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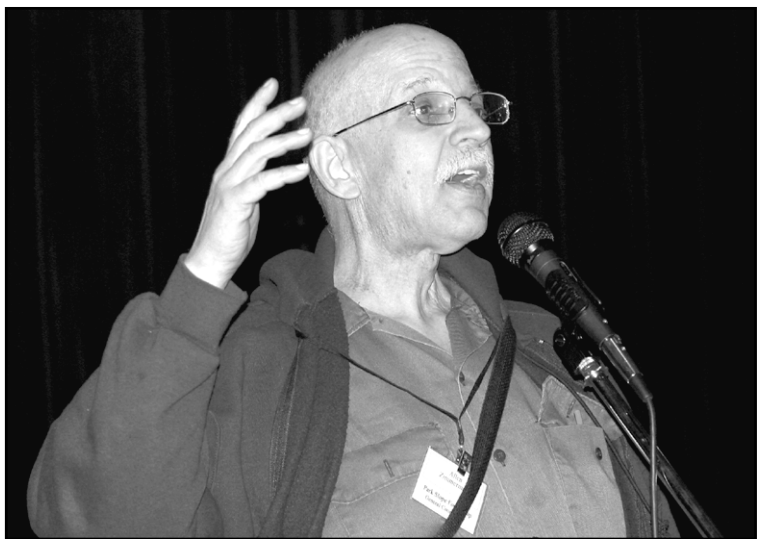
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General Meeting, December 19, 2006



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Coordinator Allen Zimmerman reports on veggies.

By Walecia Konrad

A relatively large turnout of about 100 members at the Park Slope Food Coop General Meeting on December 19 voted to make guest sign-in electronic, add five members to the GMO Shelf Labeling Committee and rehire the accounting firm Cornick, Garber & Sandler.

Coop Guests

To start what became the longest discussion of the meeting, longtime squad leader Yigal Rechtman told the audience that he has sometimes noticed that members will repeatedly bring the same “guest” who appears to be a spouse or other household member. By doing this, two people in the same house can shop together but only have one person do a work shift. Coop policy calls for all adults in a household to become members in order that all people who benefit from shopping also work at the Coop. “This is a theft of service and a breach of trust that we should at least try to stop,” said Rechtman.

As a result, Rechtman sub-

mitted a proposal concerning the way guests sign in when visiting the Coop. The proposal was originally worded “To enhance tracking of guests to prevent non-members who share a household from signing in and entering as guests.” Rechtman suggested that the Coop stop using the guest sign-in book, which, he says, is difficult to track and largely goes unmonitored, and instead have the entrance worker log guest names into the computer next to the accompanying member name. “That way,” said Rechtman, “it will be easier to analyze guest names to see if the same person is coming frequently with the same member. Offenders could then be notified by Coop staff or the Disciplinary Committee that they are breaking Coop rules. The new system would hopefully act as a deterrent for this behavior,” Rechtman added.

The proposal prompted a lengthy discussion, during which many members questioned exactly how the electronic sign-in would be implemented. General Coordinator Mike Eakin commented that the Coop’s computer sys-

tem is complicated and it might not be easy to input or access the data. Another member offered the fact that there is free software available on the Internet to analyze this kind of data. Still more Coop members expressed their concerns about the tone of the proposal. “We need to be more careful with the language,” said one member. “We don’t want to discourage non-member guests and the proposal assumes a certain level of guilt before innocence.” These concerns prompted another attendee to offer new, clearer wording of the proposal, which read, “To maintain the Coop guest registry electronically.”

In addition, some members worried how the proposal would impact entrance workers. One member said the entrance desk can get overwhelmed when it’s crowded so it might not be a good idea to add an additional responsibility to that work slot. Another entrance worker worried that she wouldn’t be comfortable policing other members.

Rechtman then clarified the proposal on several counts, stating that his plan would only enhance the collection of guest data but in no way would change the Coop’s policy on guests. In addition, he said that entrance workers would have no more work signing guests in electronically than they now have signing them in manually into the guest book. Any policing would be done after the data is analyzed, not by the entrance worker. What’s more, Rechtman talked to the General Coordinators before submitting the proposal and they suggested that guests be asked to register upstairs at

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Holiday Food Traditions

By Ann Pappert

With so many holidays at this time of the year—Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year’s—food is an especially important part of many people’s holiday ritual.

We wanted to find out what special holiday food traditions Coop members look forward to. What we found out was that while food loomed large in just about everyone’s holiday plans, it was the desserts that were the highlight of whatever holiday they were celebrating.



Mario Brockman

I try to avoid the holidays. I leave the country and go to the Caribbean. The Bahamas, where I go, is not known for its food. I bring friends with me to visit my parents. I bring a lot of cheese from the Coop and pesto to my parents in the Bahamas. Because of the soil, they can’t grow basil.

Adam Graham-Silverman

My Mom is Catholic and my Dad’s Jewish, so growing up I had a little bit of everything.

For the last ten years or so my mom has had a Solstice party on December 21, to mark the days starting to get longer again. She serves traditional summer foods, like shrimp cocktail, baklava, cheeses and, because it’s cold out, cider and warm drinks. It’s a way to see neighbors and family friends.



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Next General Meeting on January 30

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, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

The agenda is in this *Gazette* and 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.

Coop Event Highlights

Fri, Jan 5 • Film Night: Media That Matters—Short Films about Good Food, 7:00 p.m.

Sat, Jan 6 • Sustainable New Year: 4:30 p.m.

Fri, Jan 19 • The Good Coffeehouse: Swing Street, 8:00 p.m.

Sat, Jan 20 • Variety Show Auditions: 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan 25 • Wordsprouts: Thomas Rayfiel, *Parallel Play*, 7:30 p.m.

Sun, Jan 28 • Variety Show Auditions: 12:00–2:00 p.m.

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

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General Meeting

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the monitor desk, which would take the sign-in responsibility away from the entrance worker entirely. Rechtman also endorsed the new wording of the proposal.

Around that time, General Coordinator Joe Holtz stood up to endorse the proposal and thank Rechtman for bringing it to the attention of the coordinators and the membership. “The worst thing is a situation that undermines the vast majority of the members,” said Holtz. (In response to a question, another General Coordinator told the meeting that on an average weekend the Coop gets 200 to 250 guests.)

The change in wording was then discussed, during which time the proposal was amended to add the phrase, “and monitor.” The final proposal read, “to maintain and monitor the Coop guest registry electronically” and passed by a vote of 66 for, 21 against and 13 abstentions.

More GMO Committee Members

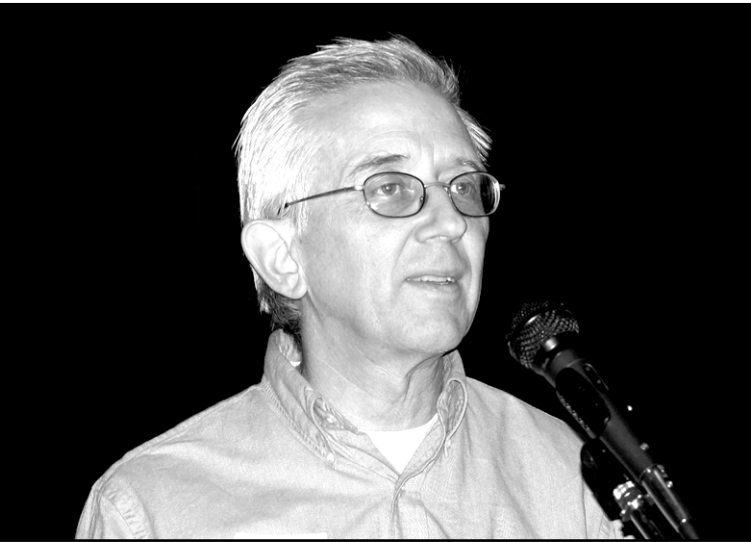
Coop members also voted to expand the GMO Shelf

Labeling Committee by five members after Greg Todd and Jeff Faerber presented plans for an ambitious new project. The GMO labeling committee identifies and labels foods on the Coop shelves that contain genetically modified ingredients, usually corn or soy. Since the committee’s inception in 2000, it has adopted a list of 30 products from a Greenpeace GMO list. For various reasons, 14 of those products have been eliminated. Until now, the committee has focused on products that it suspects contain GMOs. Now, said the speakers, the committee would like to widen its scope and investigate as many as 2,000 products on PSFC shelves. To do that it needs more manpower.

