 1864 and 1886, likely hosted entertainment performed by the honorable musicians he invited to its opening.

By the mid-20th century, the once vibrant Bowery had deteriorated into New York's "skid row." 315 Bowery became home to the Palace Hotel and Bar, a flophouse catering to the street's transient population.

In 1969, Hilly Kristal purchased the bar and in 1973 renamed it CBGB & OMFUG, an

acronym that stands for Country Bluegrass Blues & Other Music For Uplifting Gormandizers

Before it closed its doors in 2006, CBGB hosted early performances by some of music's most celebrated bands, including the Ramones, Talking Heads and Patti Smith.



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E-mail: bookclub@tenement.org
Phone: 212-982-8420

February's Reading at the Visitors Center

February 1st at 7pm, Steven Beeber and musical guests tell the tale of *"The Heebie Jeebies at CBGBs: A Secret History of Jewish Punk."*



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SOLOMON BURKE -- NASHVILLE

"When you love somebody enough, you'll follow them anywhere. That's how I got to Memphis." Those are the lines that open Solomon Burke's latest release, NASHVILLE, and they are fitting. For it's the r&b greats love of country music that shines thru on this disc, from the above mentioned Tom T. Hall tune to a foot stompin' version of Springsteen's "Ain't Got You" right on thru to my favorite track, "Honey Where's The Money Gone". All in all, a fun disc to listen to with a live feel that puts you in the studio with the crew. Well worth a spin.
"See you next time on the corner...."

by Sara Hauser

Closing Statement: *"The greatest service you can render someone is helping him help himself." -Baltasar Gracian*