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# Looking at You, Kid **Cameras Are Watching You As You Shop**

By Barbara Ensor

atthew Fass remembers the moment he first knew he was being watched. "Someone called from the office while I was doing my cashier work slot and asked me to give her the names of the other people sitting at each register." She was trying to determine if somebody had not shown up for their shift, he says. During the course of the conversation it occurred to Fass to ask if she could see—as well as hear him. "It was," recalls Fass "a little unnerving" to be told that indeed she had a clear view of him on a video monitor. At that point Fass looked up and saw several cameras looking down at him. "I began to have questions as to just how much surveillance happens at the Coop," says Fass.

#### How could so many of us fail to notice several dozen cameras?

It was to protect cashiers like Fass that the cameras were first installed. "The police asked for our security system tapes back in 1997 when we reported an armed robbery" explains coordinator Tricia Leith, who is responsible for maintaining the security system. "That was when we realized we needed to install something like this." Video cameras installed as a result of a General Meeting proposal were eventually replaced with newer digital technology, which stores images in a computer system. After ten years, the cameras have become a fact of life at the Food Coop.

A feeling of being watched used to be considered a sign of mental illness. Now we are out of touch with reality if we don't understand that our movements are often being monito red during the day. Cameras are prominent in the Coop, but given how few Coop shoppers are aware of them I suspect we don't really want to know about them. How else could so many of us fail to notice several dozen cameras prominently mounted on the ceiling of the Coop's shopping floor, including one with a roving eye taking in a 360 degree view.

back with a small bag of hibiscus tea, they are horrified to find it missing. A careful review of digital images recently identified one such thief, who, it turns out, was wanted for numerous other crimes. He "had plagued the Coop" for a long time, according to Leith, and the digital images helped to lead to his arrest.

#### A Fact of Life

Coop members I spoke to were not particularly upset about the increasing presence of video cameras in their lives. "Being on camera has gradually increased throughout my life," says Tom Delaney, a Coop member who works in retail sales. Delaney says he noticed "cameras were everywhere" while visiting London in 1998. There were positives and negatives to it, in Delaney's view, but on the whole it didn't detract from his visit. "I just loved London," he says. The same loyalty to the Coop seems to override any discomfort people may have about security cameras. As member Kate Doran put it: "What's the downside?'

The practical benefits of security cameras a re obvious. Many of us have eagerly adopted technology that allows us to keep a watchful eye on sleeping babies and our teenagers' Internet use. Until the English language develops a word to express the strange feeling of

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# What We Talk About When We Talk About Food

Whereorganic food meets class consciousness

By Katie Benner

re you a class snob, an elitist or a conspicuous consumer?

Maybe you're not, but your food choices may say otherwise. The public image of organic food has gotten a class-conscious facelift not unlike those performed on the stateliest of Upper East Side doyennes.

Blame it on celebrities who have given organic and macrobiotic diets a glamorous side; or the sky-high prices and flattering lighting at Whole Foods; or the many celebrity chefs who have crusaded to give all-natural eating an upscale cachet. There are a host of possible culprits, but as one friend recently said, "When people think of organic food, they don't just think about dirty farmers in Vermont with a wheelbarrow full of apples. They think of these skinny women in yoga pants running in and out of Whole Foods spending 21 bucks a pound on organic fish."

#### "It is elitist not to be *questioning the food status* quo in this country."

But it wasn't supposed to be this way. Eating healthful food produced in an environmentally sustainable way didn't begin as just one more metric used to separate the haves from the have-nots.



"The two major reasons people eat organic foods is that they're really concerned about what they're putting into their bodies... or they're concerned about effect they're having on the land," says Allen Zimmerman, Park Slope Food Coop General Coordinator. "I don't find that this is in any way indicative of a person's economic status at all."

He adds that organic food production and consumption has been the economic salvation of many small farms and family businesses, which in some ways could be conside red the opposite of elitism. "When you're buying from a little organic local farm, you are keeping the salt of the earth alive, particularly when you buy local produce," says Zimmerman.

Despite the fact that Zimmerman is absolutely correct that the movement was never intended to be a class signifier, in New York City, and perhaps in the nation at large, eating has not escaped connection with wealth and status: Fast

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"The only time we look back at the camera images is when someone reports a theft," says Tricia Leith. Since bike theft is the biggest security issue in and around the Food Coop, images from the camera facing the bike rack in front of Union Street are reviewed most frequently. Several stolen bikes have been recovered as a result.

Purse snatchings are the second most common kind of crime. Leith says that what usually happens is that Coop shoppers sometimes leave a purse in their shopping cart while they run off to find an item in another aisle. Arriving

Next Genera	l Meeting or	n August 29
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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, August 29, 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Pl

The agenda appears in this issue and is available as a flyer in the entryway of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

\* Exceptions for November and December will be posted.

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

# Looking at You, Kid

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knowing someone may be watching you, even if it is for your own good, the downside of security cameras may be hard to explain.

# Loyalty to the coop seems to override any discomfort people may have.

Digital camera technology has been put to yet another use in the Coop within the last year. A monitor mounted to the ceiling of the office allows coordinators upstairs to keep an eye on the cashiers and the line forming to pay for groceries. Watching people like Matthew Fass is part of an effort "to help improve service," Tricia Leith explains. Office workers who notice that a cashier hasn't shown up, causing a long line of restless shoppers, can help the squad leader do something about it. They might put out a page encouraging people to have their payments ready, for example, or call for someone able to fill in on an emergency basis.

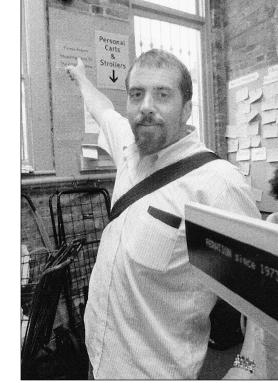
When surveillance was something we associated with repressive governments, many of us were pretty sure we didn't want anything of the sort on American soil. But today, with our safety and pocket books on the line we don't appear to mind. The idea of people coming together without a camera to monitor them may one day seem as unthinkable as cities without street lamps or homes without telephones. Perhaps too, something important has been lost.





Top right: Two monitors for surveillance cameras in the Coop office. Right: Matthew Fass, a cashier, points to what he says is a camera watching the cashier post. Above and below right: Coop surveillance cameras.







# **Digital Archivist Sought**

The Park Slope Food Coop's Reading Series

## Back to School Children's Book Reading



Park Slope Food Coop Children's author and illustrator Youme Landowne will read her book Selow (That is Life) A Holtion Story of Hope, a true story of children in Haiti who started their own radio station so that their voices would be heard around the world. All ages are welcome.

Selavi, published by Cinco Puntos Press 2004, received ALA Notable Book Award, Americas Award commendation and the Jane Addams Award for children's books.

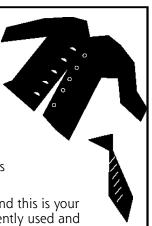
Books will be available for purchase.

