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### **BORN-AGAIN BUILDING SUPPLIES**

From trash to treasure, Build It Green offers New Yorkers salvaged building materials at rock-bottom prices

By Katie Benner

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ou can buy a toilet for the price of lunch in midtown, a track lighting fixture for less than a pack of cigarettes and a gallon of paint for just \$5-all while helping the environment and easing pressure on the city's overtaxed waste-disposal network.

Welcome to Build It Green, a 17,500-square-foot warehouse space on Astoria's waterfront that houses the City's only non-profit salvaged and surplus building materials store. It's a cement and cinder cavern filled with sheetrock, kitchen counters. wooden blinds and doors of all types standing in soldierly rows that line the walls and slice the space from front to back. On any given day, the inventory could include moldings, lumber, timber, a trio of old pianos, kitchen appliances and tools. During a Saturday visit, I joined the shoppers picking their way around clusters of toilets, radiators pulled from brownstones, sinks, tubs, bathroom fixtures, tools, books, LPs, a Iacuzzi, desks and more. There's a lot of tile to be had here. None of the fancy Italian stuff, but plenty of neutral-colored, serviceable pieces for kitchen and bathroom, along with gallons and gallons of paint.

The sheer number of drawer fronts alone is startling because, keep in mind, this is not a warehouse of the new, but the way-station of the salvaged. This massive amount of stuff represents the tiniest fraction of the items that New Yorkers throw away as they push to build and renovate amid the city's largest-ever construction boom.

According to the New York City Department of Design and Construction, 33,000 tons of construction and demolition materials are generated every day, about 60% of our total waste stream. From old kitchen fixtures to the innards of an office building, it has become increasingly expensive and difficult to dispose of all this waste. In the meantime, residential building demolitions rose by over 600% between 1992 and 2002, and between 2000 and 2003 the department estimates the average daily tonnage was anywhere between 20,000 to 27,000.

"We opened the store because a lot of building materials thrown out in the city are perfectly good," says the organization's program director, Justin Green. "We've created a marketplace for materials that otherwise would have been thrown out and since we opened in 2005, we've diverted over 420 tons of material."

The goods are donated by suppliers that have misordered loads, by people renovating their condos who feel guilty about jettisoning perfectly good materials and by small landlord and building owners who would rather give their fixtures and appliances away than pay to have them dumped in places like Pennsylvania. There are no landfills still open in the five boroughs, and it's expensive to unload in other states.

Heather Green and Matt Greer were at the store dropping off five bales of new attic insulation, leftover from a renovation project on their New Jersey home. "We're also here to see what they have for doors," says Green.

"Our pricing starts at about half of what you'd pay retail," says Nate deVelder, a Coop member who is also Build It Green's media, IT and development coordinator. He says the most popular items are paint, doors, lumber, cabinets and specialty items like refrigerators. Contractors move in and out of spaces, browsing alongside home renovators, elderly couples, set designers and Queens Borough president, Helen Marshall. In about half an hour, deVelder sells a small butcher block countertop for \$5, a 94-lb bag of Portland Cement (that retails for about \$15) for \$2 and a steady stream of tools and paint. There's bartering and banter and lots of questions, and it's apparent that the place is full

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# Feeling Shiftless: Is Our Two-For-One

### **Makeup Policy** Too Much?

By Diane Aronson

peaking for the general coordinators at the November 2006 GM, Joe Holtz and Allen Zimmerman presented a for-discussiononly agenda item about the Park Slope Food Coop's workshift-makeup policy. Currently, members may be responsible for making up one or two slots per missed shift, depending on the circumstances and the shift. Holtz and Zimmerman initiated discussion about a makeup policy that would be consistent across the Coop and, at least as characterized at the November GM, would be linked to the member's work-slot-attendance history.