After a brief question and discussion period, which dealt mainly with clarifying the fact that the project would deal only with GMOs, not the labeling of other unhealthy ingredients, the proposal passed with a vote of 72 for, 8 against and 9 abstentions.

Auditing

Earlier in the meeting, attendees approved renewing the services of the Coop’s auditors. Before the vote Joe



PHOTOS BY LISA COHEN

Greg Todd discusses GMO committee expansion.

Holtz explained that last year the Coop’s longtime auditor Harry Singer, after 29 years with the Coop, decided to cut back on his work load and drop the account. A search committee was formed and, with membership approval, the general coordinators hired the accounting firm Cornick, Garber & Sandler. The proposal asked to confirm hiring the firm for a second year. Holtz explained that the vote had been delayed and a meeting was scheduled the next day for the auditors to begin their year-end review.

During the discussion period, Rechtman asked Holtz if the coordinators had looked at or taken bids from other accounting firms. They did not. Rechtman then encouraged membership not to rubber stamp this proposal without hearing from other firms. He also disclosed that his firm bid on and did not get the job last year. “I wonder what we’re voting on if there is already a meeting tomorrow,” added another member.

Holtz responded that the Coop is required by law and its lender to have an audit every year. The coordinators needed this proposal to pass to keep the Coop running smoothly,

he added. He also mentioned that Rechtman’s firm was one of the higher bids last time. The proposal passed with a vote of 60 for, 16 against and 19 abstentions.

Open Forum

The meeting opened with the traditional open forum, time given for members to voice questions and concerns on subjects not covered in the meeting’s agenda. Susan Metz, a 25-year member who works as a squad leader, asked if two water filters could be installed in the Coop. She mentioned the recent reports in the *Gazette* from the Environmental Committee about water safety and other information about the problems with bottled water as reasons for doing so. Joe Holtz suggested Metz make this an agenda item for discussion at a future meeting. Installing filters may be more complex than it seems, he added.

Coordinators Leaving

Bill Penner, a member of PSFC’s board of directors, asked what was going on with recent personnel changes among the Coop’s coordinators. Again, Holtz answered,

explaining that General Coordinator Linda Wheeler is retiring at the end of December. She will be missed but there are no specific plans to replace her yet, said Holtz. Some of her duties will go to other GCs and some to Office and Receiving Coordinators. “The situation won’t last forever,” said Holtz. “Once we settle into Linda not working here anymore and figure out what combination of skills we need we’ll find the right person. It could take the better part of 2007 to figure that out.”

Holtz also explained that Marty Stiglich, a longtime Receiving Coordinator, who, among other things is the Coop’s cheese buyer, is relocating out of Brooklyn for family reasons. Parts of Marty’s job will also be taken over by other Coop staff.

Reports

The meeting then moved to the Coordinator reports. Mike Eakin presented the financial report for the first 44 weeks of the Coop’s fiscal year, which ends the last Sunday of January. There was very little change from the same period last year. Two exceptions: Membership is up only a quarter of a percent after the Coop’s previous spurt of new members, showing that the Coop’s growth is stabilizing. In addition, the Coop’s cash position has decreased because of purchases of debit-card equipment. (Previously during the meeting there was discussion that debit-card transactions were hopefully expected to start in the Spring.)

Allen Zimmerman, the General Coordinator in charge of produce, gave his customary report from the veggie aisle encouraging members to try the “extraordinary local rutabagas,” grown by Robin Ostfeld at Blue Heron Farm in Lodi, New York. Growing great root vegetables is how the farm sustains sales deep in the winter, said Zimmerman. The farmer wrote about this strategy in a newsletter from another coop and the *Gazette* will be reprinting that article.

Another must-try, said Zimmerman, is Finger Lakes Organic Farm’s local carrots. “Blunt, thick, juicy, sweet—people are talking about them,” he reported. Winter Banana apples from Hepworth Farms have been selling well, said Zimmerman. The pale yellow apples, first grown in Case City, Indiana in 1876, are crisp, sweet and delicious. Because they bruise easily, they aren’t commercially viable. So the Coop has gotten almost all of the harvest from Hepworth’s eight trees.

At the end of the meeting, minutes were approved and the board of directors voted to approve the passing of the three agenda proposals. Shortly afterwards the meeting was adjourned. ■

PSFC JANUARY GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, January 30 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: The date of November General Meetings (10 minutes)

Proposal: “To rescind the policy on scheduling General Meetings in November and replace it with the following: When there is a Tuesday in November that falls later than Thanksgiving Day then the November General Meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of the month. If there is no Tuesday in November that falls after Thanksgiving Day then the November General Meeting will held on the Tuesday that falls 9 days before Thanksgiving Day”
—submitted by the General Coordinators

Item #2: Financial Accounts Resolutions (10 minutes)

Proposal: “To update the Resolution of Corporations to reflect changes in signatories for financial accounts”
—submitted by the General Coordinators

Item #3: Changing the Coop Work Program (45 minutes)

Discussion: “Further discuss the feasibility of adding a ‘vacation’ credit to the Coop work rules”
—submitted by Rachel Weinberger

Item #4: Entrance Issues including Security issues (25 minutes)

Discussion: “As an entrance worker I have noticed gaps in security and would like to share my observations and concerns.”
—submitted by Amina Ali

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.

Thursday, Feb. 1

7:30 p.m. at the Coop

Susan Baldassano coordinator

PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP

The Hungry, Healthy Vegan

A vegan diet doesn't have to mean limping through winter, yearning for comfort and warming foods. In this class you'll learn about healthy, hearty, vegan dishes that fill the stomach and warm the soul on a cold winter's night. These meals are so robust, even the most hard-core carnivore will ask for seconds.

MENU

- Savory Seitan Veggie Pot Pie
- Rib-sticking Polenta with White Bean Mushroom Ragout
- Cornmeal-Crusted Tempeh with Collards
- Dirty Rice and Roasted Sweet Potatoes
- Wouldn't Hurt a Fly Shepherds Pie

\$4 materials fee

Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.

Guest chef

Michael Welch is a health supportive chef in New York City. He is a graduate of the Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts. Michael is a Coop member.

MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS WELCOME.

Come early to ensure a seat.

Holiday Foods

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Cherie Jack

I celebrate Christmas. We have lots of food traditions; they seem to have evolved over the years. But usually there is a turkey and a ham. But the big thing is dessert. There are about seven serious cooks and bakers in my family, so we end up with a dessert table that is three times the size of the table for the real food. I do a pumpkin cheese-cake, my mother does coconut cream and sweet potato pies and a burnt sugar cake, my sister does a rum butter and a red velvet cake. We've had apple pan dowdy, chocolate shoo-fly pie, pumpkin bread, apple spice cakes. I make candy cake sugar cookies. Everything is made from scratch. The obsession, the focus is on the stuff we don't eat most of the year, which is dessert.



Tom Gogan

We go both ways when it comes to Hanukah and Christmas. We celebrate one with one side of the family, and one with the other side of the family. At the Hanukah celebration it tends to be heavy on the chicken and the latkes. For the Christmas celebration, baking cookies is the big thing. Especially sugar balls with crushed walnuts inside. My wife and daughter are the chefs, I tend to be the one who buys the ingredients and brings them home.



Chun Lu

At this time of the year we celebrate Chinese New Year toward the end of January, early February. Noodles and dumplings are the special

foods. Noodles signify long life. We also eat special rice cakes, sometimes called spring cakes. They signify happiness and good fortune. They are made in different shapes and colors—red is preferred. Or they stamp Chinese characters into the cakes—like happiness or long life.



Cynthia Robinson

We don't have any special food traditions for Christmas—just lots of food. I cook whatever looks good. Sometimes I experiment. I make up recipes. I try not to do the same meal. This year I discovered kasha. We are making changes in how we eat even before the New Year. I used to just make collard greens, now I do kale and mustard greens.