Youme Landowne is a Coop member (Pumpkin Day face painter) who lives in Brooklyn (with friends and homestays in Japan, Kenya, Cuba,Halti, Miami, Laos, Woods Hole and San Francisco). Through the world she rides her bicycle joyfully

Tuesday, September 5 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Coop All Wardstroat participants are Coop members. Bankings: 2 j. Conto, public control that the control of the cont

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#### The web committee seeks a Digital Archivist for the Linewaiters' Gazette.

This person will have a growing set of responsibilities. At first, the Archivist will work to bring old *Linewaiters*' issues online by exporting native Quark documents to PDF, and posting these PDFs to a newly created *Linewaiters*' area on the Coop's site. Posting will be via the Coop's web-based content management system.

As the weeks go on, the Archivist will be responsible for regular postings of selected *Linewaiters*' articles via a blogging interface (probably WordPress). These will be direct "cut and paste" posts of major articles.

\* At first, the Archivist will need to perform Quark extractions on site at the Coop, using Macintosh computers.

\* Going forward, it's likely the Archivist will be able to complete work at home, during variable hours, using any computer or internet tools desired. \* The Archivist will need to be generally competent with internet tools (web browsers, FTP clients, etc.) and specifically competent with Ouark Express and the pitfalls of PDF creation.

\* Familiarity with WordPress, or simple web-based content management systems would be helpful.

\* Finally, the Archivist should be a persnickety sort, with a good eye for typos or transpositions or any of the other thousands of nit-picky things that go wrong when one moves text around a lot. A good nose for spelling would be very helpful.

\* If you are interested, please submit your resume along with a personal note explaining how your experience meets the needs and skills described above to jess\_robinson@psfc.coop Have you noticed that Coop members are great dressers!

The season is changing, and this is your opportunity to trade gently used and beautiful clothes that you no longer wear.

A clothing exchange is a community event that is ecologically responsible and fun. Why support the consumer market and buy, when you can wear clothes that have already been well loved.

Bring items that you think others might enjoy-and a snack to share.

#### Saturday, September 16 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the meeting room

#### To bring Clothes...

• Do not leave clothing in the Coop before the hours of the exchange.

• Bring up to 15 items only

• Bring gently used, clean clothing that you are proud to be able to exchange with it's new owner.

(Unchosen clothing will be donated to a local shelter.)

# **July 2006 General Meeting**

By Diane Aronson

ighty members, many of them first-time participants, attended the Park Slope Food Coop's July 2006 General Meeting, which was held at the Garfield Temple. The meeting was chaired by Michael Scudder.

The GM considered two agenda items. Item one was the presentation of the audited financial report for the last fiscal year. Item two was a Coop bylaw-mandated interim election to fill the board position left open by Israel David Fishman's death in June.

#### "At some point this year–we hope in the fall– we'll be able to accept debit cards."

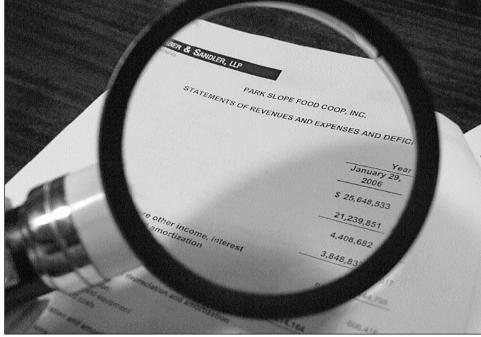
First up was the traditional GM opener, the open forum, a time when members may ask straightforward questions. Donald Murk queried for a membership count. General Coordinator Mike Eakin supplied the total as of July 23: 12,271 members, which is down from more than 13,000 members; according to Eakin, the Coop traditionally loses members during the summer. Murk observed, "If this is the governing body, then it is a minority running the Coop." He commented that he would encourage the Coop to start thinking about "some new way to govern the Coop."

Coop to work. He commented, "If people said they couldn't get to the Coop, it may very well be true."

Terryl Owens asked when debit cards will be accepted at the Coop. Jessica Robinson answered, "At some point this year—we hope in the fall we'll be able to install the equipment and the software that will allow us to accept debit cards." System testing and staff and member training will then need to take place before you'll be able to say "debit it" at the end of your Coop shop.

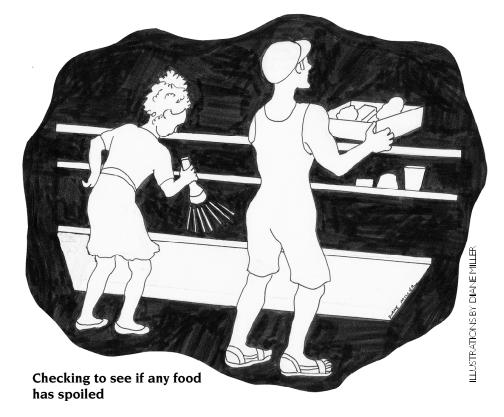
Next up in the GM was the coordinators' report. General Coordinator Allen Zimmerman spoke about a recent New York magazine article, which reported that 700 members had left the Coop between May 14 and July 2, and linked the member fall-away to the opening of the Red Hook Fairway and dissatisfaction with the Coop. Zimmerman advised GM attendees not to believe everything they read. He said the reporters had confused the summer-leave program with people who permanently leave the Coop.

Allen Zimmerman also talked about the July blackout and how it affected the Coop. Around 8:30 p.m. on July 17, power went out at the Coop. The first priority was effecting a safe exit by shoppers and working members who wanted to leave. Then staff and



#### The Independent Auditors'Report is reviewed

Morey spoke. It seems to me that people not coming to the meeting shows their satisfaction with the way things are being run." moving as much perisnable food as possible to the walk-in coolers downstairs. To accomplish this in a nonelectric world took some on-the-spot



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#### **Positive Cash Flow**

The first agenda item, the financial report for the fiscal year ending January 29, 2006, was introduced by General Coordinator Joe Holtz. This statement is traditionally given at the Park Slope Food Coop's annual meeting, which takes place at the end of June. But with a change of auditors—the Coop auditor of nearly thirty years' standing is stepping-down his workload—there was a learning curve lag, and the report was delayed by one month.

The audited financial report was presented by Robert Reitman, CPA, and a partner of Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP. The selection of the firm came about from a search committee of members with accounting and business backgrounds presenting a general meeting with their recommendation.

Robert Reitman's presentation was straightforward, and copies of the report were available to GM attendees. Among the highlights is the Coop's positive cash flow. Our net sales were \$25,648,533, up from \$22,552,135 from the fiscal year ending in January 2005. All together, members currently have invested more than \$3,300,000 in their Coop; this figure includes members' loans and members' redeemable investments. The pension plan is solid, too.

Our income tax obligation is up over the last fiscal year's, due to a dip in the dollar amount of depreciation we can take on equipment. Mike Eakin would point out later in the meeting that the installation of new checkout game" to think about refunds.

After a few more questions, discussion about the financial report wound down, and the GM voted to accept the statement.

#### Filling The Board Vacancy

The meeting's next order of business was to hold an interim election to fill the vacant board position. The Coop's board election rules allow for nomination of board candidates at a General Meeting.

There were no on-the-spot nominations at the July GM, and the meeting considered a written statement by Bill Penner, who couldn't be present due to a long-standing commitment. Penner had run for the board before, and had been present at that GM to give a candidacy speech. A member for nearly five years, he has worked in shopping, receiving, maintenance and food-processing slots at the Coop; currently, he is a member of the CHIPS food kitchen squad.