Any change to the makeup policy would need to be passed as an agenda item by a future GM and, according to



**Jamie Kruse** 

Joe Holtz, would be presented as an agenda item for a vote only after feedback from squad leaders and members at large, as well as more GM discussion. Joe Holtz is also keenly interested in members' reactions to a for-discussiononly agenda item scheduled



**Stephanie Etienne** 

for the January 30, 2007 GM and, according to a Coop handout, reads as "further discuss the feasibility of adding a 'vacation' credit to the Coop work rules." The idea of a member in good standing receiving a work-slot credit was mentioned by at least one speaker at the November GM.

Comments about the workslot commitment and makeup policy from shopping and

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#### **Next General Meeting on February 27**

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, February 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Pl.

The agenda will be available as a flyer in the entryway of the Coop on Wednesday, February 7. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of

\* Exceptions for November and December will be posted.

### Coop **Event Highlights**

Thu, Feb	1	<ul><li>Food Class—</li></ul>	-The Hungry,	Healthy	Vegan:	7:30 p.m
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Fri, Feb 2 • Film Night: 7:00 p.m. Yo-TV Documentaries

Sun, Feb 4 • Spoken Word Circle 3:00-5:00 p.m.

at the Old Stone House

Fri, Feb 16 • The Good Coffeehouse: 8:00 p.m.,

Blue Moon Ramblers and The Coop Rhythm Masters

Thu, Mar 1 • Food Class—Spring Cleaning: 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Mar 2 • Film Night: 7:00 p.m. Contested Streets: Breaking NYC Gridlock

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

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of regulars combing for bargains and hidden treasure.

"You have to come with an open mind," says Green. "If you're trying to build a shelf, come see what we have and then make something up."

That's what Stephen von

Muehlen did. The former contractor found a cast iron sink that a client liked so much that he built a new kitchen around the piece. "You have to be able to design on the fly," says von Muehlen, who was at the store cutting pieces from an old sheet of pressed tin for a stage set.

And despite the ever-

changing inventory, the response has been positive and the store now claims a loyal group of customers that comes for the prices, for the finds and because they want to build and renovate in a more sustainable fashion.

"One of the reasons we called the store Build It Green is because we feel there's a big boom in green building materials," Green adds. "Bamboo is a really popular material now because it's supposed to be greener than lumber. But when it's shipped from China, a lot of oil is used to get it here and then it's not that green anymore."

"We're the greenest choice. We keep things out of landfills, which release methane and cause global warming and have been linked to cancer. And if you buy things here, you are using alreadyharvested materials with little additional production and transportation costs."

"Pricing starts at about half of what you'd pay retail," says Nate deVelder, a Coop member and Build It Green's media, IT, and development coordinator.

Plus, the organization supports environmental education because it's part of the Community Environmental Center, which also opened the solar-powered environmental education center "Solar One."

Build It Green does not offer installation or delivery, and due to cost constraints

they can only pick up large donations. However, they can recommend truck rentals and contractors, and they hope to offer pick up and delivery as time goes on. If Coop members are interested in doing more than donating or shopping, deVelder says there is also a volunteer program. Times and dates will be up on a redesigned website, but until then you can call the store for more information.

#### **Contact information:**

Phone: (718) 777-0132 Address: 3-17 26th Ave. at 4th St. Astoria, NY 11102

Check out www.bignyc.org for more information and complete driving directions.

#### Thursday, March 1 7:30 p.m. at the Coop Susan Baldassano coordinator PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP



- Liver and Gall Bladder Flush
- Dandelion Smoothie
- Red Oak & Endive Salad with creamed-fennel
- Vegetable Pave & Arugula Truffle
- Vanilla Millet Pudding

#### \$4 materials fee

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

**Guest Chef** Annie Kunjappy is a graduate of the Institute for Health and Culinary Arts. Her approach to food is deeply connected to her long-term study of yoga and tradional Chinese healing practices, and integrates the belief that our bodies needs change

**MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS** 

#### WELCOME. Come early to ensure a seat.

### **Kitchen Composting—Just Say Yes!**

Photos by Judy Janda



You will need a container, "greens" and "browns." The greens are the nitrogen and can be, literally, leafy greens—as well as other veggies, fruit, and spent flowers. The browns are the carbon and can be dried leaves, sawdust, shredded newsprint or egg cartons, peanut shells, cereal grains, paper towels, along with dried houseplant prunings and dried flowers. Remember to chop up your contributions to provide more facets exposed to decomposition, which hastens the process.

