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GM Report:

Coop Starts Added Value Program

Increases Security After Break-in

By Hayley Gorenberg

Security measures adopted after the recent break-in, changes in the Coop's policy regarding its hourly employees, and an 'added value program' enticing local merchants to offer discounts to Coop members, occupied much of the February 29 General Meeting.

Break-in Aftermath

The Coop enhanced its security system by installing a central alarm and motion sensor after a February break-in, according to General Coordinator Linda Wheeler. Intruders defeated the old security system, featuring alarms and physical barriers, by prying open bars across a skylight. Once inside, they stole just three walkie talkies but did several thousand dollars worth of damage when they cut telephone lines and computer and security wires.

Wheeler theorized that the thieves likely sought weekend receipts, which had already been deposited. She commented, "I wish all the thieves in the world would talk to each other and say, 'They're not worth it!'"

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Repair of the video security system, from which the burglars filched the tape that might have recorded their movements, cost about \$2,000, covered by insurance after a \$1,000 deductible. Installation of the central alarm and motion detectors cost approximately \$3,700.

The intruders did no damage to the computers themselves, and Wheeler assured the GM that she brings home backup tapes of Coop records in case they are destroyed on site. This information drew questioning from Greg Schmitz, who explained afterward that his experience with FBI seizure of his school records when he was an antiwar activist had spawned his interest in privacy of personal information. Schmitz has refused to have his photograph taken for the new bar-coded Coop cards, speculating that the digital pictures could be easily copied. "That wasn't something that was brought to the GM," he said. "It

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WITH APOLOGIES TO CHARLES SCHULZ

was something that was just done and offered to us as a service."

Discussion of the break-in led to comments about Coop security generally, including a suggestion that the Coop designate a security work slot on each shopping squad.

Members should familiarize themselves with the Coop's panic buttons, Wheeler said later, noting that the buttons that trigger silent alarms to the police of a "robbery in progress," are in strategic locations throughout the Coop.

Tax Matters

The Coop has successfully contested New York State auditors' opinion that the \$25 member fee should be subject to sales tax. A conciliation hearing in August 1999 generated a decision in early February rejecting analogies drawn by auditors to gym memberships and price clubs like Costco, whose joining fees are taxable. "It has a lot to do with the members owning this place," said General Coordinator Joe Holtz. "It's not a prepayment for taxable goods—that's the most important thing."

In other tax matters, Coop President Eric Schneider explained that he had retained attorney Wally Bock, recommended by Coop attorney Margaret Sandercock, to challenge the tax assessment on the Coop's three properties. Bock charged a \$150 down payment, deductible from his contingency fee, which is one-third of any winnings.

The Coop's annual tax bill tops \$9,000 for 784 Union Street and over \$6,000 each for 780 and 782 Union Street, according to Holtz.

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Coop Helps Small Farms Resist Agribusiness

By Alex Lesman

Farming in the United States has changed dramatically in the past century as small family farms have given way to huge farms owned and operated by multinational corporations. Seventy years ago, there were nearly seven million American farmers. Now there are only about two million, even though the general U.S. population has doubled. For many years this trend went largely unopposed, as agricultural corporations claimed that their methods—such as planting vast fields with single crops, spraying pesticides and using heavy machinery—increased output and efficiency.

In the 1960s, with the birth of the modern environmental movement, Americans began to raise serious questions about corporate farming practices, especially the widespread use of pesticides. Concerned consumers also began to form food coops, like the Park Slope Food Coop, in part to nurture small and

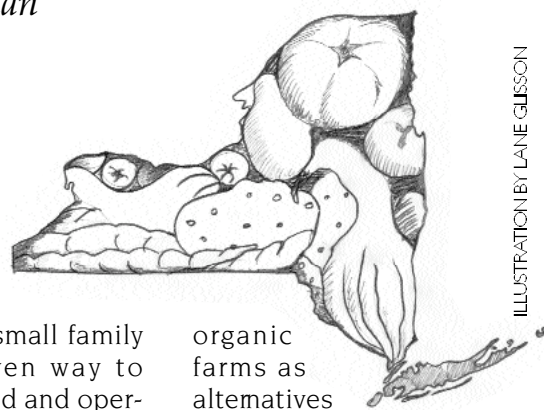


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organic farms as alternatives to what came to be known as factory farms. Another alternative arrangement arrived from Japan in the mid-1980s: Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), in which people pay in advance for shares of a small farm's crops throughout the growing season.

Organized opposition to agribusiness grew during the 1990s, which gave rise, in 1999, to the formation of The Turning Point Project, which describes itself as "a coalition of more than 80 non-profit organizations that favor democratic, localized, ecologically sound alternatives to current practices and policies." In addition to factory farming, The Turning Point Project—whose members include such disparate groups as Farm Aid, The Humane Society and Tikkun Magazine—also works to

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Next General Meeting on March 28

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The next General Meeting will be Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Pl.

The agenda and related information are printed inside this issue (see index below). The agenda is also posted at the Coop Community Corner. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

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*Member Contribution

Coop Event Highlights

Sun, Mar 26 Family Concert—Imagination Workshop Band, 3:30.

Fri, May 19 Good Coffeehouse—Xodó & Nancy Kennedy Quintet, 8:00 p.m.

Look for additional information about these and other events in this issue.

Fighting Genetically Engineered Foods: Why Now and Why We Can Win

By Paul Bermanzohn

Although genetically engineered (GE) foods were introduced in 1996, they received little publicity. Few people realize that today up to 40% of all US corn and 50% of US soy is GE (exact numbers are hard to come by); this extraordinary change in the US crop was made without the awareness of the American consumer. But now, seemingly all of a sudden, there is a great deal of publicity on the subject. The degree to which GE food has penetrated the nation's food supply seems overwhelming, as if little can be done. But light is being shed on the subject because of deeper social forces which aid our fight against GE foods.

The Coop has long stood for a healthy food supply, produced and distributed justly. We have boycotted products in support of workers' rights and donated food to soup kitchens. The fight for labeling of GE foods gives us the opportunity to join a movement for a healthy food supply for Americans and people of other lands.

Dedicated activists, scientists and scholars have been quietly studying and writing about the problems of GE foods since they were introduced, our Environmental Committee among them. They have alerted many to the potential dangers of GE, and so laid the foundation for opposition. They have made it impossible for the media to keep secret the large and effective European anti-GE movement. This movement

has led to a virtual trade war in which Europe is refusing to allow the import of US-made GE foods and has forced British Prime Minister Tony Blair to admit that GE foods may be dangerous. US agribusiness and well-lobbied government officials fear the spread of this movement to our shores.

The mood appears to be changing in the US as we seem to be turning again toward activism. Such a turn would make it harder to prevent the anti-GE foods movement from growing here. The stunning (and victo-

rious) protests in Seattle against the World Trade Organization placed the issue of GE foods before the American people. Almost daily protests against the acquittal of the police killers of Amadou Diallo are another example. Not only has the movement for justice in the Diallo murder become national, many marches have taken place without parade permits and many NY protestors are enthusiastic to get arrested, evidence of a mass movement against police misconduct. It is not unusual in American history for the fight for racial justice to spark battles for other just causes. Such energy will bring immense power to the struggle against GE foods and may prove decisive.

Farmers are turning away from GE in growing numbers. This past growing season, over half the farmland in Nebraska was planted GE. But a survey released in late August by the University of Nebraska's Center for Rural Community Revitalization and Development, reported in the Wall Street Journal of November 18, 1999, found that among rural Nebraskans, a group closely tied to agriculture, only 36% favored using GE seeds. Center Director Tom Allen was "shocked" by these results. Such reports in the nation's premiere business journal has led investors to back away from biotech stocks, weakening the industry. Food corporations are fighting over GE foods. Anticipating a "consumer backlash", several of the early promoters of biotech foods have loudly distanced themselves from this potentially hazardous technology. Archer-Daniels-Midland, one of the world's largest grain handlers ("supermarket to the world" is what they call themselves in their NPR ads) began giving bonuses for non-GE products to its soy growers. Frito-Lay, snack food arm of PepsiCo, makers of potato chips and champion of Olestra, the "no fat" oil which creates digestive problems, reportedly called on its suppliers not to send it GE foods for its products because of their concern for the public's health. The Grocery Manufacturers Association has desperately responded to such defections (there are others) with pleas about the safety of GE

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found in nature. For example, fish genes have been placed in tomatoes, human genes in tobacco, bacteria in corn, and viruses in squash and fruit.