A trained chef and now an architect heading his own Brooklyn firm, Penner views the Coop as a place where "I connect with my passion for food and realize the significance of food and food production in our society as a cultural, environmental, and economic force of incredible power," according to the candidate statement read in his absence. Penner's statement also stressed his belief "in the value of the

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#### **Bombs, Blackouts and Debit Cards**

Another member queried for more information about a bomb scare in Park Slope, which he had learned about when he was on his way to the Coop to do a makeup. General Coordinator Jessica Robinson described the details she learned from the local press. In Robinson's telling, a homeless person left material, including luggage, around the neighborhood. After somebody reported the abandoned items to the authorities, sections of the Slope, including Union Street, were closed down while authorities investigated.

Member Michael Rieman offered further details about the bomb scare, which he said took place on July third. He observed that access from Seventh Avenue to the Coop was at times not possible, and this would affect the efforts of people trying to get to the creativity and cooperation. Human chains were formed to pass food.

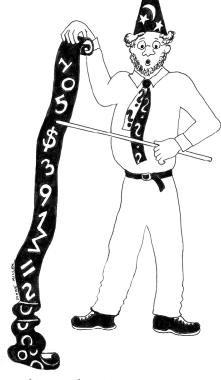
Limited power came back at about 2:00 p.m. the next afternoon, but the Coop's refrigerators were still not working, nor was the conveyor belt to the basement running. Inspiration and ingenuity intervened again, and the belt was covered with cardboard so that deliveries could be slid down to the basement.

All at-risk food in the Coop was carefully sorted. When in doubt, it was thrown out. Items that wouldn't last were given away.

The Coop was open for shopping at 4:00 the same day, July 18, maintaining the Coop's tradition of being open for business every day. All told, the Coop suffered \$23,000 in lost food as well as the cost of some damage to the refrigerators. The Coop can file an insurance claim, and as of the July GM was investigating filing a claim with equipment to accommodate debit cards should boost our equipment depreciation for the current fiscal year.

#### "We try to have low prices, and give people money back every time they shop."

A member asked if the Coop should retain surplus income. Holtz observed that consumer coops do allow for patronage refunds, but at the Park Slope Food Coop it would be a very complex shopping formula, based on each member's shopping total. Holtz commented, "The Coop has never gone in that direction. What we generally try to do is have low prices, and give people money back every time they shop." He went on to say that the Coop could offer refunds to members if it continued to make money, but concluded that "it's a little early in the



New financial report

# What We Talk About When We Talk About Food

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food vs. French restaurant; TV dinner vs. a home cooked meal; convenience store fare vs. specialty grocers. Organic food seems to have fallen on the upscale side of the scale.

"I think it is elitist not to be questioning the food status quo in this country," says Coop member Anna Lappé, founding principal of the Small Planet Institute and co-author of the books Hope's Edge: The Next Diet for a Small Planet and Grub, Ideas for an Urban Organic Kitchen. "Today, mostly it's people who live in certain neighborhoods with certain incomes who have access to the best organic food. The food justice movement, emerging in the past decade across the country, is trying to do something to right that wrong, to ensure that everyone-no matter the income-has access to the best food for our bodies and the planet.'

#### It All Began with Wal-Mart...

While writing my story on Wal-Mart's decision to sell more organic food, I stopped a Whole Foods shopper to ask her if she would buy organic food from the mega retailer. She smirked and said, "Like Wal-Mart shoppers really want organic food. I'm sure there's tons of demand from those people."

Nearly every person-on-the-street interview I conducted in gathering opinions about Wal-Mart's move to organics contained a shadow of this woman's attitude-that people who shop at a big-box retailer that caters to low- and middle-income Americans could not possibly appreciate or even want organic foods.

No one said that Wal-Mart, despite its business practices, could be bringing healthful choices to an underserved demographic that can't afford Whole Foods, even though some commended the retailer for trying to use its influential buying power to funnel money into organic producers.

"I think people associate organic foods with microproduction and farmers' markets, whereas I'd go to Wal-Mart to buy appliances and bulk items. You know—500 rolls of toilet paper and three-gallon cans of Beefaroni," says Alex Auritt, a math teacher and Coop member.

Putting Wal-Mart aside, these discussions revealed a lot about the way some people had begun to think about the food that they eat at home, with their families or friends or alone. But what people seemed to be thinking wasn't necessarily very pretty.

When asked point-blank about whether organic food is marketed as a product for wealthy people, Auritt, along with most people I spoke to, was reluctant to talk. He noted that no one wants to think of life in these terms, even if we can't help but judge people based on whether they seem wealthy or not. However, he said, it makes sense that in a city where money talks, class consciousness would extend even to the food we eat.

"Some people think of organic foods as items from boutique groceries for foodies and snobs who want to pay a surcharge for a 'better' product, or for people [willing to pay for food that makes a political statement]. The assumption is that [people with little money] just trying to put food on the table would have no interest in spending more for these luxuries."

Coop member Melissa Rivera agrees that there "is some perception that eating organic is elitist or only for people who can afford to eat that way. I know when I have a few bucks I will shop at Whole Foods and to be honest, when I am standing in line and I look around, I feel a bit out of place. I kind of feel as if I don't belong, because I really can't afford to shop there.'

She adds that she joined the Coop because she is a single mom who needed an affordable way to provide healthy food for her son and herself.

#### Why Do I Care?

Auritt emphasized that "some people" or "other people" think this way, not Coop members.

But even when we're thinking about other people's thoughts and deeds, it's still an interesting discussion for the Coop.

For members who want more people to believe in the organic food movement and its environmental importance, quelling this particular perception is important

#### "We want more people to care about organic foods"

"We want more people to care about organic food and to understand why it's important to think about production when they eat," says Ronnie Cummins, national director of the Organic Consumers Association. "We don't want them turned off by the movement because they think it's just for rich people."

And for those few members who hate their work shift, perhaps this issue is one way to ameliorate the annoyance they feel when they "sacrifice" those two hours and 45 minutes every four weeks.

The Coop prides itself on being an all-inclusive community that requires only our time and work in exchange for affordable, healthy foods that stores like Whole Foods and upscale markets have made too expensive for the average person on the street. This is only possible because members dedicate human power, not earnings power, to the store.

Some of us could afford to leave and pay dues at another food Coop in order to escape a work requirement. We could afford to pay more at Whole Foods or Back to the Land. We could use our cars to drive to the suburbs and load up on groceries in Bronxville. Or we could, with our time, remain dedicated to a system that makes organic affordable to everyone.

# **PSFC** August **GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, August 29** 7:00 p.m.

• Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall 274 Garfield Pl at 8th Ave.

- Items will be taken up in the order given.
- Times in parentheses are suggestions.

## AGENDA:

#### Item #1: Toddler Size Shopping Carts

#### (30 minutes)

Discussion: "To offer 3-5 toddler size shopping carts for use by children accompanied by a caregiver during low-traffic Coop shopping hours." —submitted by Jason Platt Zolov

#### Item #2: Gazette Advertising Fees (30 minutes)

Proposal: "To adjust the per issue fees, last revised in 1996, for Gazette ads from \$10 to \$15 for classified ads and from \$20 to \$30 for business card ads to cover the cost of printing the Gazette, and to take effect one month following the passage of this proposal (in order to provide adequate notice to members).'