Jeannie Bail

I celebrate Christmas. We usually have some sort of meat roast. Lots of holiday cookies—it's mostly about baking. I usually bake sugar cookies with sprinkles and

cutouts, sometimes with chocolate chips. I've also made thumb print cookies with jam in the middle. Probably the best tradition is that my parents always make Wassail—hot wassail is apple cider with different spices and sometimes rum. That's my favorite tradition.



Beatrice Harmon

I go out of my way not to celebrate Christmas. I'm vegetarian and I stay vegetarian. Sometimes I try to bake, because I like to bake, and I take cookies to work. But it's more of a thank you for the people who work hard for our company. I always bake chocolate chip cookies or plain cookies with toffee and nuts, because some people are allergic to chocolate or don't like it. They are giant, huge chewy cookies.



Susan Brodlie

We celebrate Hanukah. I love this time of year—I love potato latkes. I make potato

latkes and my mother makes potato latkes. My mother makes much better potato latkes than I do. I eat latkes with my friends, and I eat them at my mother's house

with my family. I have a daughter and the two of us are latke aficionados. We make a lot. We make a five-pound bag and share it with people. ■

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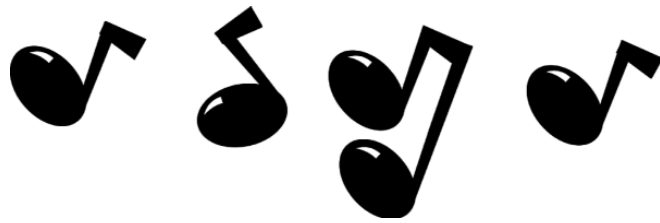


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Seventh Generation Carpet Cleaner

This product is a safe, natural way to clean spots on carpets. It is completely non-toxic and biodegradable; contains no chlorine, no petroleum based solvents, no phosphates, and no glycol ethers. Not tested on animals.

Announcing Auditions for the third ADULT Coop Variety Show



AUDITIONS:

Saturday, January 20
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 28
12:00-2:00 p.m.

Coop second floor
meeting room



PERFORMANCE DATE:
Saturday, March 10
7:30 p.m.
at the Old First Church

To reserve an audition spot contact:
Martha Siegel 718-965-3916 or
msiegel105@earthlink.net

You must audition to be in the show.

■ Polished act not required for audition; we can help you polish it.

■ Singers and other musicians, poets, jugglers, stand-up comics, rappers, dancers, magicians, gymnasts, etc. (no lip-synching please)

We look forward to hearing from you!

Presented by the PSFC
Fun-Raising
Committee



Do you have WINTER CLOTHES you can't use?

Someone else needs them!

Bring adult and children's winter clothes and outerwear to the Coop's second floor starting on Monday, November 20th, through the end of January.



Clothes must be clean and have working zippers & buttons! Winter clothing only, please.

- Adult men's clothing will go to CHIPS*.
- Women's and children's clothing will go to the Village Care of NY Redhook Community Service Center, the Catherine St. Shelter in Manhattan or the homeless women's shelter on 8th Ave. & 15th St. in Park Slope.

Many Thanks!

*Christian Help in Park Slope, our local soup kitchen at 4th Ave. & Sacket.

WORDSPROUTS

The Park Slope Food Coop's Reading Series

Featuring

Thomas Rayfiel

Thomas Rayfiel will read from his latest novel, *Parallel Play*, which finds Eve, the heroine of his previous novels (*Colony Girl* and *Eve in the City*) sitting in a suspiciously familiar Tot Spot, as well as other Park Slope locales, slowly going crazy as she fails in adjusting to motherhood.

Her husband is working twelve-hour shifts at the hospital, the women all around her seem intent on discussing strollers and infant formula, when who should happen on by but her former boyfriend, as intriguing and maddening as ever. By the time the story sorts itself out, Eve will be forced to put herself back together all over again, discovering who she truly is, and what she wants to be.



"Smart, dark, daring fare."
The Kirkus Review

When not writing novels, Thomas Rayfiel works in the dairy cooler.

Books will be available for purchase.

FREE Non-Members Welcome

All Wordsprout participants are Coop members.

Bookings: P.J. Corso,
paola_corso@hotmail.com

Thursday, January 25
7:30 p.m. at the Coop

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WHAT IS THAT? HOW DO I USE IT? Food Tours in the Coop

Here we are
spun from the maelstrom
still turning, but slower
life is coming back into focus

Time to regroup, reconnect
and recharge
No better place to begin
than the produce and bulk aisles
of the Park Slope Food Coop

Be stalwart, be brave
try something new: galangal, ginger's cousin
is a fiery customer, so warm-hearted
or rekindle an old flame: jalapeno peppers
pressed with squash and goat cheese
between sprouted tortillas

Come. Learn something new
share what you know
take good care of yourself
and everyone you love will feel better too

Step into the heart of the new year
it's waiting for you

—Myra Klockenbrink

**Mondays, January 15 (B-week)
and January 29 (D Week)
Noon to 2:35 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, January 17 and
February 14 (B-weeks)
5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Or you can join in any time during a tour.

SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE

Read While You Feast

Suggestions from the Safe food Committee

By Yuwadee Tantipecth, for the Safe Food Committee

- (1) *Organic Inc.: Natural Foods and How They Grew*, by Samuel Fromartz Harcourt, April 2006

(2) *Eat, Drink, and Weigh Less: A Flexible and Delicious Way to Shrink Your Waist Without Going Hungry*, by Walter C. Willett and Mollie Katzen, Hyperion, April 2006

(3) *Farmer John's Cookbook: The Real Dirt on Vegetables*, by John Peterson, Gibbs Smith Publishers, April 2006

(4) *Chew On This: Everything You Don't Want to Know about Fast Food*, by Eric Schlosser with Charles Wilson, Houghton-Mifflin, May 2006

(5) *What to Eat: An Aisle-by-Aisle Guide to Savvy Food Choices and Good Eating*, by Marion Nestle, North Point Press, May 2006

(6) *Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*, by Michael Pollan, Penguin Press, May 2006

(7) *Heat: An Amateur's Adventures as Kitchen Slave, Line Cook, Pasta-Maker, and Apprentice to a Dante-Quoting Butcher in Tuscany*, by Bill Buford, Harcourt, May 2006

(8) *The Way We Eat: Why Our Food Choices Matter*, by Peter Singer and Jim Mason, Rodale Press, May 2006
- (9) *Don't Eat This Book: Fast Food and the Supersizing of America*, by Morgan Spurlock, Berkley Publishing Group, May 2006

(10) *Ethical Sourcing in the Global Food System: Challenges and Opportunities to Fair Trade and the Environment*, by Stephanie Barrientos, Renouf Pub Co Ltd, June 2006

(11) *The Ethical Gourmet: How to Enjoy Food That Is Humanely Raised, Sustainable, Nonendangered and That Replenishes the Earth*, by Jay Weinstein, Broadway Books, June 2006

(12) *Real Food: What to Eat and Why*, by Nina Planck, Bloomsbury Publishing, June 2006

(13) *Diet for a Dead Planet: How the Food Industry is Killing Us*, by Christopher Cook, New Press, July 2006

(14) *The Revolution Will Not Be Microwaved: Inside America's Underground Food Movement*, by Sandor E. Katz, Chelsea Green Publishing Company, November 2006

(15) *Appetite for Profit: Fighting Corporate Control and Spin in the Nutrition Wars*, by Michele Simon, Nation Books, October 2006

(16) *Grub: Ideas for an Urban Organic Kitchen*, by Anna Lappe and Bryant Terry, Tarcher, Penguin Press, 2006

Listserve Expert Needed



The Safe Food Committee is looking for a Listserve Expert. As part of our outreach, food action alerts, and lobbying efforts, we need a person to create and maintain a listserve. This will enable both coop members as well as the public at large to opt in for emails regarding genetic modification of foods and other food issues, and to be informed about actions, such as signing petitions and letters to political reps. requesting bills that would require labeling of GE foods.

- Person would need to know how to set up the listserve, input all opt-ins, as well as send out announcements, news, action alerts.
- Person needs to have been a coop member for at least six months.