Certain scientists and food conglomerates would have us believe that GE is just a more sophisticated and modern form of traditional breeding. This is in fact far from the truth. In fact many scientists and food activists say that a more apt comparison would be with nuclear energy. In both cases a fundamentally flawed technology was initially hailed by many as the next great breakthrough. We all know how the nuclear energy turned out, and many are beginning to see a similar outcome for GE.

Genetic Engineering Is Not an Extension of Conventional Plant Breeding

By Greg Todd for the Environmental Committee

While farmers have used cross-breeding techniques to cultivate crop and animal species with desired characteristics, genetic engineering (GE) represents a radical departure from this practice. Cross-breeding can only occur within closely-related life forms. GE allows scientists to ignore the species barrier, mixing the genetic material of animals, plants and microorganisms. The offspring of GE would never be

web sites with additional information on GE foods.

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| www.ucsusa.org..... | Union of Concerned Scientists: a good list of GE foods and who makes them; attempts to be neutral and objective |
| www.mothers.org/greenguide/feature | Mothers & Others: good for those wanting to get informed and take action |
| www.greenpeace.org/~geneng | Greenpeace: another good place to get informed and take action |
| www.safe-food.org | talks about how to avoid GE foods |
| www.gene-watch.org | scientists and consumer biotechnology watchdog organization |
| www.purefood.org | Safe Foods Campaign: looks at a variety of issues related to food safety and organic foods |
| www.thecampaign.org | tells how to get involved in legislation to require labeling of GE foods |

Come to the next General Meeting March 28, 7:00 p.m.

Remember—only you can prevent genetic pollution!

Member Contribution

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 7:00 P.M.

- Items will be taken up in the order given.
- Times in parentheses are suggestions.
- More information on each item may be available at the entrance table at the meeting. We ask members to please read the materials available between 7:00 & 7:15 p.m.

Location:

Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple)
274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.

Item #1: Correction to Certificate of Incorporation (10 minutes)

Proposal: "To amend the Certification of Incorporation of the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc., eighth paragraph, by the addition of the Coop's post office address as mandated by law; and to authorize the Coop's secretary to file a Certificate of Correction with the Department of State." —submitted by Eric Schneider

Item #2: Hiring for General Coordinator (40 min.)

Proposal: "To approve the recommendation by the Personnel Committee to hire Jessica Robinson as General Coordinator." —submitted by the Personnel Committee

Item #3: What Can the Coop do to help Undo and Stop Genetic Engineering of Food? (40 minutes)

Discussion: Brief presentations by Paul Bermanzohn and Greg Todd, then open to the floor for member comments. —submitted by Estelle Epstein

Future Agenda Information:

For information on how to place an Item on the Agenda, please see the center right page of this issue.

The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the office and at all GMs.

foods and their determination to move ahead. GE foods are apparently hazardous not only to the health of consumers and to the environment but also to corporate profits.

Infighting of the billionaire corporations prevents them from presenting a united front against the battle for

labeling. As the movement against GE foods grows in the US, corporate infighting will increase. As corporations try to move away from public identification with GE foods they become weaker. This is why every corporate move away from GE foods, no matter how cynical, should be welcomed. ■

Pulling Up Roots: The Movement for Healthy Food

By Carl Arnold

How it Began

Several individuals in decontamination suits step into a cornfield. Police and press stand by the field's edge. The suited folks begin pulling up plants. Police arrest them. Before being hauled away the press is allowed to interview them.

In such a polite atmosphere began the British movement against genetic engineering. It spread into other countries, notably France, Spain and Germany, who have been almost as loud as the UK in opposing genetic engineering. India has protested with farmer riots and more plant-pulling.

In the last two years, the British movement progressed from those few cornfield people to front-page headlines and top billing on TV news several times a week—for months on end! The campaign has been so successful that, despite strong backing from Labor Prime Minister Tony Blair, Monsanto withdrew its notorious terminator seed and several national supermarket chains have sworn off what many there call Frankenfood.

Until genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are proven safe—a highly unlikely event—they should remain in



the laboratory. But a number of huge multinational corporations have been patenting life forms and foisting them, unlabeled and unproven, on the world's human population. It is a surreal experiment of staggering proportions.

Though this technology was developed in the US, we are the most recent to make our voices heard. In early 1999, when the FDA included GMOs under the proposed national organic standards, the outcry was unmistakable. During the public comment period, instead of the usual three to five thousand responses, 275,603 citizens weighed in with a clear NO.

Snowballing

Because of events in Europe, 21 of the world's top food and drink companies, including many American firms, have eliminated genetically engineered (GE) ingre-

dients in their European distribution.

In the US, because of the unprecedented response on organic standards and the events in Europe, Gerber will no longer use GMOs in its baby food and Frito-Lay will no longer buy GE corn. Several other US companies have made similar public pledges. Recent news reports said US farmers are planting 25% less GE corn this year.

Legislation to label or ban genetically engineered foods has been introduced in Minnesota, California, Vermont and Maine. A similar bill will be pushed in New York. Recently, the Boston City Council voted unanimously to ban GE foods until they are labeled and safety tested.

Getting Up to Speed

Make no mistake. Monsanto, Archer-Daniels-Midland, Frito-Lay, Coca-Cola and the like are powerful and global. They will resist. But they are not immune to people power. Until last fall the issue of genetic engineering was barely on the radar in this country even though it had

been virtually daily news in Europe. That was no accident.

But Frankenfood's time has come. Though the news can no longer be so easily censored,

nizations, web sites and listservs. Among them is a new organization: Northeast Resistance Against Genetic Engineering (NERAGE). It and several other groups are sponsoring Biodevastation 2000, the "Fourth International Grassroots Gathering on Genetic Engineering: Resistance and Solutions to the Corporate Monopoly on

Power, Food and Life," in Boston, March 24–30.

This gathering will be a week of education, strategy and organizing to build a cohesive movement against genetic engineering, with participants from all over the world. The gathering will also protest Bio 2000, the largest ever convention of the Biotechnology Industry Organization. For more information, contact NERAGE at nerage@sover.net or 802-454-9957.

And as of last month, New York has its own NERAGE offshoot: NY Biotech Action Network (BAN) 212-560-7539, nyban@yahoo.com.

Sound important? Are you interested? Now is the time to help build a movement truly worthy of the name "grass roots." ■

Member Contribution

only an ever-increasing tide of people out in the streets will get the message across to the population at large:

- GE foods are now on our plates every day.
- They have already been shown to be dangerous—they can cross-pollinate, for instance, with the very weeds they are supposed to be protected from. And remember last fall's Monarch butterfly die-off?
- At the very least, the modern American tradition of labeling food contents must be honored. But the FDA has been bought, so it actively discourages labeling.

From Snowballs to Avalanche

There's lots going on and lots to learn. On the facing page, there is a box with orga-

Natural Vision Improvement

WITH DR. JERRY WINTROB



Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.
IN THE COOP MEETING ROOM

1. Learn exercises to enhance the way in which you use your eyes and how to alleviate some of the stress you experience in your everyday life.
2. Find out what it means and what to do when you have:
 - blurred vision
 - headaches
 - eye fatigue or irritation
 - a growing need for stronger glasses
 - computer related symptoms, among others
3. Learn ways to support yourself nutritionally for prevention and treatment of various eye problems.

Dr. Jerry Wintrob is a long time Coop member. He is a holistic optometrist who specializes in treating eye diseases and vision problems using a multidisciplinary approach.

NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

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FREE



A Workshop About Relationships

An introductory workshop
with Margo Steinfeld, M.A.

Singles, couples, divorced, widowed, young, old. Come alone. Come with your partner. Bring your friends, family, lover. Everyone who wants a deeper understanding and awareness of self in relationship is welcome. An experiential workshop to explore who you are in relationship.

Do you ask yourself:

- What is this thing called love?
- How do I know you're the right one for me?
- Should I stay or leave?
- Is there hope for our relationship?
- Why can't I love you?
- Why can't I let you love me?
- Have I left my family of origin yet?
- How does my upbringing affect you and me?
- How can I heal my childhood wounds?
- Can I be happy in a committed relationship?
- Why do I choose a partner who's unavailable (physically, emotionally, spiritually)?
- Why am I afraid to *not* be in a relationship?

Thursday,
March 23
7:30 - 9:00
In the Coop

Limited space.
Reservations
recommended.
Margo Steinfeld
718-783-5066

FREE

Non-members are welcome

Margo Steinfeld, MA, is an experienced psychotherapist who specializes in the art of relationship and facilitates communication skills, the art of listening, dialoguing through gender differences & relationship issues. She has a private practice in Park Slope and is a Coop member.

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Coop Helps Small Farms

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educate the public about the extinction crisis, genetic engineering, economic globalism and “technomania.”