From your kitchen wastes you will be collecting mostly the greens part of the mix. Next to the outside bin should be a supply of browns. An excellent source of browns for a home bin is autumn leaves. Just rake up everything on the block. Oak leaves are best, maple leaves tend to clump, and avoid leaves from Norway maples. Ten or so 30gallon black plastic bags packed with dried leaves should last the year for a two-to-three-person household that consumes a lot of produce.



You'll need an outside bin or inside worm bin. Nearby community garden bins are at 6-15 Green at Sixth Avenue and 15th Street and the Garden of Union, on Union Street between 4th and 5th Avenues. Join a garden to be able to contribute your compostables at your convenience. Or get your own bin or one for your building, block, or neighborhood. This Bio-Activator bin is a stack of sections that can be removed or added as needed, making it easier to turn and to empty.

### 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

Mondays, February 5 (A Week) and February 26 (D Week) Noon to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, February 14 and March 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.

# **Googling Ourselves**

By Barbara Ensor



ith surprising unanimity the web journalists of this world love to hate the Park Slope Food Coop. Prickly comments make for buzz, but this goes beyond that. When Mr. Beller's Neighborhood stops sounding friendly and ChowHound.com loses its appetite you have to wonder. Do they have a point?

Well that depends on your point of view. Journalism, like gossip, tends toward muckraking. News of a crime wave at the food Coop, recently reported in these pages, found its way into the Brooklyn Papers under the somewhat gleeful servesthem-right headline "Has the Food Co-op's Lefty Ethos Led to Crime?" Then when New York magazine asked the coop's Joe Holtz for a reaction, they printed his articulate response, "Lefty ethos did not lead to these crimes...People feeling comfortable enough to leave their purses inside their carts while they went back to aisle three to pick up the can of tuna fish they forgot led to these crimes." But not without the barbed comment that "Joe Holtz, the Coop's general manager, seems most offended by being dubbed a nambypamby liberal."

(Yeah right, he is very sensitive about that.)

The negative spin is so consistent, though, you have to wonder if something else is at work here. Fran Giuffre, writing for Mr. Beller's Neighborhood, starts by scattering her account of an information session for prospective members with comments that start merely as catty.

"The leader of our group, Sky, whose chosen 'work shift' was to head this orientation meeting, turned to me and smiled showing her perfectly aligned, white teeth straight out of an advertisement for Tom's Natural Tooth Paste." Then she jumps headlong into nasty hearsay.

"I had heard about their strict regulations that had earned them the title 'Food Nazis.' Stories circulated around the neighborhood about members who would turn in close friends who attempted to sneak in and shop without joining."

Outrageous allegations from unnamed sources give way to liberal doses of misinformation:

"Strict regulations about those who committed crimes against the Coop such as missing shifts without notification... could result in suspension."

I began to worry about how long Ms. Giuffre may have been having these paranoid fantasies. But then she gets delusional.

"In order to fit in, I'd have to stop shaving my legs and underarms, forget about dyeing my hair, get rid of the makeup and maybe consider purchasing a pair of Birkenstock sandals."

What is she talking about?

Red Hook vs. Park Slope: Fairway-Food Coop Death Match. Some people will say anything to try to gather a crowd.

Chow.com's Diana Mehta also attended an information session. She just couldn't resist, she explains, apologetically.

"Organic blueberries and entire grass-fed steers, purchased directly from local farmers. Big, leafy watercress. Uncommon items like adzuki beans and flaxseed in the bulk section. And it was cheap...'