-submitted by the General Coordinators

#### Item #3: Overdue Make-ups (30 minutes)

Discussion: Discuss/develop a Coop approach toward members with overdue make-ups. For the past several years the Membership Office has been developing guidelines, with some input from Shopping Squad Leaders, for approaching members who have owed make-ups for a long time. The One-for-One program is in use in the Membership Office and was developed to help us assist members who've owed makeups for a long time reduce the owed makeups to zero while retaining their shopping privileges. Ideally, there would be a Coopwide policy that the Office and Squad Leaders would both follow. This would be the initial General Meeting discussion to get wider member feedback on the current practices. —submitted by the General Coordinators

#### **Future Agenda Information:**

For information on how to place an Item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the Linewaiters' Gazette. The Agenda Committee

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



# July 2006 General Meeting

Coop Secretary Elizabeth Tobier formally presented the June general and annual meeting notes, and queried if there were any corrections. There

Coop as a mechanism for maintaining affordable and wholesome food for as many people as possible."

Members asked a few procedural questions, including whether there had been enough notice and time for candidates to declare an interest in running. Joe Holtz referred to the Coop bylaws, which require that an interim election to fill an open board slot take place not less than 30 but not more than 60 days after the vacancy. The July GM was the meeting that met this schedule.

One member pointed out that the Coop's rules require that a candidate be present at an election, and that the July GM would need to green-light a waiver before the meeting could vote on Penner's board candidacy. After some discussion, the waiver was voted through, but not before a couple of members expressed their surprise at only one candidate.

Paper ballots were then distributed, and the votes were cast: 64 in favor of Bill Penner, 12 against, and 2 abstentions. Penner will fill a board slot that will be up for election again at the 2007 annual meeting.

were none.

The July GM then moved on to the Board's consideration of the meeting's actions. The Board voted to accept all of the meeting's actions.



Leading shoppers out of the building

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

# **Coop Plastics Recycling FAQs**

By Regina Sandler-Phillips

ur Coop plastics recycling program is gaining momentum! Here's how you can do your part:

**Q:** Why should I bring plastics to the Coop? Why can't I recycle them at home?

A: The NYC Department of Sanitation only accepts plastic in the form of bottles and jugs (with necks narrower than the bodies) for recycling. That's a tiny percentage of the tons of plastic thrown away in NYC on any given day. Our Coop Recycling Squad collects plastics that NYC does NOT accept for recycling, including wide-mouth conCoop during one of our three monthly collection times. Please don't bring us plastic bottles or jugs; put them in the proper containers at home for regular city collection.

**Q:** What if there's another number (3, 6, or 7)—or NO number on the bottom?

**A:** Unfortunately, that means we can't accept it at the Coop at this time. We are working with other environmental advocates in and out of the Coop to deal with the problem of plastics that are not currently recycled. trash by insuring that everything you bring to our Recycling Squad is clean and dry.

**Q:** What kinds of #5 plastics are accepted for recycling?

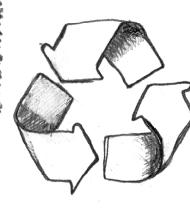
**A:** Our #5 plastics collection is a pilot partnership with Recycline, the Massachusetts manufacturer of Preserve brand products, since no one local currently accepts these plastics. We have just expanded the pilot program: Recycline is now accepting both clear and opaque #5 plastic tubs and cups, as well as specifically marked #5 container lids, bottle caps and jug caps! You can check



tainers, dry cleaner film and plastic bags. (Think how many of *those* you go through in a given week!)

**Q:** Why can't I drop off my plastics any time I work or shop at the Coop?

A: The Coop does not have the space to store plastics in between collections, or the capacity to check for insect and mold contamination (see below). As more Coop members participate in our monthly collections, we may be able to expand squad hours to other days and times during the month. Meanwhile, we'll be waiting to receive your plastics on every second Saturday of the month between noon and 2 p.m., every third Thursday of the month between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., and every last Sunday of the month between 10 a.m. and noon.



**Q:** Why do I have to clean and dry the plastics before bringing them?

A: Contamination by insects and mold can turn otherwise recyclable plastics into ordinary trash. Every day in NYC, 50,000 tons of trash are carted through our streets; all of the trash is now diesel-trucked to out-of-state landfills. Meanwhile, billions of tons of trash accumulated over more than 50 years remain in the Fresh Kills Landfill on Staten Island. This landfill covers 2,200 acres, can be seen with the naked eye from space, and is taller then the Statue of Liberty. You can do your part in helping to stem this tide of

out Recycline's products at www.recycline.com.

# **Q:** Where do the rest of the plastics go after the Recycling Squad collects them?

A: Members of our squad pick up our #1, #2 and #4 plastics at the end of each collection and bring them to AAA Polymer, a Greenpoint recycler. Among other items, AAA Polymer makes a heavygauge clear plastic garbage bag sold at Home Depot.





**Q:** How can I tell if a plastic container or lid is recyclable through the Coop?

A: If it's a plastic bag or clear plastic film, we take it—as long as it's clean and dry. Otherwise, look on the bottom of the container or lid for a number inside a triangle of three rotating arrows. If the number is 1, 2 or 4—or if a plastic tub, cup, lid or cap carries the number 5 (see below)—clean and dry the plastic, and bring it to the V \*

# The Diversity & Equality is Seeking New Members

The Diversity and Equality Committee (DEC) is pleased to report that some PSFC members have responded to our call for new members. These new members help to safeguard our Coop as a respectful and enjoyable place for all to shop.

At this time we're still seeking new members with mediation and conflict resolution skills, diversity education skills, survey assessment/evaluation skills and media/journalism skills.

The ideal candidates will be members who take initiative, work independently and attend our meetings on the second floor of the Coop every second Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Interested members should contact the Diversity & Equality Committee by phone at 888-204-0098 or by e-mail at diversecoop@yahoo.com. Leave your name and contact information, and let us know what skills and experience you bring. Interested members may also attend our next meeting, September 14.



#### COOP HOURS

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### **Shopping Hours:**

Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00\* p.m. Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 10:00\* p.m. Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 7:30\* p.m.