The Turning Point Project's view is that factory farming as it is practiced today degrades the environment, threatens people's health and destroys rural communities by driving small farmers off the land and squeezing the incomes of those who remain. In a series of advertisements in the New York Times, the group urges the

maintains a loyal, reciprocal relationship with. This means that he sometimes goes out of his way to help these farms when they need it. For example, several weeks ago Finger Lakes needed to move 13 cases of organic potatoes—considerably more than the Coop's standard order. So Allen bought them all at a price cut and passed the savings on to members. His goal in these situations, he says, is to balance the needs of the farm with the needs of the Coop.

Allen also reveals that the Coop's involvement with some small farms goes as far as asking them to plant a



public to “reverse course” and “support family farmers and vibrant rural communities, where people live on the land, growing food to feed local populations, using ecologically sustainable techniques.”

Does the Coop help in this cause? Our emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods is plain to see and taste. But what about supporting small, family farms? According to Produce Buyer Allen Zimmerman, the short answer is "yes." Consistent with the sentence in our mission statement that states: "We prefer to buy from local, earth-friendly producers," Allen says that his bywords are "little and local." (In an age when food travels an average of 1,300 miles from the farm to the market shelf, a farm within 500 miles is considered local.) The big organic suppliers, he says, respect this policy.

Of course “little and local” has its limits, as Allen points out. If small-farm produce is not available, he looks for “big and local,” with an eye on freshness. Moreover, in the winter virtually all produce comes from large farming operations in distant, temperate places. One exception is Blue Heron Farm, in west central New York, which offers organic potatoes, onions, beets, rutabaga, celeriac and daikon throughout the winter.

Allen says that Blue Heron Farm, as well as the Finger Lakes Organic Growers Cooperative, are some of several local farms that the Coop

certain crop—sweet corn, for example—and promising to buy it when it comes in. But he adds that such arrangements are impossible with certain crops, like tomatoes and zucchini, because they are harvested in such large quantities all at once. But again, for these crops Allen favors the “little and local” farms.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that Coop members approve of the “little and local” policy. Lane Glissen says that she particularly likes the fact that the Coop buys from farms that grow heirloom varieties (as opposed to newer hybrids). “I’m all for it, as a gardener,” she remarks. She sees the heirloom varieties as beneficial to biodiversity and soil quality—plus, they taste better.

"My parents live in the country," says Illinois native Jeannie Bail, "and one of the best things about visiting them in the summer is buying fresh produce from the farm stands." She says that she prefers to buy local produce at the Coop when it is available.

Some members are pleasantly surprised to hear that the Coop maintains such close relationships with local farms. "I am impressed that we, as a coop community, have committed that kind of attention to one specific grower," says Matthew Rosenzweig. "I'm floored that we go to that kind of effort...and it really makes me feel like I'm part of a very special community." ■

Park Slope Food Coop, Inc.
782 Union Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Interest Bearing Loan Form

I wish to make an interest-bearing loan to the Park Slope Coop, Inc.
in the amount of

\$ _____ for _____ years.
 (\$500 minimum) (1, 2, 3 or 5)

I understand that the Coop will pay 8.5% simple interest on 7-year loans, 8% on simple interest on 5-year loans, 7% simple interest on 3-year loans, 6% simple interest on 2-year loans, and 5% simple interest on 1-year loans.

I understand that this loan is subordinated to any debts that the Park Slope Food Coop may owe to the Federal, State and City governments, banks, vendors and suppliers.

I am a resident of New York State. (For legal reasons, the Coop will only accept loans from New York State residents.)

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Member Name: _____
(Please print)

Member Number: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please mail to, or drop in the mailbox at:

Park Slope Food Coop, Inc.
782 Union Street
Brooklyn, New York 11215

- The Coop also welcomes funds of any amount which may be added to the member's non-interest-bearing investment account (formerly known as their "deposit") at the cash register. Members may cash checks against the amount of their investment in excess of the required \$100 up to a limit of \$500. Interest-bearing loans, however, do not carry check cashing privileges.
- In order to simplify record-keeping, all loans will fall due on the first day of October, January, April, and July. Thus, the first "year" of a loan may include 12, 13 or 14 months. Interest accrues each month starting with the month in which the loan is received.



COORDINATORS' CORNER

Member Lenders Speak

By Joe Holtz, General Coordinator

As we prepare to mount a major member loan drive, I wrote a letter to members who already have loaned money to the Coop. I asked them to tell us why they had done so.

Our loan program was created in the 1970s, has more than 150 members participating and has \$469,000 in loans ranging from \$500 to \$75,000.

This is an especially important time to lend the Coop money. In order to reduce the amount we need to borrow from our bank for the renovation project, we need to raise as much as possible from our members before the development loan is approved in May. Our bank, the National Cooperative Bank, has, in the past, viewed member loans as a sign of direct support

of the membership for their Coop. Most importantly, we need more loans to help insure that the money available will equal the cost.

Following are the responses received in the first six days following the letter. I hope these words from our fellow members will inspire others. Loan forms are available at the Coop and in this issue of the Gazette.

I believe it is important for people to donate or invest a part of their money with positive organizations. Almost a “social tithe” type deal (about 5% of net) to well researched efficient, honest and enlightened institutions.

Kevin Cunneen

Cooperators,
You asked us why we loaned money to the Coop. Basically, to support it. The interest is nice, but we can do as well with a mutual fund. I can’t imagine there is any other reason people lend the Coop money. I’ll be interested to read about the results of this survey in the newsletter.

Lamy Sapadin

This, to me, was a no-brainer: at the time I made my loan, the rate of return was much better than any savings account or bank CD being offered to me, and it was beneficial to the Coop—an organization whose financial strength is important to me—to obtain this loan at a rate lower than that available to it from any financial institution. While the Coop loan does not have the FDIC insurance of a savings account, I believe it to be more secure than the mutual funds and stocks which many people with money to invest use as alternatives.

As the financial situations of Coop members differ wildly, I would hope that we could solicit loans from the Coop members who have a little “cushion” they don’t need to be liquid but idling in their savings accounts without embarrassing the Coop members who don’t have anything to spare at the moment (like me, now!).

Name Withheld

Thank you for sending the question.

When I think of why I loaned the Coop money, I am reminded of what a good deal it is, for both members and the Coop itself. I was really excited to find such a good interest rate for a socially responsible investment. Furthermore, it was very pleasing that the whole transaction was so easy to do.

Thanks again.

Luis Perez

I have been a member of the Coop for about 24 years. It is an important part of my life and has always represented ‘community’ to me. It has grown far too big for its current location, and it is important that we all

have a little more breathing room. I had thought about lending the Coop money for many years, and when it became possible last year, I didn’t think twice. I wish it could have been more.

Jane Kurinsky

The Coop is so much more than a place to shop and do my work shifts. It is a very special and unique community that I very much enjoy being a part of. I loaned money to the Coop because it was an opportunity for me to do something extra to help ensure the Coop’s future. The loan also gave me a chance to demonstrate my confidence in the Coordinators as well as my support for our enormous renovation project. It is exciting to think about the future of the Coop and our tremendous possibilities when we all rally around our purpose by doing a little more than the minimum.

Chet Kaplan

Why did I loan money to the Coop?
I am no longer a member, but I can clearly see a good return on my dollar!

Rick Ladd

Because I have it, and I think the Coop is terrific.

Myra Hauben

1) I like the idea of investing in the community; 2) The things with which the Coop provides me and its socially attentive and responsible stance are important to me and deserve support; 3) after consulting with some sources and thinking the loan of money over, I felt it was a safe and good place to put my money; and 4) I’ve got to admit, it was really quite easy to do—not a whole lot of logistical hassles or bureaucratic-red-tape type stuff.

Name Withheld

Why did I lend the Coop money?
Because it was there.

David Faden

First I loaned the Coop money because I loved the Coop, and the interest rate was good. Then Israel Fishman got up at a meeting to say that he and Carl were backing their belief in the Coop with a \$1000 investment. I increased Dave’s and my investment to match Israel and Carl’s. To paraphrase the country and western song, I wanted to “stand by my Coop.”

Bonnie Kaplan

I did not hesitate to invest in the Coop for the following reasons: to help the Coop grow; it seemed a reasonable interest rate; most investments have some risk, but the Coop has been around a long time and the financial management appears sound.

Sarah Cumming

The answer really begins when we first moved to Park Slope. At that time both Fran and I became active in community organizations. This was primarily due to the fact that Park Slope was redlined at the time, and only by joining with other like-minded people were we able to change what was an insidious banking practice.