She showed up for her first work slot only to be told that she had missed her first shift. and was now on alert. That does sound like a bummer. By now her tail was not wagging. After working in the office she cruised the aisles picking out food, delicious-looking food, which like any good chowhound she was drooling over. But already bruised she was not up to learning the ropes.

"'How many bags?' Scanner Lady squawked when I returned, and I looked at her blankly. Turns out I was expected to estimate the number of bags I would need for my groceries..."

Then, when Ms. Mehta tried to walk out without showing the check out person her receipts "People started screaming. 'Hey, HEY!'" Well yes, they would. But comparing the organization to "a Soviet-style reeducation camp" seems a little inaccurate. And to think, I used to read the restaurant reviews on that website.

So you have to give credit to Phoebe Maltz of the Gothamist for coming up with a real reason for disliking the Park Slope Food Coop. In her piece, Opinionist: My Beef With The Park Slope Food Coop, Ms. Maltz dryly assures us she will surely be punished—exiled gulag-style to "say, a townhouse in the West Village—" for speaking out against the food coop. When the laughing dies down she waves the risk aside. "So be it," continues Ms Maltz bravely. We may preach diversity. but "The purity of the shopping experience," created by our system she says, ensures "that you will not once encounter a fellow shopper who does not believe in The Cause." So much for our right to feel smug. But that was just the bun. The meat of Ms. Maltz' argument is on even higher ground.

"Rather than having your groceries bagged by an impoverished, possibly illegal immigrant while you yap on your hands-free cell phone in one ear and blare your iPod in the other, you exchange a meaningful, not-for-profit exchange of money for food with someone you consider to be an equal. The caste system of service-sector vs. yuppie is thus eliminated. You can rest easy from now on."

So really, we are members in order to escape the dregs of society, and avoid the riff raff. We are a kind of bubble of privilege in a sea of .... Has this woman actually seen the Coop?

Our mission statement says, "We are committed to diversity and equality," Ms Maltz points out, but hey what hypocrites we are! By working a few hours a month we are denying people jobs in the grander scheme! You have to hand it to Ms Maltz. It may be a stretch, but it isn't about our body odor.

"By refusing to provide jobs to those who actually need them, reserving work instead for those well-off enough to be shopping for organic food in Park Slope in the first place, the Coop is not fixing any of the admittedly legitimate social problems revealed by the breakdown of just who does

end up working in upscale NYC markets."

If all of the complaints on the web were as creative as Ms. Maltz's opinion in Gothamist's there might be something to talk about.

But more, it seems to be about the fact that people who are different, even just a little bit, are so fun to ridicule. "Brace yourselves for our favorite kind of fight: hippie-vs.-hippie smackdown!" Amy Langfield wrote in Curbed.com back in 2004. Come and see the food coop get a bloody nose and maybe go down, Langfield urged readers under the misleading headline Red Hook vs. Park Slope: Fairway-Food Coop Death Match. Some people will say anything to try to gather a crowd.

Louise Crawford, the doyenne of Only the Blog Knows Brooklyn, appears to be the only voice of sanity on the subject. She freely admits

to being a card carrying member. "Okay. So, we're scruffy," she admits, begging questions about where she shaves and doesn't shave. But is she a Stalinist or a Food Nazi? "Shopping there makes me feel like I am being more conscious about sustainable agriculture and healthy eating," continues Crawford, daring also to risk being called an elitist yuppie. Leave it to others to call her a cultist when she boldly asserts, "The fact that it works at all day in and day out is itself a miracle."

I belong to the food Coop because I like doing my grocery shopping here. There is no rule compelling anyone to belong who doesn't want to, so some of this vitriol seems a little out of place. My own major gripe, and thanks for asking, is that the check out lines are too long too much of the time.

Maybe a little bad publicity is just what we need. ■



#### **Plastic Recycling Drivers Needed**

Wednesday, time to be arranged.