If interested, please contact Margaret Maugenest at Mmaugenest@aol.com.

Drivers Needed

The Plastics Recycling Squads need drivers to transport plastic recycled at the Coop to the recycling plant in Brooklyn. One driver is needed for each of the Saturday and Sunday recycling shifts. The schedule is in the calendar below. Drivers must have a *large capacity vehicle (van or truck)* for the volume of recycling material collected. Drivers must be prepared to store recycling collected in their vehicle or home until the recycling center opens on Monday.

Drivers are reimbursed for mileage according to IRS reimbursement rates. Interested? Contact Kim Nadel at 718-369-2578 or kim@design-niche.com.



**Sunday, February 4
3-5:00 p.m.
at the Old Stone House**

**FREE
Non members Welcome**

Spoken Word Circle

brought to you by the
PSFC Fun'Raising Committee



Our literary gathering at the Old Stone House in the dead of winter is a cozy, warm way to share our voices, imaginations, and fancies. We sit in a circle and, in Round Robin format, we each have the opportunity to share an original poem, short piece, song, joke, or even a favorite piece from another writer. We will likely have time for several go-rounds as well as time for wine and cheese. And it's a free afternoon gathering for free thinkers!

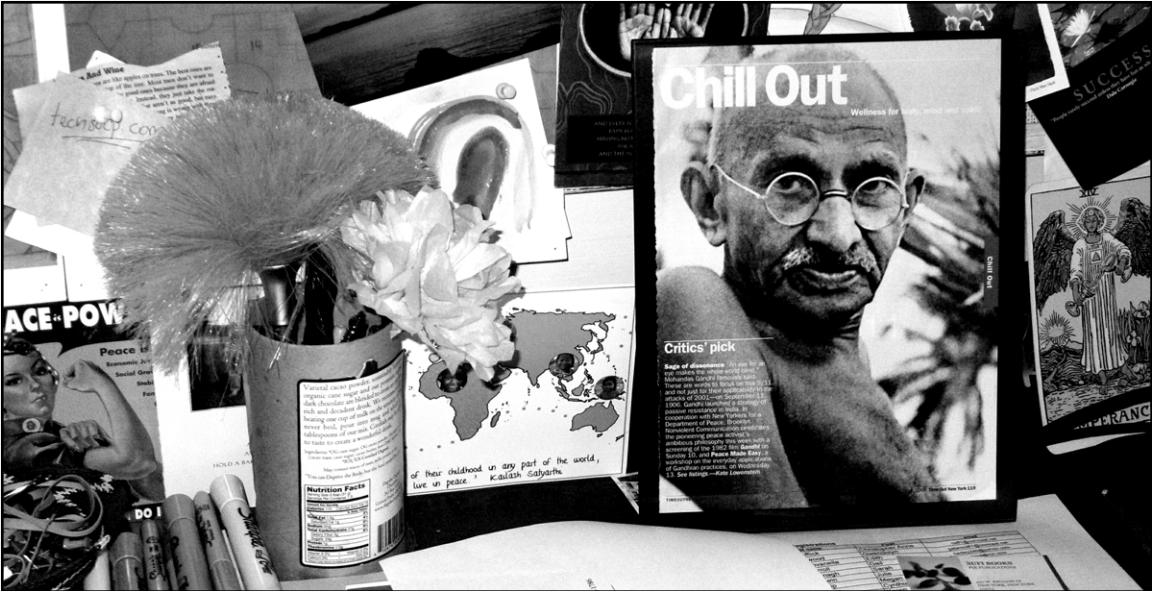


**So please join us at the
Old Stone House
3rd Street at 5th Avenue**

Brooklyn Nonviolent Communication

Coop Members Influence Peace, Small-Scale and Big Picture

By Hayley Gorenberg



BNVC desk with framed article from *Time Out* about BNVC's mission.

As an 11-year-old, Dian Killian, now director of Brooklyn Nonviolent Communication, was “disheartened” watching Vietnam War activists argue amongst themselves. “I remember thinking, ‘Wow, this whole movement is about creating peace, and I’m not even seeing these skills about creating peace within the organization working to create peace!’”

From that core realization sprang an urge to forge better ways of talking and listening to each other, coming to a head on Halloween 2004, when Killian left her job as union organizer for UAW 1981 National Writers Union to

“What NVC supports is a quality of curiosity about other people,” said Killian. “NVC supports people hearing each other. The basic premise is that if we focus first on connection and the core needs each person involved in a situation is bringing to it, strategies will emerge that will work for everyone. Every time I make a commitment to using NVC, I continue to be amazed at how powerful this tool is.”

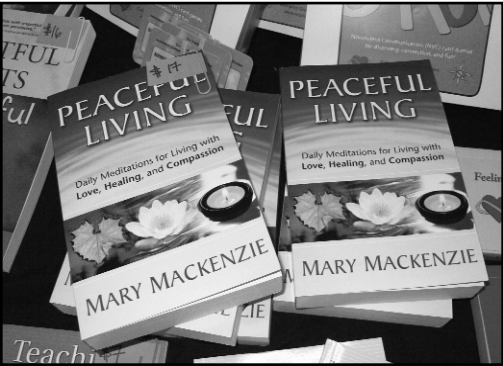
Killian emphasized that NVC “gives us the tools to communicate in a way that does not involve judgment,” she said. “I have yet to meet another person who enjoys being morally judged by other people.” She carefully distinguished moral judgment from the utility of discernment with an example: “Give an apple to a dog, and it walks off. It discerns [the apple] doesn’t meet its needs. But it doesn’t leave thinking, ‘What an idiot!’”

She summarized four steps in the NVC process: observation without evaluation or judgment; identifying feelings; identifying core values; and making a “clear, positive and doable request.” According to its proponents, NVC at its best will inspire compassion, full and honest expression, empathic listening, understanding rather than reaction and connection to deeply felt needs. The skills foster cooperative learning and team-building, ease negotiation of difficult situations and help bridge cultural differences. “What NVC supports is a quality of curiosity about other people,” concluded Killian.

NVC Programming

To promote these skills, Brooklyn NVC offers workshops around the city, including foundational and upper-level courses in January and February 2007, featuring a new title, “Zen and the Art of

Conflict.” (See details at www.brooklynnvc.org.) Killian herself will offer an introductory course at the Coop on Sunday, February 4, 2007, from noon until 2 p.m. The tentative title? “NVC: Enjoy-



Literature explaining the virtues of nonviolence.

ing Difficult People, Including Yourself.”

NVC coursework is geared to a range of learning styles, touching upon the visual, kinesthetic, cognitive and, quite significantly, experiential, Killian said. “The analogy I give is, it’s like learning another language.”

Brooklyn NVC board and PSFC member Koren Manning, who moved from Arizona to New York City in 2005, elaborated on Brooklyn NVC’s plans to expand its work with health care and educational institutions, seeking to improve both of those systems with better communication.

Brooklyn NVC offers an introductory course at the Coop on February 4: “NVC: Enjoying Difficult People, Including Yourself.”

Manning, a former member of the “Food Conspiracy Coop” in Tucson, vouched for NVC. “It has so many personal growth applications, but also improves efficiency and clarity,” she said. “The whole process involves self-healing.

You can go with it as deep as you want to.”

Killian’s Experience

Killian, who had already completed a doctorate, was moved to complete a stint in the San Francisco Bay area at the NVC North American Leadership Program, where she achieved certification (which requires 1,000 hours of training) and was asked to join a training team to spread NVC skills.

She has applied NVC within a union’s diversity committee, where she described two people in “different camps” who were so disconnected from each other that they would not acknowledge each other at the delegates’ assembly. She asked them to sit down for mediation, and they agreed. “I was amazed,” said Killian. “In just 20 minutes supporting each of them hearing each other, they had created a base from which to move forward.”

She has also brought NVC to intimate couples, where she notes that without the simplicity of direct and doable requests, “it’s easy for it to get to meta-discourse on ‘she doesn’t love me,’ or ‘she doesn’t care anymore.’”