We joined the Coop for similar reasons: to work with like-minded individuals to create a shopping environment that would work like a community, an environment where providing reasonably priced and healthy food was a philosophy that we could share in, where our main goal was to see this community flourish while maintaining the values that we believed in.

Why do we lend money to the Coop?

Because it is our Coop, and we want to make certain that it will continue to succeed. Because we want to

maintain it as a positive communal force whose vision is not only the bottom line. And we would like to see that our daughter also has the opportunity to share in the wonderful undertaking.

Moe Kornbluth & Fran Justa

I feel privileged to have access to organic food of such variety and quality without having to live in California. I consider the Coop a worthy cause and, yes, I don’t mind earning more interest than I would at a bank.

Violet Jehamy

The Coop is very important to me, not only for the low cost of the food, but also because, and maybe especially because, it is a place that fosters cooperation and community.

I also made the loan because I believe in the viability and necessity for us to expand into 784, and this loan is a vote of confidence in that decision.

Carl Navarro

If you are going to be an owner of a business that you believe in, you should be putting your wallet where your heart is!

Plus, the return rate is pretty good—better than most banks these days!

Karen Gleeson

SCANNING IS COMING
TO A CHECKOUT LANE
NEAR YOU...

TRAINERS NEEDED!

Our target date for going live with scanning at the checkouts is April 9. If you are willing to learn to be a trainer and work with shopping squads, please call the office.

Workslot credit will be given. Please call whether you are able to be a trainer for your own squad only or for multiple squads.

Added Value Program

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ILLUSTRATIONS BY LYNN BERNSTEIN
WITH APOLOGUES TO CHARLES SCHULZ

Hourly Employment Policy

Some controversy greeted the General Coordinators' agenda item requesting that they be granted authority to change the policy governing hourly employees without bringing revisions to the GM first.

The Coordinators sought specific changes in the current policy, including rewarding hourly staff with an extra half-week of vacation at the 7- and 10-year marks, and also the power to make such changes in the future without submitting them to the GM first.

Questioned on the reasoning behind making the decisions without GM input, Wheeler responded that employment policies are too complex for GM decision making. "I think one way to disempower people is to ask them to decide things about which they cannot acquire the information quickly enough to make a decision," she said.

She added that some items are too urgent for the GM to decide them effectively. "We know that the GM process works, but it can be pretty slow."

"Access to organic products, low prices, and camaraderie will not be enough. We must offer our members more."—Colin Thorne, on the Marketing Committee's 'added value' proposal

Holtz expressed some frustration as the questioning and discussion continued, stating that the General Coordinators did not have to bring their proposals to the GM. "We could have said, 'Why bother with the General Meeting?'" he said. "If this gets voted down tonight, either we'll make it an agenda item or I'll do one of my little 'moves' around it."



"It's an idiotic conversation!" exclaimed member Jerry Weintrob, addressing members who wished to continue talking about decision-making powers. "It's so obvious that you vote for the thing and move on!"

A motion to call the question and cut off further discussion passed, and 40 members of the GM voted for the Coordinators' item, with four votes against, and five abstentions.

The Coordinators pledged to report any policy changes they chose to make to the GM.

Added Value Program

Marketing Committee member Colin Thorne introduced a proposed "added value" program to solicit local merchants to grant discounts to Coop members, creating new benefits for Coop members while increasing local shopping.

Added value in Coop membership could help keep the Coop competitive, particularly as other organic outlets consider local franchises and even mainstream supermarkets increase their organic offerings, he said, noting, "I have recently purchased organic milk from Pathmark... Access to organic products, low prices and camaraderie will not be enough [in the future]. We must offer our members more."

Members debated the Marketing Committee's proposed screening to select

merchants with "interest" in the community.

Liza Bruna suggested excluding direct competitors such as Back to the Land, as well as chains like Starbucks.

Board member Israel Fishman disagreed, opining, "We don't control people. We have products in the store that I don't believe in, but live and let live." Fishman opposed distributing the *Gazette* at participating merchants' stores, stating, "Don't show your dirty linen in public."

Coordinator Mike Eakin also supported opening the

Coop's Outreach Committee and Street Squad.

Coordinators secured three estimates for the first job, and Fishman submitted the lowest bid, said Wheeler, who noted that Fishman also underbid competition for the business cards print job.

Based upon good experience with Fishman on the first two jobs, Wheeler said the coordinators did not seek bids for the brochure. "When you have a good relationship with a supplier, and they prove to you that they can deliver what you want, you don't just randomly keep researching prices and doing bids again and again," said Wheeler, contacted after the meeting.

She said the Coordinators had decided not to reveal the size of the payments to Fishman, reasoning that the amounts were "relatively small" and, considered against the Coop's finances as a whole, would not be considered "material" for accounting purposes.

Committee Action

Glenn Moller, who estimated he had belonged to the Coop for a total of five years spread over three decades, won a one-year position on the Agenda Committee. Currently director of a

response to the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island.

With the departure of members John Elfreich and Wandajune Bishop from the Chair Committee, Carl Arnold and Stana Weisburd need reinforcements. "This committee should be ten or 12 people, and at one point, it was," said Arnold.

Board Meeting Brouhaha

The board meeting following the GM became contentious when Schneider requested that the board vote to authorize his actions in retaining the attorney to challenge the Coop's tax assessment.

Holtz asked why the matter should come before the board, since the Coop had already turned over the down payment for the lawyer's retainer. Schneider asserted that the outcome of the attorney's work could be legally challenged if the hiring were not ratified by the board.

Fishman objected to a board vote on the matter and proposed that the board vote on whether or not to conduct a vote on the hiring.

"It's a no-brainer!" exclaimed Schneider.

"Why are you bringing this to the floor for this public spectacle?" demanded board member Melinda Marx.

The board finally voted 5-1 to address the issue, with Fishman in dissent, and then voted 5-0 to approve the hiring, with Fishman abstaining.

The board voted 6-0 to accept all other GM votes, except for the matter of the coordinators' control over the hourly employment policy, which garnered a vote of five board members in favor, with Member Doyle Warren abstaining.

"I almost want to suggest that the board stay home!" member Liza Bruna said during the GM wrap-up period, raising the issue of hostility among board members. "It makes us all really uncomfortable." ■



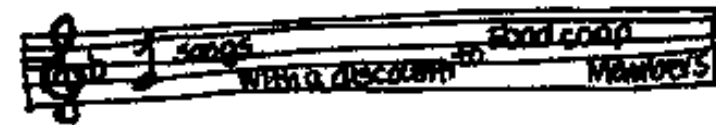
to give a discount to our members, why not?"

The proposal passed by a vote of 41 to five, with two abstentions.

Payments to Board Member

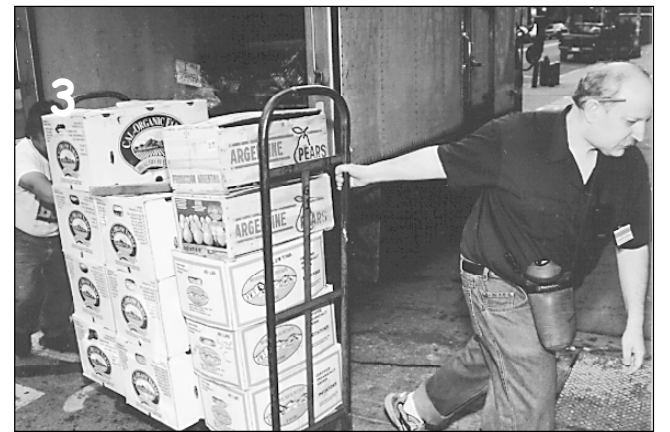
The Coop has paid Fishman for several printing jobs, according to Wheeler, who said she made the disclosure because it was required if the Coop hired a board member. She said the Coop has "a long tradition of using members if possible," and had used Fishman's services to print the ballot on purchasing 784 Union Street, the neon green Coop business cards, and a trifold brochure that should be available in March for use by members, as well as the

daycare center, Moller has spent years protesting nuclear power, including a stint as a member of the Brooklyn Anti-Nuclear Group ("BANG"), organized in



Early Morning Deliveries at the Coop

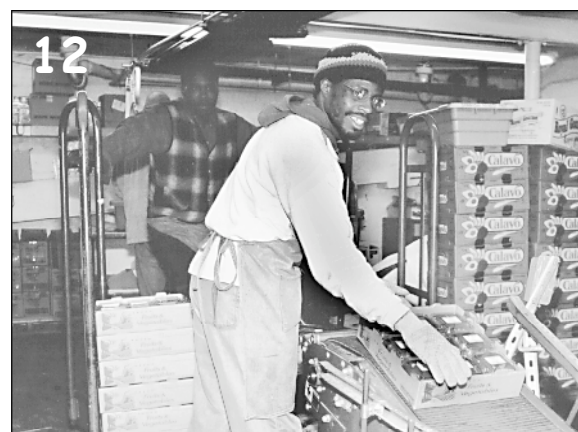
photo essay by Glenn Brill



Unload, lug, lift, stick and stock. Getting it done. Early mornings, Monday through Friday, while most Coop members are warm in their beds, a dedicated team of Coop members and works receive, store and stock the goods we shop each day.