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#### **Childcare Hours:**

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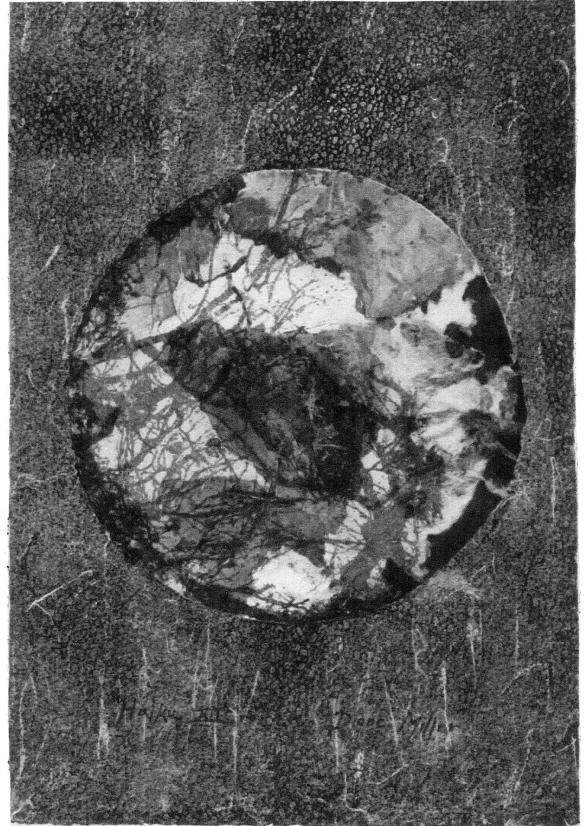
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# **Puzzle Corner**

Contributions from members are welcome. Please sign your entries. Answer is on page 10.

#### **Cryptogram Topic: Pasta Cuts**

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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# "HAIKU XII"

**Diane Miller** 

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# COPCALENDAR

#### **New Member Orientations**

Monday & Wednesday evenings: ... 7:30 p.m. Wednesday mornings: . . . . . . . . . 10:00 a.m. Sunday afternoons: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4:00 p.m.

Be sure to be here promptly—or early—as we begin on time! The orientation takes about two hours. Please don't bring small children

### **Gazette Deadlines**

#### LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Aug 31 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 21 7:00 p.m., Mon, Sep 4 Sep 14 issue:

#### **CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:**

Aug 31 issue: 10:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 23 Sep 14 issue: 10:00 p.m., Wed, Sep 6

#### Plastic Recycling

#### 2nd Saturdays, noon-2:00 p.m.

• 3rd Thursdays, 7-9:00 p.m.

- last Sundays, 10:00 a.m.-noon
- Plastics #1, 2, 4, only those
- not accepted by NYC, plus
- plastic shopping bags • Plastic #5 (from dairy products only)
- All Clean & Dry!



#### General Meeting

#### TUE, AUG 29

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m. The agenda appears in this issue. Agenda flyers are available in the entryway of the Coop .

#### TUE, SEP 5

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.—Items submitted will be considered for the September 26 GM.

### The Coop on Cable TV

"Inside the Park Slope Food Coop' FRIDAYS 1:00 p.m. with a replay at 9:00 p.m. Channels: 56 (TimeWarner), 67 (CableVision). If specific programming is available at press time, it will appear on the Community Calendar page overleaf.

# Attend a GM To Receive Work Credit...

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Since the Coop's inception in 1973, the General Meeting has been our decision-making body. At the General Meeting (GM) members gather to make decisions and set Coop policy. The General-Meeting-for-workslotcredit program was created to increase participation in the Coop's decision-making process.

#### Advance Sign-up Required:

To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the ground floor elevator lobby. On the day of the meeting sign-ups are allowed until 5p.m. and the sign-up sheets will be located in the Membership Office all day. On the day of the meeting, come to the Office to add your name to the list and to receive your information packet. Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.

#### Two GM attendance credits per year:

Each member may take advantage of the General-Meeting-for-workslot-credit program two times per year.

#### **Certain Squads are omitted from the Program**:

You may attend the GM for credit only if you are a member of a Shopping, Receiving/Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Construction, and FTOP committee. Other Squads are omitted either because covering absent members is too difficult or attendance at the GM is already part of the workslot's responsibility.

your name in this book. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet. You must also sign this sheet in order to receive credit.

#### Being Absent from the GM:

There is no penalty if you sign-up for the meeting and then cannot attend. We do ask that you try to keep the sign-up sheet current and remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

#### If you are on an ABCorD shift and are "ACTIVE" for work on the night of the meeting:

You will be given an FTOP credit for attendance at the meeting. You are not required to use this credit at a particular time. However, to use this credit you must follow the Coop's rules for "Using Banked FTOP Time" that are explained in a flier available in elevator lobby literature racks and in the Membership Office.

#### If you are on an ABCorD shift and owe a make-up on the night of the meeting:

The GM attendance credit will automatically be applied as a make-up.

#### If you are on FTOP:

Recording of your attendance at the meeting and an FTOP shift credit will be applied to your FTOP record after you have attended the meeting.



Presented by the Environmental Committee

# Water Filters

Water Filters are a cost-effective and ecological alternative to bottled water. Take advantage of New York's high quality tap water, considered by many the best in the nation, by filtering out chlorine (after it has served its bacteriocidal purpose), and other undesirable elements. Keep plastic bottles from accumulating in landfills. Average cost of one gallon of water is about 15 cents per gallon.

#### ABOUT ALL ТНЕ 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, August 29, 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 appear 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.)

#### Attend the entire GM:

In order to earn workslot credit you must be present for the entire meeting. GMs typically run from 7:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m., though they occasionally run longer.

#### Childcare is provided at the General Meeting location:

To request that childcare be provided for your child at the meeting, you must notify a paid staff Office Coordinator in the Membership Office at least one week prior to the meeting date.

#### Sign the Attendance Sheets at the Meeting:

During the GM an attendance book will make its way around the room. Please sign

#### Consider making a report to your Squad after you attend the meeting:

you can help inform other members about current Coop issues, the GM in general and the GM-for-credit program in particular by making a brief report about your GM experience. You can make this report the next time you meet with your squad or, if you are on FTOP, the next time you work on any Squad. Generally these reports work best as part of a squad end-of-shift meeting. ■



- Meet the Coordinators
- Enjoy some Coop snacks
- 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 as an item for a future GM.

#### Reports (7:30 p.m.)

- Financial Report
- Coordinators' Report
- Committee Reports

#### Agenda (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.

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your listings in 50 words or less by mail, the mailslot in the entry vestibule, or GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue. \*Denotes a Coop member.

#### TUE, AUG 22

#### SUN, SEP 17

FREE! CAREGIVER STRESS REDUCTION workshop led by \*Joan Vega. Learn breath work, guided meditation, and visualization techniques to cope with the overwhelming demands of caregiving. Held at Leeza's Place at Park Slope Geriatric Day Center, Tuesdays, 4-5:00 pm. RSVP necessary. Please call 347-296-2345 to register.

"GOODBYE to NYC" from \*KAREN GLEESON and \*PAUL SHERIDAN. We are moving to Maine! FREE Goodbye concert: Charlie King/ Karen Brandow—political, satiric folk music; bring \$ for worthy fundraising and CD purchases. 12:00-4:00 p.m., Old Stone House, in 3rd St/5th Ave park. Info: sheridanpa@earthlink.net, karenglee@earthlink.net





# Friday, September 1 7:00 p.m. at the Coop



THE NAKED PROOF

A charmingly guirky and cleverly scripted philosophical comedy about a Seattle Philosophy graduate student (Michael Chick, SILENCE!) and the very pregnant woman (Arlette Del Toro) who lands by chance on his doorstep—who may or may not actually exist.

# 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 p roducers. 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.

### Wall Chart Updating

#### Sundays, 8:00-10:45 a.m.

Early morning shift in a quite office, updating the wall charts that show available FTOP shifts.