And she has even brought NVC to the Coop’s entrance desk, where she does her work shift. Turns of phrase regarding a suspension, such as “the computer screen is saying you’re suspended,” create “less of an absolute” and defuse a potential experience of being judged for a frustrated member who may have a quibble with the Coop office. And across the board, Killian finds her work eased by “reflecting

back,” because people who are “upset want to be heard.”

Killian is currently at work on a graphic novel, “Urban Empathy: True Life Adventures on the Streets of New York,” a book of “verbatim examples” of daily conflicts and NVC.

Communicating for Change

“I have a real passion for sharing these skills in a social change context,” said Killian. She suggested that a “critical mass” of perhaps one percent of members in progressive groups would create “a huge change in how social change work is being done.” She continued, “I’ve seen over and over again that we don’t have the resources to find a way to work together with efficiency.”

Along these lines, Brooklyn NVC’s recent projects have included collaboration with the Department of Peace, featured in this year’s Peace Fair (sponsored by Brooklyn Parents for Peace, a group which also includes an array of Coop members on its board and throughout its membership).

The Department of Peace seeks to establish a Cabinet-level position within the United States government, focused on actively creating conditions and structures to promote peace worldwide.

Killian worked with Department of Peace founder Carol Hilton to formulate a “two-by-two” campaign, where two individuals within each organizational grouping learn NVC skills together and then promote those skills. Killian said two-by-two work “triples or quadruples” the transformation within an organization. *Peace* ■

focus on nonviolent communication (“NVC”) techniques full time. The freelance journalist, published poet and writer of short stories had become interested in the communications philosophy of Marshall Rosenberg when she interviewed him a decade ago. A few years later, she wrote on nonviolent communication for *Sun Magazine*: “Beyond Good and Evil: Creating a Nonviolent World.” She also coauthored “Connecting Across Differences: A Guide to Compassionate Nonviolent Communication.”

Killian and NVC board members Koren Manning and Phoenix Soleil are all Park Slope Food Coop members, at the fore of a movement for stronger communication skills and conflict resolution, spanning the interpersonal, the organizational and the international.

PROGRAMS

Thursday, January 4 through Sunday, January 7

The following programs will happen within four days of publication of this issue. For full ads, please look at the December 7 or 21 issues or pick up copies of the flyers in the Coop.

Thu, Jan 4
7:30 p.m. Food Class-Sea Vegetables

Fri, Jan 5
7:00 p.m. Film Night—Media That Matters: Good Food

Sat, Jan 6
10:30 a.m. Public Speaking for Everyone
4:30 p.m. Celebrate Local, Sustainable Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

Sun, Jan 7
12:00 p.m. Eating Healthy on a New York Budget

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.

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

Childcare Hours:

Monday through Sunday
8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

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Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words.

Submissions on Paper: Typed or very legibly handwritten and placed in the wallpocket labeled "Editor" on the second floor at the base of the ramp.

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

Subscriptions: The *Gazette* is available free to members in the store. Subscriptions are available by mail at \$23 per year to cover the cost of postage (at First Class rates because our volume is low).



Friday
Jan 19
8:00 p.m.

very
The Good Coffeehouse

COOP CONCERT SERIES

A monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Park Slope Food Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture

A Great Big Band Sound from a Great Small Band

SWING STREET

Barry Bryson

Marje Wagner

Carolynn Murphy

"Swing Street is a dance band with a rare ability: It provides stirring jazz and dance tempos without compromising either one," wrote Stuart Troup in *New York Newsday*.

Come join Barry Bryson, band-leader and trumpeter, with Coop musicians for a night of big band dance music, with special guest vocalist, Marje Wagner.

George Kanzler, *Newark Star Ledger*, says, "Not only are the musicians all committed to playing the music well, they're also dedicated to making it sound fresh and interesting, too."

Barry Bryson—Trumpet/Leader
Sheila Cooper—Alto Saxophone
Andy Middleton—Tenor Saxophone
Marje Wagner—Vocals

Stefan Bauer—Vibraphone
Matt Pavolka—Bass
Rob Garcia—Drums

Dance Instruction

Carolynn Murphy has been swing dancing for over 15 years. She fine tuned her skills in the dance clubs in Harlem, where she paired with with legendary swing greats, Buster Brown, Leroy Griffin and Frankie Manning. Other dance genres to her credit include rthym tap, zydeco and salsa.

53 Prospect Park West [at 2nd Street] • \$10 • 8:00 p.m. [doors open at 7:45]

Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit.

Booking: Bev Grant, 718-230-4999

Childcare is available from Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture for a nominal fee.

Puzzle Corner

Contributions from members are welcome. Please sign your entries. Answer is on page 11.

Cryptogram Topic: Canned Fish

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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WORKSLOT NEEDS

Inventory Data Entry

Sunday, 9:15 to 11:00 p.m.

Help the Coop complete its weekly inventory. Familiarity and comfort working on computers required for this work slot. You will be working with a small group of members so reliability and good attendance are a must. Work slot requires a 6-month commitment.

Paper Recycling

Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.

Do you have a large vehicle and want to help the Coop be a good green citizen? Collect recycled paper from the Coop, bag it, load it into your vehicle and drive it to the paper

recycling center. You need to be able to lift and work independently. Reliability a must as you will be the only person coming to do this job on your day. If interested please contact General Coordinator Jessica Robinson at jess_robinson@psfc.coop or drop by the Membership Office to speak to her.

Voucher Journal

Tuesday, 1:00 to 3:45 p.m.

Set-up voucher registration journal pages for 4-week period and review prior 4-week period of bound voucher journals for incomplete and missing voucher information. Neat and legible handwriting plus attention to detail is required. Good attendance absolutely necessary because

member will be solely responsible for doing this job once every four weeks. If you have any questions please contact Andie Taras in Bookkeeping.

Office Setup

Weekday mornings, 6:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Need an early riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Adrianna in the Membership Office, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

COOP CALENDAR

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:

Jan 18 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Jan 8
Feb 1 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Jan 22

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Jan 18 issue: 10:00 p.m., Wed, Jan 10
Feb 1 issue: 10:00 p.m., Wed, Jan 24

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, JAN 30

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.
The agenda appears in this issue and will be available as a flyer in the entryway on Wednesday, January 3.

TUE, FEB 6

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the February 27 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.

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, January 30, 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.)

- 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.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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-workslot-credit program was created to increase participation in the Coop's decision-making process.

Following is an outline of the program. *For full details, see the instruction sheets by the sign-up board.*

• Advance Sign-up Required:

To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby. 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 GM-for-workslot-credit program two times per calendaryear.

• Certain Squads not eligible:

Eligible: Shopping, Receiving/ Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Construction, and FTOP committees. (Some Committees are omitted because covering absent members is too difficult.)

• Attend the entire GM:

In order to earn workslot credit you must be present for the *entire* meeting.

• Childcare can be provided at GMs:

Please notify an Office Coordinator in the Membership Office at least one week prior to the meeting date.

• Signing in at the Meeting:

1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.
2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

• Being Absent from the GM:

It is possible to cancel without penalty. We do ask that you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

• Is it FTOP or a Make-up?

It depends on your work status at the time of the meeting.

• Consider making a report...

...to your Squad after you attend the meeting.

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**

BIRDWOMAN OF PARK SLOPE

With dogs and babies safely in tow,
Cappuccino sippers enjoy the flow
Of pensive consultants and rushing
commuters,
Schoolchildren with backpacks and shiny
scooters
Going by Connecticut Muffin's area,
A favorite Park Slope bencheteria
On shop-filled Seventh Avenue,
Where beer was once the favorite brew.
And often a curious kaffeeklatscher
Turns into a fascinated watcher,
Eyes fixed on the building opposite
And a window open just a bit.
A mini-flock of pigeons is feeding,
At the fourth-floor sill, with one succeeding
In grabbing more than a tiny morsel
By batting its wings so that the force'll
Knock back its rivals from the prize.
At this point the window starts to rise
And a wild-haired woman, head held back,
Extends an arm and gives a whack
Dispersing all the birds except
The grey-black champion, most adept
At taking care of No. 1.
As it feasts alone, the woman's begun
To envelop the champ and slowly, slowly
To ease it in, now part-way, now wholly.