Make no mistake about it, this is hard work and team work combined. The Coop sells out its inventory at a much higher rate than most food stores its size. Subsequently, it receives a huge volume of goods to be handled, stored and stocked in half the space normally required. A strong back and a steady grip are necessary tools of the trade. However, a well-coordinated effort among members combined with mechanized handling equipment and highly organized storage spaces are primarily responsible for the Coop's ability to handle such a high volume of goods.

Perhaps most important is the high spirits of all involved, members and vendors alike, their mutual respect, and the pride they take in a job well. We are fortunate to have such goodwill conferred on the food we eat and the household goods we use.



LEFT TO RIGHT: 1) Receiving Hours; 2 & 3) Metropolitan Agribusiness delivers organic lacinato kale, pears & potatoes at about 7:00 a.m. (The receiving day began with Jedda produce AT 5:30); 4 & 5) Produce Buyer Allen Zimmerman checking the invoice, then communicating with a Receiving Coordinator in the basement; 6) Receiving Coordinator Donald Alexis separating goods for immediate display; Receiving Coordinator Eddie Rosenthal taking produce out to the shopping floor; 8) Allen checks quality and rotation on plantains; 9) Cases arrive in the basement; 10) Bret Frederick & Waliike El applying organic labels; 11 & 12) Joe Rubino guiding cases up the basement conveyor turn to Alexis who will send them to the produce cooler; 13) inside the basement produce cooler.

COOP HOURS

Coop Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Coop Telephone:
622-0560

Hours for Getting Membership Cards:
Evenings — Monday & Thursday
5:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Daytime — Monday through Friday
9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Coop Shopping Hours:

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| Monday | } 10:30 a.m. to 10:00* p.m. |
| Tuesday | |
| Wednesday | |
| Thursday | |
| Friday | 8:05 a.m. to 10:00* p.m. |
| Saturday | 8:05 a.m. to 7:30* p.m. |
| Sunday | 8:05 a.m. to 5:00* p.m. |

**Shoppers must be on a checkout line 15 minutes after closing time.*

Childcare Hours for Shoppers:

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| Monday | } 10:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. |
| Tuesday | |
| Wednesday | |
| Thursday | |
| Friday | 8:05 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | 8:05 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | 8:05 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. |

World Wide Web address:
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The *Gazette* welcomes Coop-related articles, and letters from members. A “Member Submissions” envelope is in the *Gazette* wall pocket near the entrance of the Coop.

All submissions: All submissions MUST include author's name and phone number and conform to the following guidelines. Editors will reject letters and articles that are illegible or too long.

Letters: Maximum 500 words.

Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words.

Submissions on Paper: Double-spaced, typed or very legibly handwritten.

Submissions on Disk: We welcome 3.5” disks *along with* the paper copy of your letter or article. Please save your submission in text format. Disks are returned in the Member Disk Returns envelope at the back of the *Gazette* submissions box.

Classified & Display Ads: Ads are available to Coop members only. Classified ads are prepaid at \$10 per insertion, business card ads at \$20. All ads must be written on a submission form. Forms are available in this issue and at the front of the Coop. Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be copy-ready and business card size.

Recipes: We welcome original recipes from members. Recipes must be original and signed by the creator.

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COOP CONCERT SERIES

Friday, March 17

XODÓ


What do you get when you combine sultry, lilting vocals with the driving rhythms of Brazil? The sensuous sounds of Xodó!

Xodó rocks the house at the Ethical Culture Society to continue their farewell run! Xodó is : the crooning virtuosity of Margie Fein (vocals & guitar), the octopus-like percussion of Robin Burdulis, the fierce stomp-ness of Maria Breyer and the soaring foundation of Barry Kornhauser (bass, cello, guitar).



The Nancy Kennedy Quintet

Composer/Pianist Nancy Kennedy has won acclaim for her work both in the U.S. and abroad where her compositions have been recorded by Italy's leading saxophonist, Maurizio Giammarco. Her Jazz Quintet was met with praise at key jazz venues in Rome, Milan, Torino, Lyon and Grenoble, France. In the U.S. she was awarded the Artist's Fellowship in Music Composition by the New York Foundation for the Arts. She has been sponsored by Meet the Composer for her work with the Brooklyn Jazz Composer's Orchestra. Her music is engaging, vibrant and energetic with a contemporary jazz flavor.



53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd Street)
8:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:45)
Tickets: \$8 at the door • \$7 in advance
(at Soundmark, 118 7th Ave.)
Bookings: Ron Vincent, 768-7634
Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members
and receive Coop workout credit.

COMING PROGRAMS

OCT. 22 fall season begins

Puzzle Corner

Contributions from members are welcome. Please sign your entries. Answer is on page 15.

Cryptogram Topic: Cooking Greens

The code used on the list below is a simple letter substitution. That is, if “G” stands for “M” in one word, it will be the same throughout the list.

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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientation

Tell your friends. Orientations are held every Monday, every Wednesday and many Sundays.
Monday, Mar. 27, Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
Wednesday, Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19 & 26
Sunday, Mar. 26 & Apr. 9

Be sure to be here promptly: 7:30 or before! The orientation takes about two hours.
Although we provide childcare during most of our shopping hours, we are unable to provide childcare for the orientations. We ask you not to bring small children.

Gazette Deadlines:

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:
Apr. 6 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon., Mar. 27
Apr. 20 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon., Apr. 10

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Apr. 6 issue: 10:00 p.m., Wed., Mar. 29
Apr. 20 issue: 10:00 p.m., Wed., Apr. 12

General Meeting

TUE, MAR 28

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m. For location and further information please see the sidebar at right. The agenda and related articles appear on pages 2-3 of this issue

TUE, APR 4

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS for the March 28 GM: 8:00 p.m. Please see the sidebar at right for information on how to submit a General Meeting agenda item.

Yogurt Container Recycling:

SAT, APR 8

...and every 2nd Saturday of the month. Noon–2:00 p.m. Clean yogurt, ice cream & sorbet containers & lids. ALL BRANDS.

Coop Events

Flyers are available in the display case outside the Coop. Also look for display ads in the Gazette.

THU, MAR 23

A WORKSHOP ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS: with Margo Steinfeld. Everyone who wants a deeper understanding and awareness of their self in relationship is welcome. Free, 730 p.m.

SUN, MAR 26

FAMILY CONCERT: a popular annual event brought to you by the Coop's Fun'raising Committee. The Imagination Workshop Band, 3:30 p.m. at Camp Friednship, 339 8th St. \$5 per person. Light refreshments available. Look for a display ad on page 16 of this issue.

TUE, APR 11

NATURAL VISION IMPROVEMENT: Learn exercises to enhance the way in which you use your eyes and how to alleviate some of the stress you experience in your everyday life. Learn what you can do for several problems and learn ways to support yourself nutritionally for prevention and treatment of various eye problems. Free. 7:30 p.m.

FRI, APR 21

NO GOOD COFFEEHOUSE because of the holidays.

FRI, MAY 19

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE–COOP NIGHT: The third Friday of each month is a series sponsored jointly by the Park Slope Food Coop and Brooklyn Interfaith Action. XODÓ & the Nancy Kennedy Quintet. Musicians are Park Slope Food Coop members. \$8. 8 p.m. 53 Prospect Pk W. 768-2972



Attend a GM

Sign up to Receive Work Credit

In order to increase participation in the General Meeting, the GM has voted to allow a *once-per-year* workslot credit for attending a GM.

Sign Up:

- The sign-up sheet is posted at the Coop Community Corner beginning in the first week of each month.
- Please *read the full instructions* posted above the sign-up sheet and follow them carefully.

How It Works:

- Coop members on squads in Shopping, Receiving, Inventory (except data entry), Maintenance, Daytime Office, Construction and FTOP can receive credit for one workslot by attending one GM. (Other squads are omitted because their work is more difficult to cover, or attendance at GMs is part of their job.)
- After attending the GM, the member will summarize the meeting very briefly for their squad during the squad meeting of their *next* regular workslot.
- You will report to your squad on the next day you work and may then skip the *second* regular workslot following the GM. The work credit may also be applied to make-ups owed or be banked as FTOP
- *Missing the GM without canceling in advance will result in your owing a make-up*, as you are making a commitment as well as taking a slot that someone else will not be able to take.

PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP

MISSION STATEMENT

The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement.

We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods. We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. We support non-toxic, sustainable agriculture.

We respect the environment. We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations. We prefer to buy from local, earth-friendly producers. We recycle. We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment.

We are committed to diversity and equality. We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member. We seek to maximize participation at every level, from policy making to running the store.

We welcome all who respect these values.

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings have been at the center of the Coop's decision-making process. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors. The Coop continued the tradition of General Meetings by requiring the Board to have open meetings and to receive the advice of the members at General Meetings. The Board of Directors, which is required to act legally and responsibly, has approved almost every General Meeting decision at the end of every General Meeting. Board members are elected at the Annual Meeting in June. Copies of the Coop's bylaws are available at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month.

Location

The temple house of Congregation Beth Elohim (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

If you have something you'd like discussed at a General Meeting, please complete a submission form for the Agenda Committee. Forms are available in the rack near the Coop Community Corner bulletin board and at General Meetings. Instructions and helpful information on how to submit an item appears on the submission form. The Agenda Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the agenda for the GM held on the last Tuesday of the month. If you have a question, please call Linda Wheeler in the office.

Meeting Format

Warm Up (7:00 p.m.)

- Meet the Coordinators
- Submit Open Forum items
- Explore meeting literature

Open Forum (7:15 p.m.)

Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting. If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee for the next meeting.

Reports (7:30 p.m.)

- Financial Report
- Coordinators' Report
- Committee Reports

Agenda Discussion (8:00 p.m.)

- The agenda is posted at the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

Wrap Up (9:30-9:45)

(unless there is a vote to extend the meeting)

- Meeting evaluation
- Board of Directors Vote
- Announcements, etc.



COOP WORKSLOT NEEDS

Are you needing or wanting to change your Coop schedule? This listing has both day and night openings for some behind-the-scenes jobs. If you are interested, please call during office hours. PLEASE NOTE: Except for a few cashier slots, there are no Mon-Thur evening shopping squad openings.



GAZETTE:

• Desktop Publishers—Post-production:

Tuesday approximately 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. We are looking for members who are frequent users of Quark with a variety of skills. Photoshop knowledge is a plus.

• Desktop Publishers—Production:

Sunday every eight weeks, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We are looking for members who are experienced, frequent users of Quark with a variety of skills. Photoshop knowledge is a plus.

• Development Art Director

Develop art for the issue in consultation with the editors and your team of illustrators and photographers. Work every eight weeks.

COMPOST

It's spring...take your Coop work outside and compost. All of the produce that the Coop is not able to sell or give to the soup kitchen gets composted down the street at the garden of Union. The compost squad will have one or two temporary openings starting in May for B-week carriers. Carriers transport produce from the Coop to the garden for composting. The use of a car is helpful for this work but not necessary. These will be three or four-month positions with the possibility of extending. Members interested in FTOP credit can also apply. For more info, contact Sherry, 398-4454.

EVENING/WEEKEND:

• GM Chair Committee

The group of members that chair the General Meetings has openings. We especially want to reflect the diversity of our community. The committee meets for 1 1/5 hours on the first Tuesday of each month, and members have rotating work assignments (chair, secretary, support) several times a year at the GM. The total hours are equivalent to a regular Coop workslot. This can be your regular workslot, or you can get FTOP credit. To apply, call the Coop office.

• Maintenance Committee

Work with a team of 12, 7:00 p.m. Sunday nights. See the immediate results of your hard work. With the help of the Maintenance Committee, we consistently

receive excellent ratings in annual Department of Agriculture inspections.

• Inventory Committee

Sunday 5:30-8:15 p.m. Count everything in the Coop! Work with a team of 30, away from the shopping crowds. It's a great way to get to know everything the Coop carries. Your numbers are the first step to a well-stocked Coop.

DAYTIME:

• Store Equipment Cleaning:

Wednesday, 6:00-8:30 a.m. Clean calculators and other equipment in the store before it opens to shoppers. Complete the workshift with some attention to the office—wastebaskets and a quick sweep.

• Early Morning Cleaning

Wednesday morning, 7:00 a.m. Deep clean the childcare space—floors, shelves, etc. but not the toys (we have a toy cleaner). Also clean the three bathrooms.

• Toy Cleaner:

Clean the childcare toys. It might mean scrubbing down plastic toys (or taking them home to put in a dishwasher) and laundering stuffed toys. Clean the toy shelves, straighten the books. Evaluate the condition of books and toys, and remove toys that are broken, badly worn or missing pieces. Work C-week, and coordinate your efforts with the toy cleaner who works A-week.

• Early Morning Office Prep

Monday through Friday morning, 6:00-8:30 a.m. Prepare for the office day. This is a quiet time in the office for an independent worker. The work could be clerical—tying up leftovers from the day before—or it could be cleaning—mopping, paper recycling, etc. No phone work.

WAITING LIST:

Did you miss the special job you wanted? Or would you like to switch to a specific shopping squad? The office maintains a waiting list for all sorts of jobs or squads. We will call you before the jobs go onto the general openings lists used by the office.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings in the community calendar are free. Please submit your listings in 40 words or less by mail or drop them in the mailslot just outside the main door of the Coop. Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ad submissions. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

THU, MAR 23

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FRI, MAR 24

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE: Big Band Swing Night with Art Lillard's Heavenly Band, one of only a handful playing brand new music that's just as exciting and tuneful as the standards of the 30s & 40s.. \$8. 8:00 p.m. Bkln Soc. for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Pk W. 768-2972.

SAT, MAR 25

CHRISTIANA DRAPKIN JAZZ GROUP at Two Boots, 514 2nd St @ 7th Av, 10:00-midnight. No cover. Info & reservations, 499-3253

SUN, MAR 26

FAMILY CONCERT: with the Imagination Workshop Band. Presented by the Park Slope Food Coop Fun'raising Committee. Singing, dancing and delicious snacking. 3:30 p.m., \$5 per person, 339 8th St.

BROOKLYN CO-HOUSING: Explore the affordability and diversity, privacy & community of co-housing. Next meeting at Eco Books, 192 5th Ave near Union St. 1:00 p.m. Info: ehcncke@webtv.net. or 718-745-6943. General info on co-housing at www.cohousing.org

BIODEVASTATION 2000: Brooklyn BAN buses go to Boston, round trip, same day. Call Hotline 212-529-9720 (before 3/26!) for bus schule and location.

WED, MAR 29

WOMEN'S BODIES, WOMEN'S CHOICES: An afternoon of discussion & viewing videotapes by Dr. Christiane Northrup on women's health issues. Free. 7-9:00 p.m. Bkln Soc. for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Pk W. For info, call Anne Klaeyen, 965-3611

FRI, MAR 31

BROOKLYN RAW FOOD POTLUCK: Join us on the last Friday of each month. Bring fresh fruits, vegetables or a raw vegan dish. Free. Eco Books, 192 5th Ave (@ Union St.) 7:30 p.m. For more info, call Robert Miller, 499-6984.

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE: Flying Fish recording artist, guitar-picking Orrin Starr with the red hot trio Sultans of String /

Squeezology featuring Jody Kruskal. \$8. 8 p.m. Bkln Soc. for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Pk W. 768-2972.

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WED, APR 5

THE CREATIVE PROCESS: a series of discussions with guest speakers in the fields of literature, music & art. Tonight's guest is Sheri Holman, author of "A Stolen Tongue" and "The Dress Lodger." Free. 8:00 p.m. Bkln Soc. for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Pk W. 768-2972.

FRI, APR 7

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE: An evening of cabaret produced by Judith Rivera. \$8. 8 p.m. Bkln Soc. for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Pk W. 768-2972.

TUE, APR 11

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FRI, APR 14

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE: An evening of accordion music with Bluewind recording artists Kate & Lou Giampetruzzi and Le Nozze di

Carlo ensemble. \$8. 8 p.m. Bkln Soc. for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Pk W. 768-2972.

MON, APR 17

JEWISH BOOK CLUB SERIES: "The Relief of Unbearable Urges" by Nathaniel Englander. The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions. Brooklyn Heights Synagogue, 131 Remsen St, 7:30 p.m., free. Call to register 522-2070

FRI, APR 21

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE-COOP NIGHT: No coffeehouse.

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GOOD COFFEEHOUSE: Local Produce 2000 sponsored by Spoke the Hub. \$8. 8 p.m. Bkln Soc. for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Pk W. 768-2972.