### Laundry

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#### Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Laundry and a few other light maintenance tasks. Gather laundry from the ground floor and basement, preparing it (check pockets, typing apron strings, etc.), take it across the street to the Laundromat and put it in washers. Return to the Coop. For the remainder of the shift time, you will do some light maintenance tasks assigned by a Receiving Coordinator. During this time, return briefly to the Laundromat to transfer loads to dryers.

#### Sunday, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Pick up laundry from the Laundromat. Sort clean aprons, towels, gloves, etc., and put everything away around the Coop. For remainder of the shift, do additional light maintenance tasks under the supervision of a staff person.

## **Toy Cleaning**

#### Monday, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

This job entails cleaning all plastic toys in the childcare room with soap and water. Wipe down all wooden toys; clean small chairs and tables: straighten the book shelves. In addition to cleaning, sort out anything that is visibly broken and throw it out.

# **Office Close**

#### Wednesday 8:30-11:00 p.m.

Our openings are on Wednesday at the moment, but if you like this kind of work, keep an eye out or ask about other days. The job is mainly data entry inputting changes generated by the make-up recorders, attendance workers, and evening office workers.

## **Office Supplies**

#### Thursday, 8:30-11:00 p.m.

Working with a multi-page list, count and replenish supplies in all the second-floor offices.

# GENETICALLY **MODIFIED FOOD:** WHY ARE WE FIGHTING IT?



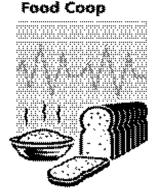
Filmmaker, Jamie Hook is a new transplant to Brooklyn. His most recent production, Guy Maddin's THE BRAND UPON THE BRAIN, will have its U.S. premiere in September as part of the New York Film Festival. His play, POINT BREAK LIVE, had a sold-out three-month run at Galapagos this past spring. Previously, he founded the Northwest Film Forum in Seattle where he produced several films. He has also run the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Film Festival.

A discussion with the filmmaker will follow.

	Non-members
Film Night organizer	welcome
Trish Dalton can be reached	
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AN EVENING OF FILM **Hidden Dangers in** Kids' Meals: Genetically **Engineered Foods** 

#### AND DISCUSSION A discussion led by Safe Food Committee members will follow the screening.

All welcome. **GMO-Free refreshments** will be served.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITO

## DEFECTIVE DENTRIFICE

#### TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is both a complaint and a query. I have tried the Jason brand toothpaste a couple of times. As the tube depletes and one tries to roll it up, it begins to crack and the toothpaste oozes out. This has happened a couple of times, so I'm not going to purchase it any more. In addition, I was disappointed that when noting this with Jason Natural, they failed to respond. Have others had this problem? Should we rethink whether the Coop carries a defective product?

George M. Carter

### **BETTER RESEARCH FOR BETTER ARTICLES**

#### **TO THE EDITOR:**

I agree heartily with Adam Segal-Isaacson that some of the nutrition and health articles in the *Gazette* are not carefully researched, or are based on conclusions by practitioners, rather than large-scale studies. We should either screen articles for errors, post a disclaimer ("may not be accurate"), or have footnotes or a bibliography indicating the sources of the information.

Rosalie Friend



# YOU ARE WHAT YOU HEAR

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Avocado, broccoli, Carob, hummus shmear, Haddock, perch and pollack— Delicious foods for the ear. Sesame seeds, tortillas, Lentils, alfalfa tea, Cornish hen, legumes-Aural ecstasy. Gelatin and almonds, Kale and black-eyed peas, steaming comfrey-Syllables that please. Gefilte fish and cocoa, Angel food cake, bulgur, Blackstrap molasses, yogurt-Octave above the vulgar. Kasha, hominy grits, Cantaloupe and matzo, Carob, salted pretzels-How many pleasures? Lotsa. Summer squash, salami, Tofu, escarole. Chili con carne, sherbet-Shivers in the soul. Ricotta, couscous, millet, Cole slaw, Camembert, Gazpacho, cauliflower-Sounds I love to hear.

Leon Freilich

# **GOOD JOB**, ANN

#### TO ANN:

Excellent work on the Fairway art icle. As a fellow journalist I commend your balanced approached to the piece. It was fascinating reading to see the baskets add up at the two stores. I'd be interested to know how the meat selection compares (didn't see any mention of beef, lamb, duck, etc.).

Please keep these factual articles coming as more stores attempt to compete with the Coop (isn't Whole Foods supposed to open soon?).

It's important for members to appreciate savings of our home store, while also opening their eyes to what's going on in the mass marketplace.

> Regards, Nicole Feliciano

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2. Nor will we publish accusations that are not specific or are not sub-stantiated by factual assertions.

## SUPPORT FOR DANIEL

#### **DEAR EDITORS:**

Thanks so much for the article about Daniel McGowan in the May 25 Gazette. His groundless arrest is a threat to anyone who believes in civil liberties, not to mention basic human rights.

For more information, see www.supportdaniel.org.

Jessica Stein

# **ABOUT WBAI**

# DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS:

Last time I just forgot. It wasn't quite the heat wave yet but at the time it was just too much to think about. Today I want to talk about what I am doing at WBAI-FM and the Pacifica Foundation.

At Pacifica—the only large radio stations in the nation where every member can vote for elected representatives—there is not enough information about what is going on so that few people know about the newest takeover by black supremacist forces in alliance with American communists. At the Co-Op, there is not enough information to allow us to see through an elaborate falsehood that bars the members from all real policy decisions. Both juntas mouth wort hy and humanitarian goals to justify a murky and exclusionary reality.

In the case of WBAI it is not so opaque, at least if one attends the Local Station Board (LSB) meetings where the gloves covering the mailed fists are so shredded that they conceal nothing.

Accordingly my associate and I have recorded videos of all twelve meetings since October 2005 (except November 1st), posting seven of them on pacvid1.com (don't forget the 1) where they can be seen by anyone. We include only the Public Comment at this time.

Look at these recordings only for entertainment if you want, but a number of people have been physically assaulted by the rulers there and verbal assaults must be much more common. Theft of funds and equipment and false accounting are also claimed, but the Ruling Junta does everything to keep these things off the air except for a few brave souls who talk about it late at night. The atmosphere at the Station (120 Wall Street near the river, identification required) is poisonous. But still go there, especially during the marathons where the food can be really good! Another example of democracy gone haywire-but this would not happen at our Co-Op because of the intense communication (and community!) we have through our workslots. The Junta call themselves the Justice and Unity Coalition (JUC or J&U) and their website is justiceunity.org. The Rescuers-me and you I hope-have a site at wbai.net but unfortunately we have no slate and no name. A previous slate was called ListProg (what an ugly name!), Listeners for Progressive Radio at listprog.org but, honest, we have no unity now! The deadline for joining WBAI (\$25 minimum to vote) is approximately July 25th so get cracking if you want to help us-or them. I forgot to say, the LSB has a majoritycontrolled page on the station's site at WBAI.org.

WEBSITES:

Minority coalition—wbai.net

Minority coalition former web-

site—listprog.org Minority coalition videos—

pacvid1.com (don't forget the 1) Majority coalition including

videos—justiceunity.org Majority-controlled LSB page on WBAI website—wbai.org

As always, thanks for your patience and support. When the time comes, we will coalesce and we will overcome both at WBAI and at the Co-Op!