Down comes the window, and feathers fly
As the flock seeks another crumb supply.
The kaffeeklatscher chats with a friend,
Then reads the *Times* to the lengthy end
Intrigued enough to wonder when
The swept-in bird'll come out again.
But in it stays. Apartment-bound
Or possibly down underground,
Its fate seems likely to be unsound.
Did the feeding woman snare the pigeon
To bring some light to a life that's stygian?
To fill a role in a cult or religion?
To turn into a pie in the kigeon,
Partaking of it smidgen by smidgen?
Or is the woman, full of anguish,
Instructing it in pidgin Angluish?
As sure as there's a landmark bridge in
Brooklyn, something's up with that pigeon
That drains the caffeine scene of hope
For avian mercy in the Slope.
A feather—no more—remains on the
ridge in
The neighborhood that's down one pigeon.
On the positive side: Birdwoman, did
you rob
Some Frenchy of a future squab?

Leon Freilich

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

SAT, JAN 13

HOUSE PARTY DANCE & TALK-FEST & FUNDRAISER to benefit Develop Don't Destroy Bklyn Legal Fund. Help stop eminent domain abuse and adverse environmental impacts in Brooklyn. 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. 409 Park Pl. btw. Underhill & Washington Aves. \$25 suggested donation.

FRI, JAN 19

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE-THIRD FRIDAY COOP NIGHT: Swing Street. Barry Bryson returns with his hit swing band for an evening of great music & dancing. Liz Peterson will provide dance lessons. Brooklyn Ethical Culture

Society. \$10 adults, \$6 children. 8:00 p.m. 53 Prospect Pk W. 768-2972.

DANCING FOR ANIMALS, a non-profit organization, is holding Friday night dance parties. Every Friday, enjoy an evening of dancing while helping animal welfare organizations! Intro dance class 9:00–9:30 p.m. General dancing 9:30–12:00 a.m. (music for all partner dances played). Dance Times Square, 156 W. 44th St., 3rd Floor. 212-946-1824 www.dancingforanimals.org

SAT, JAN 20

TALMUD SCHOLAR RABBI ALYSSA GRAY: Rabbis and Non-Jewish Rulers. Ability to work with original texts required. English translation provided. After Kiddush,

approximately 1:30 PM. \$15 Non-members, \$5 Seniors/Students. Advanced Registration Required. Park Slope Jewish Center, 8th Avenue & 14th Street. (718) 768-1453 or office@psjc.org

TUE, FEB 13

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 Pak Slope Geriatric Day Center, Tuesdays, 4-5:00 pm. RSVP necessary. Please call 347-296-2345 to register.

Past Life Regression Through Hypnosis

WITH JEFFREY T. CARL, CHT.

DO YOU HAVE THE FEELING THAT YOU HAVE LIVED BEFORE?

Have you ever just met someone and felt like you have previously known them?

Are there other countries or cultures that seem familiar to you?

Well there might be an explanation for this.

Through hypnosis we can tap into the subconscious mind, as well as enter into a peaceful trance-like state to retrieve memories of our past lives.

Relax and take a journey within.

Gain:

- Realizations
- A deeper understanding of who you are
- Retrieve memories
- Pass beyond death and back again

Bring: A blanket to lie down on or a comfortable lawn chair to relax into
A note book to write down anything that comes up

Jeffrey T. Carl, CHT, a Coop member, is a certified clinical hypnotherapist, and a member of I.A.C.T. Jeffrey is also certified in past regression though the Wiess Institute.

FREE
Non-members welcome **Friday, January 12**
7:30 p.m. at the Coop

Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop

Save these Dates!

The **Fun'Raising Committee** has plenty of events for you and your friends, Coop members or not. Display ads for each will appear in the *Gazette* as each event approaches.

Saturday, January 20
Adult Variety Show-auditions

Sunday, January 28
Adult Variety Show-auditions

Sunday, February 4
Spoken Word

Saturday, March 10
Adult Variety Show

Saturday, April 21
Earth Day World Beat Fiesta

Saturday, May 19
Game Night



FILM NIGHT

Friday, February 1 • 7:00 p.m.
at the Coop



THREE FILMS BY YOUTH ORGANIZERS TELEVISION YO-TV Documentaries

Still Standing provides an intimate portrayal of the challenges faced by Hurricane Katrina survivors six months after the storm. Diana is a single mother looking for housing, employment, and the chance to reunite with her children. Ms. Gertrude is a determined grandmother struggling to return home and rebuild. Her son Bilal's post-Katrina experiences in New York City drive him to become politically active. *50 minutes.*

Alienated: Undocumented Immigrant Youth is about Licia, a determined young woman from St. Vincent who commutes from Brooklyn to New Jersey to work as a nanny for \$4 an hour. Meanwhile, anti-immigrant groups rally around lobbying efforts that seek to impose ever harsher policies and to "protect our borders." Alienated examines what it means to be young, able and 'illegal' in America. *8 minutes.*

All That I Can Be follows William Solomon as he enlists in the United States Army in the fall of 2003. His story offers an intimate portrait of a young person making his way in a society in which joining the military seems to be the best or only option. **All That I Can Be** explores the economic draft and the promises and realities of the U.S. military in post-9/11 America. *8 minutes.*

All three films were made by Youth Organizers Television (YO-TV), a core program of the Educational Video Center, a non-profit youth media organization dedicated to teaching documentary video as a tool for social change and as a means to develop the artistic, critical literacy and career skills of young people.

A discussion with Coop member, Jen Meagher, YO-TV's Director of Marketing & Community Engagement, and the youth film-makers will follow.

FREE
Non-members welcome

Film Night organizer, **Trish Dalton**, can be reached at mail@trishdalton.com or 718.398.5704.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEBATING OUTSIDE WORKERS—HELPING US WITH OUR GROCERIES

HI!

Much as I loved being walked home the last time I bought too much, I think there are some pretty serious problems with the new system. Sometimes I see 4 vested people sitting on the bench, reading the papers. But more often, there are only 2-3 walkers on a shift, and they are working their tails off!

The problem is that now people expect to be walked home and count on it. They don't bring their shopping carts, they don't plan ahead and then they have a long wait for the next walker. Sometimes they get pretty cranky when they have to wait, and complain to the squad leader "I've been waiting...minutes, I have to get home...."

What was a privilege has become a right, and we cannot fulfill that expectation, unless there are many more walkers per shift, even during the day mid-week. And irritation with waiting has led to people taking carts to their cars, etc., and then leaving them outside the Coop, sometimes when there is no one out there to bring them in, thus risking loss of that cart.

So, I don't have a solution (yet), but we need to rethink this and I would be happy to be part of a group doing just that.

Best,
Emily Cohen

DEAR FELLOW COOP MEMBERS:

As did Janet Gottlieb in the November 23rd *Gazette*, I too feel obliged to respond to Jules Trachten's letter in the November 9th issue.

My wife and I have been Coop members since 1990. Throughout these years, we have lived across the street and down the block from the Park Slope Food Coop. In the several months before the Coop established

the job of escorting shoppers, life on Union Street had become very strained, specifically because of traffic issues at the Coop. Within the first week of the new shopper escorts, life here took a dramatic turn for the better. Not only did the levels of noise and air pollution recede, but so did the instances of road rage among stalled vehicle drivers. The fact that so many fewer cars were pulling into the loading area had a profound effect on us neighbors of PSFC. Rarely does a change in policy produce such an immediate improvement.

I have witnessed numerous instances throughout our surrounding neighborhood of shopper escorts assisting residents to unload their purchases at their doorsteps, providing evidence that shoppers who live within 8-12 blocks of the Coop and who previously might have driven there to shop have instead walked their groceries home.

I personally make extensive use of the escorts, even though I live a matter of yards away. I do so because I frequently shop with my four-year-old son (a dynamo whose sense of cause and effect regarding traffic I have not yet come to regard with full confidence), and because my knees are so debilitated that walking has become extremely painful for me. Not having to make the added trip to the Coop to return the cart saves me a great deal of time and physical agony. And, I must say, I've enjoyed many of the conversations I've had with the escorts.