THU, MAY 4

FOOD CLASS: a popular bimonthly series with Susan Baldassano. This month: Ethnic Vegetarian-Mexican, recipes, tastings. \$2 materials charge. 7:30 p.m. at the Park Slope Food Coop. 782 Union St. 622-0560.



ONGOING EXHIBITS/SHOWS

3/19-4/22

WORKS ON THE WALL: Dana Matthews will show a collection of her newest hand-painted photographs. Spoke the Hub, 748 Union St., 857-5158.

4/24-5/27

WORKS ON THE WALL: Hannah Rawe, a high school art student at LaGuardia, will curate a multi-media exhibit entitled "Siblings" which features the work of 7 teens, their brothers & their sisters, and what they "see" & "feel" about each other.

MEETINGS

BROOKLYN RAW FOOD lecture/ support group. Every 1st & 3rd Weds. Discussion & Q&A on raw food diet & lifestyle. Free. 7:30 p.m. at Eco Books, 5th Ave. & Union St. For more info, Robert Miller, 499-6984

GREEN PARTY MONTHLY MEETING: Work for social justice and a sustainable environment! 7:00 p.m. at Park Slope United Methodist Church, 6th Ave @ 8th St (garden entrance to basement). Info 768-3202.

LETTERS TO
THE EDITOR

ANNOUNCING
BROOKLYN BIOTECH
ACTION NETWORK

TO THE EDITOR

The North East Resistance Against Genetic Engineering (NERAGE) has been around for several years now. We are citizens in the northeast region of the country alarmed by the increasing penetration of our food by genetically engineered products, products which have been shown to be bad for our health as well as the environment. Until recently, NERAGE meetings were held in New England. Last fall, the first New York area meeting was held in Westchester, and about thirty people showed up. A month or so later, Charlie Margulis, the anti-GE coordinator for Greenpeace, made a presentation. A few weeks ago, some friends and I decided to form Brooklyn Biotech Action Network (BAN). We tabled in front of Key Food on 7th Avenue. We handed out a few hundred leaflets about our national campaign targeting supermarket chains. Many supermarket chains produce their own line of products. We wish to encourage them to exclude genetically-engineered components from their own products.

In the next couple of weeks, we plan to do further tabling in front of grocery stores and the food coop, distributing flyers, and getting petitions signed on behalf of the campaign of the Organic Consumers group (www.purefoods.org) to put anti-GE into the presidential campaign debate. In the New York State area, we are now pushing for passage of a bill for a moratorium on the "planting and growing" of "genetically modified crops." (For more information on this bill, contact 914-478-8639 or turtle@westnet.com.)

For more information on how you can get involved to fight the poisoning of our food and our environment, call Brooklyn BAN at 212-946-1619.

Tom Smith

ATM MARKUP
QUESTIONED

TO THE EDITOR:

I agree wholeheartedly with the two letters in the *Gazette* issue of 2/24/00 objecting to the proposal to increase our markup in order to pay for the presence of an ATM at the Coop. Perhaps some, or even many, members

think this is a good idea, though I have never met any of them.

However, I can observe, with respect to potential new members, that I work as a squad leader on a busy Saturday mid-afternoon shopping squad and I give a lot of tours to people interested in joining, and not one has ever commented on the absence of an ATM. They do, however, all ask about the cost of the food, and how prices compare to other stores. As far as I can tell, this is what people care about, and why they join!

Considering the fact that Seventh Avenue, offering numerous ATMs, lies only a very short walk away, raising our prices to pay for this supposed benefit makes no sense to me. This is particularly true when, as the article on page 3 of the 2/24/00 *Gazette* concerning the "Critical Loan Drive" reminds us, the Coop is already experiencing a significant financial drain as we attempt to move forward on the new construction.

I suggest that we put aside the question of installing an ATM until the new building construction is complete and we can assess the impact to the Coop's bottom line. If we haven't already had to raise the markup to fund the remodeling work, and if a significant portion of our membership is willing to add to the grocery bill in exchange for the convenience of not having to stop at an ATM on the way to the Coop, so be it. I can't help but think that increasing prices will drive people away.

Very truly yours,
Sarah P. Flanagan

CAN YOU SEE THE
TREES FOR THE
FOREST: BEAUTY VS.
FUNCTION IN
VEGETABLE DISPLAY

TO THE EDITOR:

Some creative and energetic individuals working in the produce area are displaying leafy greens by standing them up on their stems, the leafy side straight up. This creates a beautiful display—very abundant looking. However, it creates difficulties for shoppers. It is hard to tell where one bunch ends and another begins, and thus shoppers have difficulty grasping bunches. Also, the bunches tear against each other when being pulled out. Sadly, the old-fashioned, boring display works better.

David Barouh

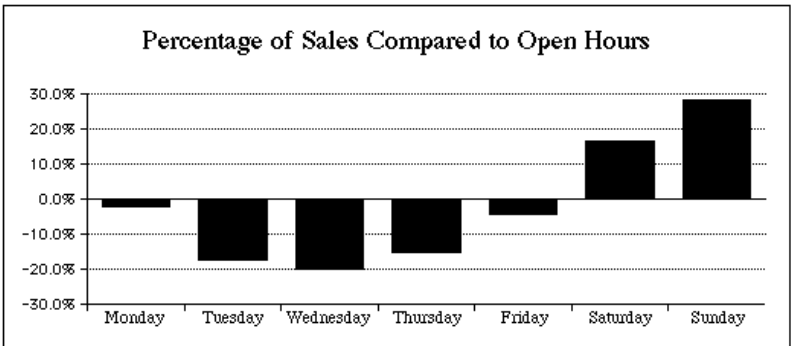
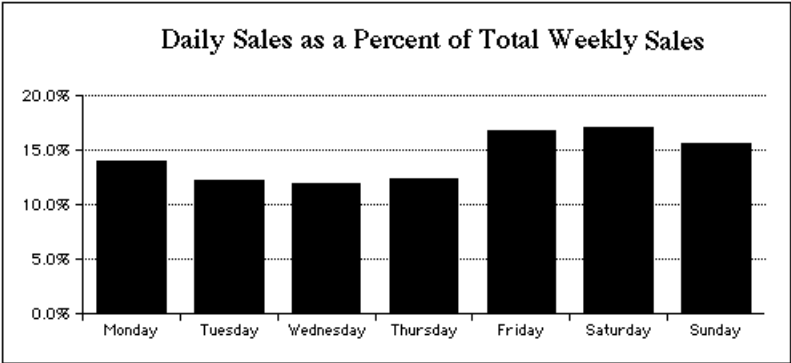
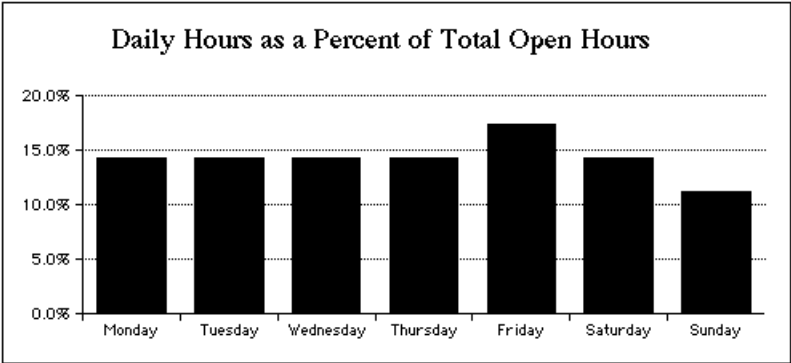
Discounted Parking
for Park Slope Food Coop Members



The 800 Union St. Garage provides discounted parking rates for Coop members while they shop or work in the Coop. Until March 31, member rates are \$3 for up to two hours or \$5 for up to four hours (including all taxes). The special validation sticker to be attached to your garage ticket is available from the Coop exit worker.

CORRECTION

One of the three charts accompanying the article "Frustration in the Aisles: Weekend Shopping and Its Discontents" in the previous *Linewaiters' Gazette* was incorrectly printed. Following are all three as they should have been printed.



Controlling Elections in the Coop

By Carl Arnold

The heart of democracy: those affected by a decision participate in that decision.

There are several reasons that supporters of our present form of governance give for retaining the General Meeting as it exists. The main one is that it affords face-to-face discussion: any speaker has the opportunity to sway those present to a point of view.

Ideally, voters are sufficiently informed so they can constructively exchange ideas. People will presumably be persuaded by the best argument. A sound decision can then be made.

The general coordinators have been among those who for years have supported this idea. In the February 1999 General Meeting, in a discussion of possible governance changes, General Coordinator Linda Wheeler said, "There are at least three aspects that I want to see any governance system have: one is stability, one is access and the last is face-to-face discussion." I totally agree.