> Albert—718-768-9079, hobces@yahoo.com

### **RETHINKING A RULE**

#### **DEAR GAZETTE:**

In his 6/22 letter, Mitchel Cohen questioned the necessity of the Coop's eating-while-shopping rules, suggesting a study to consider changing this policy.

He was prompted by an incident, involving a member who was wheeling his child around in a shopping cart. The child grabbed an apple in the cart and ate it, and the squad leader admonished the parent in front of his child, whom Cohen claims was traumatized by the event.

Cohen believes that enforcing the rule spoiled the child's experience of joy in eating the apple, and goes further to suggest that its enforcement diminishes our sense of community.

Cohen fails to grasp that there are options other than allowing children or members to eat unpaid for items. One is by snacking solely on items that are priced and not bulk items, which must be weighed to determine their cost.

I don't see why taking a child in a shopping cart, an inherently dangerous practice, is necessary, when the Coop already provides child care. The member could have left his daughter in the playroom with a snack. Other options available would have been buying a bag of apples, or other snack which was priced.

As easily as the child impulsively grabbed the apple while in the shopping cart, she could have fallen out.

If every one of the 11,000+ members who have children were to take Mr. Cohen's advice, allowing their children to experience the unencumbered joy of eating unpaid-for organic apples, the Coop would no doubt lose hundreds of dollars in revenue each month. Maybe some will take it upon themselves to partake of more exotic fruits, such as mangoes. I don't understand the point that Mr. Cohen is making, that the fact that the parent was "not concealing" the fact that the child was eating is somehow laudable. Being open about taking food and not promptly paying for it certainly doesn't make it OK.

#### Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

1. The Gazette will not publish hearsay—that is, allegations not based on the author's first-hand observation.

3. Copies of submissions that make

substantive accusations against specific individuals will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not appear until the issue after the one for which it was submitted.

The above applies to both articles and letters. The only exceptions will be articles by *Gazette* reporters which will be required to include the response within the article itself.



The squad leader in this instance could have dealt with the matter in a different manner. However, the squad leader's overreaction does not mean we should do away with the rule.

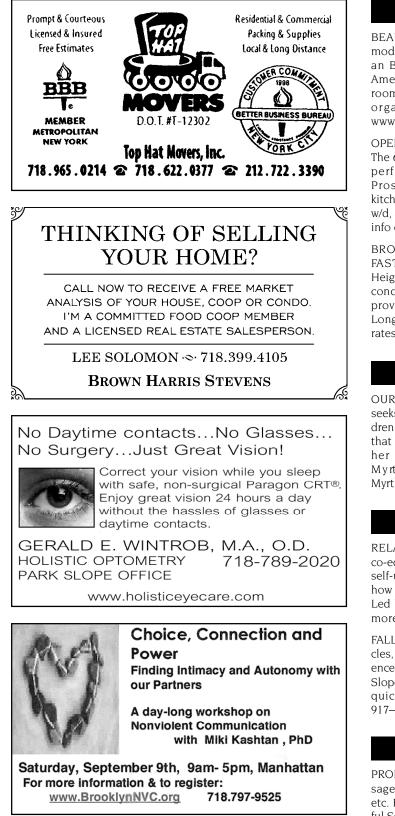
We could adopt an institutional solution, such as having a "snack table" of food for children, where we determine how many free snacks or giveaways are feasible.

> Cooperatively yours, Carol Lipton

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#### CHILD CARE

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#### **CLASSES/GROUPS**

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#### COMMERCIAL SPACE

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#### MERCHANDISE

### ADVERTISE ON THE WEB

If your ad would benefit from broader exposure, try the Coop's web page, www.foodcoop.com. The ads are FREE

#### Answer to Puzzle on page 6

Rigatoni, Farfalle, Orzo, Fusilli, Linguine, Spaghettini, Cappellini, Penne Rigate, Orrechiete, Radiatore, Lasagne, Egg Noodles

THINKING OF BUYING A WATER FILTER? Join lots of PSFCoopers who use MULTI-PURE for drinking / cooking / ice / tooth brushing / rinsing fruit & veg, knowing lead / mercury / giardia / cysts / dry cleaning solvents / gasoline additives / particulate matter are removed from their water supply & plumbing. Ede Rothaus 212-989-8277, agua4water@aol.com

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#### Friday, August 18 throug Sunday, August 20

The following programs will happen within four days of publication of this issue. For full ads, please look at the July 22 or August 3 issues of the Gazette or pick up copies of the flyers in the Coop.

#### Fri, Aug 18

7:30 Art & Spirituality

#### Sat, Aug 19

3:00 Daily Money Management 611:00 Have a Better Financial Future

#### Sun, Aug 20

12:00 Genetically Modified Food: Why Are We Fighting It?, film and discussion with the Safe Food Committee

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MOST COMFORTABLE SHOES. A consumer guide recommending the worlds most comfortable brands of anatomically-correct shoes for men, women and children. Comfortable shoes, boots, sandals and clogs for dress, casual and work activities. www.most-comfortable-shoes.com

TEMPUR-PEDIC MATTRESSES, NECK pillows, comfort products & accessories, mattress comes with a 20-year guarantee & a 3-month trial period. The ultimate in comfort & pressure relief. Truly will improve the qulity of your sleep. Call Janet or Patrick Mackin. Custom Furniture—a T-P dealer for 10 yrs, 718-237-2592.

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NEW ALFANI size 8 silk blouses. New Alfani size Medium coats. Call Marlene at 718-485-2943

FOR SALE NORDIC TRACK WALK-FIT manual treadmill. Electronic gauge, ski-bar handles. Fine wood platform. Barely used. Photo on request. \$300. 718-789-9251

#### PETS

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER 5K - Fun Run/Walk w/ or w/o your dog; Sun. 8/20, 8am: Prospect Park: All proceeds benefit Infinite Hope animal rescue and adoption. For more info or to register, stop by Slope Sports, 70 7th Ave. (bet. Lincoln + Berkeley), 718-230-4686; or visit www.slopesports.com.

HAZEL WANTS YOU to foster or adopt her. Found on the streets of Brooklyn, she's a sweet and gentle young tortie cat who loves to cuddle. Healthy and spayed. Gets along well with people and other cats. See her photo on www.slopestreetcats.com or call 917-733-0283.

2 FRIENDLY STRAYS rescued in 2 different parts of Bklyn need great forever homes. Separate homes fine. Both healthy. Both fixed. Both up to date on shots. 1 male 7 yrs. old. 1 female 9 mos. old.

Adoption fee & application. Victoria Contact at haroldluvsmaude@aol.com or call 914-443-9209. Pics can be emailed to you.

#### SERVICES

EXPRESS MOVES: Brownstone flight specialists. Our FLAT RATE includes labor and travel time. G reat Coop references. 670-7071.

TOP HAT MOVERS, INC., 86 Prospect Park West, Bklyn. Licensed and Insured Moving Co. moves you stress-free. Full line of boxes & packing materials avail. Free estimates 718-965-0214. D.O.T. #T-12302. Reliable, court eous, excellent references & always on time. Credit cards accepted. Member Better Business Bureau.