Jules Trachten's screed makes the assumption that the primary purpose of the escorts is to encourage people to drive to the Coop (I quote: "Their job is to wheel groceries directly to cars, most of which will then be driven a few blocks to shoppers homes.").

Sincerely,
Arlo McKinnon

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks to Jules Trachten for the 11/9 letter on PSFC odd choices around resources supporting modes

of transport. I couldn't agree more on the strange message sent by the lack of support for bike shoppers, especially compared with the amenities for car drivers. If we can have workers specifically to assist drivers and those who live near to the Coop with their bags and boxes, couldn't we have a bike check set up? Or at least a dedicated bike rack and security camera? While the proposal to expand the Coop's entry and exit space by extending on to the sidewalk is intriguing, we should also consider how this sidewalk space could be used to support those of us who choose biking as our transport.

Chenda Fruchter

EDITOR'S NOTE:

General Coordinator Joe Holtz says there is a security camera watching the bike rack.

And also note, the outside workers were set up to keep the front of the firehouse clear.

FIGHTING RATNER'S ATLANTIC YARDS

DEAR FELLOW COOP MEMBERS:

Remember the date: Saturday, January 13, 2007, 8pm to 2am. Susan Metz is holding an old fashioned House Party/Dance and Talk Fest and Fundraiser to benefit the Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn Legal Fund. DDDDB and other community groups have sought to show how the "Atlantic Yards" project was fixed from the day it was announced three years ago and to prevent the abuse of eminent domain and to achieve meaningful community involvement in the environmental review process. From the beginning, the community realized that the struggle would be decided in the courts. Now that the PACB ("three men in a room") has approved the project, the top-notch legal team of constitutional and environmental lawyers and the 30 or so legal volunteers assisting them are ready to continue this struggle (at least one lawsuit has been already filed) against the unconstitutional taking of private property and to show that the environment review process was woefully insufficient and improperly and capriciously conducted, and therefore, illegal.

Help fund the legal fight by coming to Susan's party on January 13 and/or by sending donations to DDDDB at 89 Fifth Avenue, PMB 150, Brooklyn, NY 11217.

Yours in struggle and cooperation.
Margaret Elwert

TO THE EDITOR:

Sheldon Silver from the Lower East Side ignored public requests by all the elected Democrats from the section of Brooklyn most affected for a postponement. Last Wednesday he voted Yes on Forest City Ratner Corporation's proposal to build an arena and skyscraper city over the Atlantic Yards. Newly elected Prospect Heights Assembly member Hakeem Jeffries joined Annette Robinson from Bed Stuy, Park Slope's Jim Brennan and Joan Millman of Boerum Hill in asking that Silver take that item off the agenda of the Public Authorities Control Board. Only he, Joe Bruno and Governor Pataki vote, and he is the only Democrat on that panel of three. Isn't it baffling? His own party members from the region all asked

him to postpone until after the first of the new year. State Senators Velmanette Montgomery and Erik Adams also asked him to wait. And City Councilmember Tish James has been outspoken in her opposition to the proposal, a true representative of her constituents on this issue. They all want to study the financial reports that should reveal how much this will cost and/or benefit taxpayers. Those figures have been kept a deep secret even from them. SO WHY DID SILVER APPROVE FCRC AY PROJECT? Does anyone know what he traded or what threat has been made against him? I, for one, want to know. How can he explain this? We should go down to those middle income projects that have been his political base and ask those voters how they would feel if someone from Fort Greene, despite all pleas by local electeds to the contrary, agreed to invite 10,000 to 17,000 new residents into the middle of their neighborhood. For me Silver is now #1 on the sh-t list, superceding even the president sh-t himself.

Now it is even more important for us to raise the money to see the litigation against the abuse of eminent domain in this case through the entire court system. Killing the project legally is possible. Several other lawsuits will come out of the flawed Environmental Impact Study. We can raise the money. All information is available on the website of Develop, Don't Destroy Brooklyn. You can contribute there. But even more satisfying, is to come to a fundraising party.

FUNDRAISER FOR the LITIGATION against the ABUSE of EMINENT DOMAIN to build FCRC AY project 8 PM til 2 AM on SAT. JAN. 13TH 409 PARK PLACE (between Underhill and Washington Aves) in Prospect Heights \$25 suggested donation

Your help on that evening would be much appreciated.

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In solidarity and with hopes for a healthy, safe, joyful and prosperous New Year for all of us, our coop and our neighborhood,

Susan Metz

AUDITING THE COOP

DEAR MEMBERS,

I have recently learned that the Coop is considering retaining the same audit firm that it used last year. As someone who bid last year for the same audit engagement (I specialize in retail and not-for-profit audit engagements) I was surprised to see this 10 minutes item allotted to the December agenda's GM, less than two weeks before the year end (what a way to sneak it in to the GM!).

I will pose the following questions to the prospective audit firm as well as to the coordinators who suggested re-engaging it. At the time of the writing the GM had not yet heard the question but I fully expect the answers to be ready for publication in the *Gazette*.

Here goes—

I specifically have the following questions regarding the planned audit:

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- Key facts about the physiology of stress
- How stress impacts on your health



Mina Hamilton has been teaching stress-reduction for 16 years, including workshops for staff at Long Island College of Medicine, Methodist Hospital and the New University. Her book, *Serenity To Go: Calming Techniques for Your Hectic Life*, has been translated into five languages.

FREE
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Saturday, January 13
11:00 a.m. at the Coop

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Saturday, January 13
2:00 p.m. at the Coop

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with Susan Kranberg

Is the clutter in your home or office causing you stress? Are you having trouble finding the space for everything that you own? Certain papers and documents too emotionally charged to face? Moving date looming and you don't know what to keep or toss?



Learn how to:

- Prioritize
- Develop a task list
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For the past ten years, **Susan Kranberg**, a professional organizer and experienced business consultant, has helped homeowners and professionals find relief from chronic clutter and disorganization. Susan is a Coop member.

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Reading our Body's Signals:
What our Grandmothers Never Told Us

WITH LARA ROSENTHAL, L.AC.



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- The energetics of reproduction

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Lara Rosenthal is a Licensed Acupuncturist and Board Certified Chinese Herbologist. She maintains a private practice in Manhattan specializing in Women's Health and Fertility and works at the NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases' Initiative for Women with Disabilities. She has a B.S. in Biological Sciences from Stanford University, is fluent in Chinese, and studied and worked in Taiwan for three years. She is a faculty member at Pacific College of Oriental Medicine and a Coop member.

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Sunday, January 14
12:00 p.m. at the Coop

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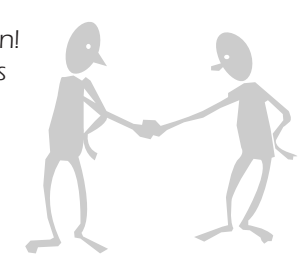
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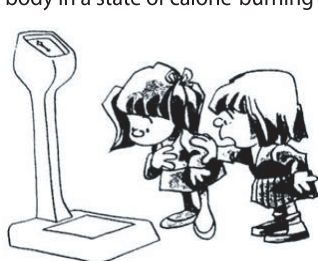
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Why You're Not Losing Weight:

Seven Reasons Those Pounds are Sticking Around

With Coleen DeVol

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"Don't step on it... it makes you cry."

Coleen DeVol is a certified Holistic Health Counselor from the American Association of Drugless Practitioners and a certified yoga teacher. She runs a private wellness practice in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn and is a Coop member.

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Friday, January 26
7:00 p.m. at the Coop

FREE
Non members Welcome



with Andrew Jones

Money - Where does it come from? How is it created?

The Federal Reserve – What is it and what role does it play in our money supply?

Taxes – What law requires you to pay income taxes?

Our Government encourages a globalized corporate economy. Permaculture supports people-centered local economies. This film introduces the problems of our current monetary system; permaculture encourages local solutions.

Andrew Jones is a coop member and permaculture teacher and practitioner.

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Saturday, January 27
1:00 p.m. at the Coop

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Fueling Up on Low-Fat Foods

with Michael Welch

Steering clear of meat, dairy products, fried foods, and other fatty fare is an important first step in preventing and surviving cancer. In this class you will see low-fat dishes made from whole grains, legumes, vegetables, and fruit and sample the healthy results. A 10-minute video featuring a medical professional will be shown followed by cooking demonstrations. Recipes, handouts and other fun materials are provided to participants.