Proxies

Traditionally, proxies in Coop Annual Meetings were used only to insure a quorum. That is good. But a precedent was set at the 1996 Annual Meeting. Several people held undirected proxies, which means that those who signed them gave the holders the right to vote any way they wished.

In the 1997 Annual Meet-

ing, 130 members were in attendance. Four of them held 36-38 proxies each. A fifth, General Coordinator Joe Holtz, held 186 undirected proxies. There was a total of 362 proxies (7/17/97 Gazette). Of the five people holding

Member Contribution

proxies, one held more votes than the entire number of people at the meeting. All could vote those proxies any way they chose.

In that '97 Annual Meeting, the potential of such power was felt. One candidate for the Board of Directors—Susan Metz—held a clear majority among those present. But Melinda Marx won the spot because of people who were not there, who did not hear the candidates speak, who could not hear the discussion. Those not present naturally could not participate in the face-to-face give and take between members and candidates.

The same situation prevailed in June 1998. Forty-eight members attended the Annual Meeting. Joe Holtz held 85 undirected proxies, Israel Fishman held 51, Eric Schneider held 34. One person controlled almost twice as many

votes as there were live members who were at the meeting to listen and deliberate.

Though this is perfectly legitimate in a narrow, legalistic sense, we still must ask: Is this the spirit of democracy? Is this the essence of cooperation?

What happened to the idea that face-to-face exchange is the most preferred in a cooperative, democratic setting? As a second best, what about the notion of using the Linewaiters' Gazette as a forum for those unable to attend? Nonattending members could participate in the annual elections by reading candidates' statements in our biweekly pages, and exchange ideas and views

through articles and letters. Then they can vote their choices via directed proxies—otherwise known as absentee ballots that are cast for a specific candidate.

The obvious: since many more members read the Gazette than attend meetings, annual or otherwise, a far greater number than are present at meetings would be able to participate in an informed way. A member being convinced by a published discussion is a whole lot more participatory than handing over both judgment and decision to someone else. Participatory democracy should never be abandoned. As is common throughout the US, we can adopt the absentee ballot to retain the spirit of town-meeting democracy.

Ethics

To insure a quorum is good. I believe that is the only reason proxies should be used in our Coop. It is frankly outrageous when any member has the potential to take advantage of a technical loophole to outvote the entire attending membership at a meeting. It is grotesque when it occurs at the crucial yearly decision-making gathering of our Coop.

It is high time that we correct this antidemocratic state of affairs. I intend to bring a proposal to the General Meeting soon to enable the entire membership to participate in the all-important elections that occur at the Annual Meeting. If you have any ideas or suggestions to modify the way proxies are handled at our Coop, please give me a ring at 718-788-5944. Thank you. ■



Thanks from CITY HARVEST, Inc.



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March 17, 2000

Joe Holtz, Manager
Park Slope Food Coop
782 Union Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Dear Joe,

I am pleased to send you our 1999 Annual Report, which features Park Slope Food Coop on page 11 as one of our top food donors for the period of July 1, 1998 through June 31, 1999.

I wanted to pass along our most sincere thanks for joining us in such a significant way. Because of your involvement in our food rescue program, we were able to collect over 12.5 million pounds of wholesome and nutritious food, which we delivered to hungry men, women and children.

Amidst a healthy economy and record employment, up to one third of all New Yorkers still haven't got enough to eat. Many of these New Yorkers are people with jobs and families who simply can't make ends meet.

Your gift of wholesome donated food allows our recipient agencies to provide services that help break the cycle of poverty and dependence: programs like job training, day care and after-school programs, substance abuse, AIDS treatment, and housing assistance.

With your continued support, I'm sure that our fiscal year 2000 will prove equally as fruitful. On behalf of the Board, staff and those we serve, thanks for making such a big difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Best wishes,

Julia A. Erickson
Executive Director

P.S. Please feel free to contact our Food Development Department at 212-463-0456 if you have any comments or questions about donating food to City Harvest.

ITEMS FOR SALE—NON COMMERCIAL

WHAT QUALIFIES FOR REDUCED RATE?

To qualify for the reduced rate of \$4 per insertion, ads must be for items sold by individual members, not in any way commercial & priced at under \$200. See box below for additional submission & payment info.

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PLEASE PLACE MY AD UNDER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

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☐ Housing Sublets

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☐ Merchandise for Sale*

☐ Merchandise Wanted

☐ People Meeting

☐ Pets

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*See the form above for reduced-rate small non-commercial items.

**For Events-see the new Community Calendar following the center pages.

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BED AND BREAKFAST:

suite with private bath and kitchen; also rooms with private or semiprivate bath; spacious, clean, smoke-free accommodations with color TV, air conditioning and telephone. Continental breakfast served. Two night minimum. Longer term stays accommodated. Reasonable rates. Margaret Elwert 622-2897.

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Publication of an ad in the Linewaiters' Gazette does not imply endorsement by the Coop.

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COOP MEMBER seeking special egg donor. If you are an intelligent, kind woman, age 21-30, petite, 5'-5'5", medium complexion and would like to help, please call 800-241-7489. Compensation \$5000 plus all expenses.

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GREAT DEAL on circa-1900 Victorian sofa & chair set! Sofa is 7 ft. long, perfect for a snooze in your parlor flr Brownstone apt! Chair upholstery & spindle wood arms & carved back is a perfect match. All cushions with set, orig from Ken- nette Sqr PA estate sale. Moving, MUST SELL! \$1000 or BO. Call 718-330-0054 & SEE!

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Coop Job Opening:

Receiving Coordinator

Description:

The job entails lots of physical, mental and interpersonal work. Applicants must be organized, flexible, and be able to do a lot of lifting. They must also have a good spatial sense, a facility with numbers, math and computers. You must enjoy working with a diverse group of people. The job includes coordinating deliveries and coordinating stocking. It may include working in and out of coolers and a freezer for extended periods of time..

- Hours:** 25-40 hours/week, five days/week, starting possibly as early as 5:15 a.m.
- Wages:** \$14.25/hour with at least an annual cost-of-living adjustment effective every February.
- Benefits:** —Sick time
—Vacation—three weeks/year increasing to four in the 4th year
—healthy insurance
—pension plan

Application & Hiring Process

Please provide a cover letter and résumé as soon as you can. Submit them by mail or through the mail slot just outside the shopping entrance door of the Coop. Please state your availability. All applicants will receive a response. *Please do not call the office.*

If you applied previously and are still interested, please reapply. Applications will be held for consideration in any possible hiring for Receiving Coordinator within one year.

Pre requisite:

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Answer to Puzzle on page 8.
kale, collards, mizuna, mustard, swiss chard, spinach, beet greens, bok choy, escarole, dandelion greens

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WELCOME!

A warm welcome to the following new Coop members who joined us in the two weeks before the Gazette deadline. We're glad you've decided to be a part of our community.

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| Liz Asch | Jamie Marcu |
| Brian Austin | Dawn Marrero |
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| Galina Bobkova | James Moralia |
| Caroline Byrne | Erin Murphy |
| Thayer Case | May Ng |
| Beckett Chambliss | Deborah Samantha Olin |
| Steven Cooper | Sabina Ostolsky |
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| Rachel Eisendrath | Leslie Pearlman |
| Leann Faber | Randy Permell |
| Loretta Gendville | Steve Poppick |
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| Elana Goodridge | Catherine Saint Louis |
| Martha Greenawalt | Christian Sanchez |
| Annie Grunewald | Lacey Schwartz |
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| Ellen Harris | Jamie Trachtenberg |
| Sunshine Hernandez | Shastine Van Vugt |
| Gary Jerome | Laura Viddy |
| Miriam Klevan | Susan Walsh |
| Kristina Kohler | Brion Winston |
| Ellen Kruger | Catherine Wu |
| Mary Lovelace | |
| Sarah Lowe | |

Job Opening
for
Receiving
Coordinator.
See page 15



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following members for referring friends who joined the Coop in the last two weeks.

As the Coop has a normal turnover in membership of 20-25% every year, we constantly need new members to maintain the size of our working squads.

We encourage all members to tell their friends about the Coop!

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| Alyce Barr | Dave Morgenroth |
| Emily Beebe | Debbie Officer |
| Phebe Brown | Debbie Parker |
| Kathy Creavale | Miriam Pope |
| Rita Eberhart | Zipporah Portugal |
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| Leann Faber | Ann Rosen |
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| Hazel Hankin | Tonya |
| Amy Himelblau | Linda Van Horn |
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| Leslie Jenkins | Karima Wilson |
| Ted Lewis | Yoshi |
| Ian MacDonald | |