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ORGANIZER/COLOR CONSUL-TANT I give families in small spaces room to breathe and I help you find your way out from under your stuff. Home, office, closet and document organizing, interior

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COMPUTER HELP-Call New York Geek Girls. Crashes, viruses and spyware; networking; setup; upgrades; training; etc. On-site or pickup/drop-off. References available. Long-time coop member. Call 347-351-3031 or email info@NYgeekgirls.com.

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DO YOU NEED someone to look after your cat? Reliable teenager and her mom available for cat sitting. Call Julie Wintrob at 917-974-3889. \$20 a day.

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#### SERVICES WANTED

HELP WANTED. Someone to clean and shine my motorcycle. Experience helpful, but not necessary. Will provide direction. Reliability and responsibility a must. Contact mikemiranda@verizon.net

HELP WANTED. Seeking an Intellectual property lawyer to make initial contact with prospects from my list. Lawyer will negotiate contract, royalty fees and details of agreement between myself and respondents. Contact mikemiranda@verizon.net

HELP WANTED. Seeking a Contract Labor lawyer to sue the DOE & UFT for breech of contract. Case is worth millions. Why charge a fee when you can earn a fortune. Contact mikemiranda@verizon.net

HELP WANTED. Seeking a Public Relations Agent with experience in Educational Publishing, both print and programing. Contact mikemiranda@verizon.net

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FREE INITIAL ORAL EXAM in holistic dental office for all Coop members. X-rays are strictly minimized so bring your own. Dr. Goldberg's non-mercury offices in Soho or in Midwood section of Brooklyn. For info please call 718-339-5066 or 212-505-5055.

FREE TICKETS for concerts for true classical music lovers only. Lincoln Ct., Carnegie, etc., on short notice sometimes. 10-20 concerts available each year. S10/yr management fee. For more info, call: 212-802-7456.

FREE IKEA LOFT BED, yours for the taking! Ten years used, take it apart and take it home for free. Platforms for two beds with ladder, call Laura to arrange visit & pick up. 917-859-9725



## Introduction to **YOGA** for people who think

• What are yoga's benefits? How does yoga differ from other forms of exercise? Can people who are older, out-of-shape, or large do it? Is it a religion? Do you have to twist into

Effective Tools for **Rapid Personal Transformation** with Marija Santo and Susan March

Learn simple techniques to use when stressed. These techniques remove cellular memory of trauma. The body is like a magnet and when these experiences

### The Triple Bottom Line Film Series

What is the Real Bottom Line?: The Take with Mark Rego-Monteiro

All the players in globalization have led to protests like Seattle a few years back and movements like Organics, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Fair Trade. And there not all. In the wake of Argentina's gigantic economic collapse, Latin

#### with Mina Hamilton

they can't

do yoga



pretzel shapes? Should some people not do yoga?

In this part discussion/part experiential workshop you can ask the questions you've always wanted to ask about yoga. You'll also experience some easy yoga stretches and postures.

Mina Hamikon has been teaching yoga and stress-reduction for 16 years. She's a certified professional-level Kripalu Yoga teacher, Her book, Serenity To Got Calming Techniques for Your Hectic Life has been translated into five tanouages.

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are in cellular memory the body attracts the same experiences.

**Doctors and other professionals** have used these techniques for daily stresses, eating disorders, robbery, rape and emotions such as anger, anxiety, fear and others. These remembrances can destroy the quality of life If not cleared.

This unique, life changing technology will be demonstrated.

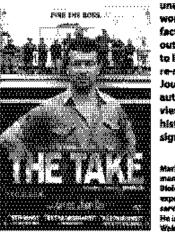
Susan March and Marija Santo are Geotran practitioners.

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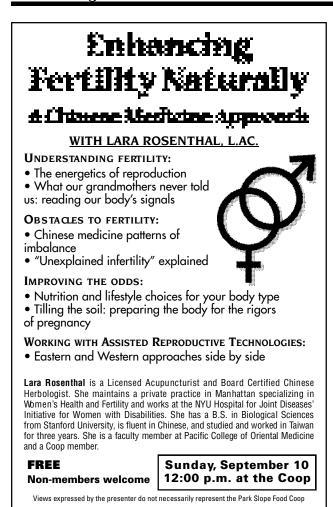
unemployed auto-parts workers walk into their idle factory in Buenos Aires, roll out sleeping mats, and refuse to leave. All they want is to re-start the silent machines. Journalist Avi Louis and author Naomi Klein take viewers into the fray of this historic event and all it signifies.

Mark Rego-Mostairo bas beas a PiFC. member for years, has a degree in Biological Anthropology, profassional experience in lineaciel and sociel services, and is so artist and achieve. He is the founder of Weinit/gDumocracy.org.

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# What Is That? How Do I Use It? Food Tours in the Coop

It's hard to keep up now it seems we can't eat fast enough all that the earth is pushing forth beets beans behemoth baskets of lettuce four kinds of cucumber, innumerable squash every green thing asserts itself with a kind of definitive tenacity it's almost intimidating

But not.

People are nothing if not consumers and eat we do ... still you might like to try something new and make a meal to remember: marinated tempeh, red cabbage, peppers and cashews. How's that?

Better yet. Come tell me. Regale me with your recipes And I'll give you a tour of all that's in season and what from the bulk aisle will make it really sing

Brought to you by Myra Klockenbrink at the one, the only Park Slope Food Coop

#### Dates:

Friday, August 25 Friday, September 1 & 29



#### WITH PHOENIX SOLEIL



What are the philosophical frameworks that help you approach and solve technology problems? We will go over some key epiphanies in computing history, as well as some recent movements aimed at democratizing technology.

There will be an overview of the major parts of the computer using fun metaphors that help you visualize how your system operates.

We will discuss perspectives that geeks bring to their technical goals and successful troubleshooting strategies. "You're OK. Your computer's OK."

Phoenix Soleil is a Coop member with ten years professional experience working with and troubleshooting computers. She is a creative and spiritual person who enjoys technology and wants to spread the joy around

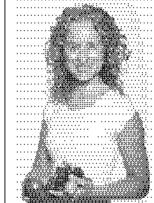
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# Personal Power, Balance and Energy Sick of using caffeine and sugar to for the

# **Busy New Yorker**

with Jena la Flamme



Need all the personal power you can muster and more to deal with what's on your plate?

boast your physical and mental energy?

lf you are a busy person and need plenty of energy to stay on top of everything, then this is for you, Learn quick and easy food and lifestyle strategies to increase your energy levels, boost your sense of personal power and balance, and decrease your cravings. Get clear on what you can eat and do for yourself, without focusing on discipline, to allow you to feel much better.

A one-hour interactive seminas.

Jona la Florance is the director of the Jena Wellness Canup, a certified Holistik. Hesish Counselor, yuga teacher and práskélend columnist. Slen prácho denots ár ચર્લલેલ્લકોમાં બલ્કેલીરે રેકપ્ર દેખ્ય ભાષપુર હાર્લ other heatilistuments theotopics factorary and please able approach to anterition and literatyle choices. Size is a measure of the Park Slope Foud Coup.

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### WELCOME!

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

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