This class is sponsored by the Park Slope Food Coop and The Cancer Project, a non-profit organization of physicians, researchers and nutritionists who educate individuals, families and the public on the benefits of a healthy diet for cancer prevention and survival.

Registration is requested. Please call 917-771-2478 or e-mail michael@fullplate.org.

Michael Welch is a health supportive chef in New York and is a graduate of the Natural Gourmet Institute. He has been a Coop member since 2004.

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Tuesday, January 30
7:30 p.m. at the Coop

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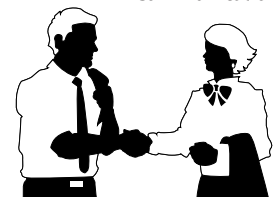
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WITH DIAN KILLIAN

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Dian Killian, Ph.D., is a member of the Food Coop, co-author of *Connecting across Differences, A Guide to Compassionate, Nonviolent Communication* and a graduate of the NVC North American Leadership Training program. She is founder and Director of Brooklyn Nonviolent Communication (www.BrooklynNVC.org) which specializes in sharing NVC with those involved with education, the arts and social change.


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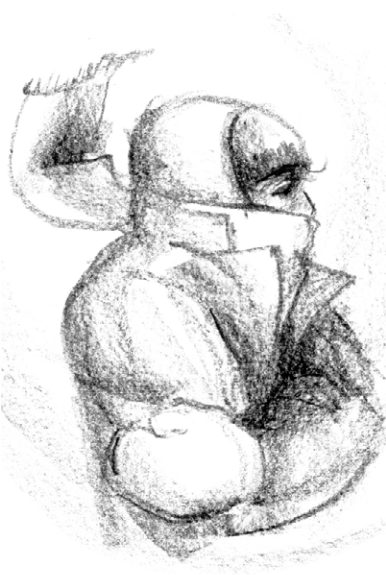
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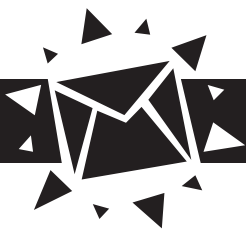
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In order to allow for an annual coop-wide inventory the Coop will be closing at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2007.

All members who wish to shop on that day must be in the Coop by 5:00 p.m. and on the checkout line with a completed shop by 5:15 p.m.

We apologize for any inconvenience this causes you.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

1. To what extent are the auditors planning to adopt Statement of Auditing standards (SAS) nos. 104-110, and SAS 112 which are now in effect? To that end, were there any reportable conditions the auditors considered last year, as pertains to internal controls?
2. What are the SAS 99 ("consideration of fraud") procedures that the auditors plan to perform? What were they last year?
3. How can the Coop management be improved beyond the assurance the auditors provide in its report? In other words, what is the "added value" of the audit to the Coop?
4. To what extent does Financial Interpretation (FIN) no. 48 apply to the Coop? In the past there were tax positions that were not upheld, such as Sales tax problems. Are we required to consider and disclose any tax positions that are possibly unsustainable?
5. Finally, a question to the coordinators: As you may know, a package of new SASs was put into effect in 2006 (see #1)—how do we know that the old auditors can adhere to these standards and at the same time provide us with a quality successful audit? Why was there not a vetting process in light of the change of paradigm in the audit world? Why was there not an RFP?

(The change is substantial because all audits are now required as a risk-based approach and a minimal test of internal controls, whereas this requirement was waived in the past.)

Cooperatively,
Yigal Rechtman, CPA, CAFÉ,
CITE, CAMS

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Please also see Coop Auditing is discussed in the General Meeting article in this issue.

PEACE TAX AND WAR TAX

FELLOW MEMBERS!

Great interview with Michael Pollan but I do want to point out that the empowerment that comes with making food choices is available to all citizens when deciding whether or not to be complicit with U.S. government spending priorities. With close to 50% of the budget going to military expenses and debt on those expenses, refusal to pay all or some of our taxes until the Peace Tax has been voted through in Congress need not result in jail as Michael Pollan claims. In fact, I don't know anyone who is resisting war taxes that's in jail, including me. You bet making choices with the food we eat and choosing not to be complicit in things we find inimicable is empowering! Not paying war taxes (and donating the money I owe to health care and poverty programs every year) has been the best decision I've ever made, with the exception of course of joining the Coop.

Carol Wald

COMPOST

HI,

Please make a correction to Johannah Rodgers' article on compost.

"Drop off" is a misleading term. Garden of Union (GOU) gardeners will happily show anyone how to process kitchen waste, in sync with our system. Non-members can access the compost bins whenever one of the Garden's members have opened the gate. (During the growing season this is most weekends.) Members can enter the garden at any time.

Witnessing the process is one of the really great things about composting! To become a GOU member or to find out more about the PSFC compost

system, contact Claudia Joseph, permie@earthlink.net, 718-369-1139.

Claudia Joseph

SOLOMON PART I (BELATED)

TO MY DEAR READERZ:

Well here is a victory message from the Singin' Candidate.

I hope we are all well in this Thanksgiving season, and we certainly are successful: Great gainz in the National electionz (for thoz of uz who are not conservativz) az well az at WBAI! A strong majority in the House and even a small majority in the Senate, and *our* local election went 'way better than ezbeht'd! Although I didn't win a seat—thankfully!—I did come out in the middle of the runnerz-up, rather than at the very end as might have been ezbeht'd, and for that I thank: *You!*

Half the Board is elected at each election, so we had 12 openings, 3 listener and 9 staff. The winnerz and runnerz-up were:

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As I said, the BAI elekshunz are ztaggered. That means another election next year and then not for two years. So we can't ztop working—please give house parties, petition and organize for *moi*, your local candidate, and of course all of the Indypendent Candidatz!

Missed the Nov. 14th General Meeting because they faked me out—it was suppozed to be Nov. 28th but even the Nov. 9th Gazette litzed id in zuch a way az to be *totally confuzng*.

I'm zorry to neglekt our dear Co-Op, zo keep your EMailz and phonecallz rolling in, letting me know: What'z on your mind? What'z happening at our dear Co-Op?

What should we bring up at the next General Meeting?

Az for my daughter-in-law Rebecca she is ezbeht'n a baby girl in December!

Wish uz luck!

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

We have published two letters in this issue from Albert Solomon because the first was accidentally left out of a prior issue.

SOLOMON PART II

TO THE EDITOR:

Well, finally I have the December 7th issue! Again I more or less conspicuously missed the General Happenstance—oh I forgot, it's suppozed to be cal'd the General Meeting!—on December 19th. Again, I hope you did allright without me but

still I'll put in my two centz: I guess you renewed the Auditor (Item No. 1) since who the hell knows the difference! Did anyone suggest *another* auditor?

To expand the GMO Shelf Labeling Committee (Item No. 2), I guezz thad'z okay. But on Yigal Rechtman'z "Guest Sign-In Tracking and 'Free loaders' Prevention" (Item No. 3) I hope you gave it the kabosh, as I would'v. Who wantz the Zdaff to be poring over zeguridy tapz anyway—wuzn'd that the Dizziblinary Hearing Gommittee'z job?

In case I shouldn't be at the next meeting either, here'z some questionz you could ask—if you want you can cut them out of the Gazette and just give it to them at the beginning of the meeting. They don't get any questionz most of the time anyway so they'll be happy to feel important.

1) What's happening with our item pricing policy? The orange signz aren't there any more. Are we still free to get a pricing gun and gain for ourselves the service that the store is legally required to provide?

2) What's happening with our equal representation policy? Recently we added FTOP workers to those who can get workslot credit for attending a General Meeting. Shouldn't we allow *everybody* to have equal rights?—remember not allowing certain people this privilege is like a poll tax! Or don't you support fair and equal representation?

An if no one answerz, get back up and say that you wanted an anzer. You weren't just talkin' to yourself. Don't let 'em just try to kabosh it like that.

VENCEREMOS! AND CHAPPY HOLIDAZ'!

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