The Plastics Recycling Squads are looking for drivers to transport plastic recycling collected at the Coop to the recycling plant in Brooklyn. Drivers needed to work Wednesday during the daytime. The time can be arranged with Jessica Robinson but the work needs to be completed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. when the recycling facility is open. Drivers must have a large capacity vehicle (van or truck) for the volume of recycling collected. You need to be able to lift and work independently. Reliability is a must as you are 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.



#### **Paper Recycling Driver Needed**

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 is 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.

#### **Feeling Shiftless**

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receiving squad members working in late December and early January, didn't require much prompting and were varied.

Tyler Wood, who has been a member for about a year, and was working as one of the orange-vested shopper escorts you see all over the Slope, said "I'm actually OK with the work slot commitment, since I'm selfemployed." Wood was aware of the work commitment when he joined the Coop. The work policy makes a lot of sense to him: "I feel like I'm saving so much money shopping here that I can translate it into dollars very easily in my head."

Although Wood's household didn't have much of a problem with missed work slot shifts—he and his housemates cover for each other—he thought a oneshift makeup for members in good standing made sense. He particularly liked the idea of policy consistency between shifts.

Maya Valladares, a member for about two and a half years, "loved the idea of the work slot" when she joined the Coop. She likes that the work commitment is across the board for active members. Describing her own circumstances, she would like to see a little bit more flexibility in the work shift makeup policy. She works freelance, and has had to miss a Coop work slot because of the unpredictable nature of her work. But Valladares is not interested in FTOP. She says, "because it feels as if everybody is working FTOP." She commented, "I think if you call your supervisor and have been responsi-



Jezra Kaye

ble about it—if you try to get someone—then the theory is you should only have to make up one, but I've always had to make up two." She observed, "It gets overwhelming—you miss two and you are working every weekend. I think that if there was a way to make sure that people who were responsible about it would only have to make up one, then that would be good."

Amre Klimchak, a member since summer 2006, is fine with the current work slot commitment, observing, "We pay dues, but we get a huge discount. I've been at other coops and you pay dues and get a discount for being a member, but it's not that much of a discount. It's not as cheap as the Park Slope Food Coop. The reason it is inexpensive is that everybody works here. You also feel ownership: you're contributing."

Sarita Khurana, a member for 13 years, observed "I think since we have so many members, we could have less shifts over the course of the year. I think it should go to once every five weeks, just so we could incorporate all the new people." Although Khurana thought the makeup policy was "mostly fair," she also observed, based on having done the office work slot, "sometimes people have very legitimate reasons—they were sick, they were on a plane—and sometimes I think the rule can be a little

Based on her on own experience of having worked on several squads, Khurana concluded that the one-makeupfor-one-missed-shift policy works best for her. She felt that the Coop needed more flexibility to help members make up missed shifts and keep their membership. She felt that "a lot of people just get sick of trying to catch up on their makeups and just ditch the Coop because it becomes overwhelming. I think that happens all the time." The current makeup policy had prompted Khurana to leave the Coop in the past.

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Jezra Kaye, a Coop member for more than 25 years and a squad leader for more than 20, has long followed a one-makeup policy for squad members in good standing who called in. Kaye thought it might make sense to have a two-for-one makeup policy only for very small squads where everyone is essential.

A Sunday morning shopping-squad leader, Kaye feels she has enough members doing makeups from other squads to fill gaps in her squad. She believed the two-for-one makeup policy was "antiquated," and she was glad there's talk of changing it.

A member for about five years who has always worked on a shopping squad, Jamie Kruse felt "it would be great if



**Rob Archangel** 

just one makeup were possible. People want to stay in good standing, and I think typically it's hard to organize around schedules. Making up two shifts could really discourage people from being able to stay in good standing." As a Park Slope resident, Kruse pointed out that it was easy to make her shift because of a convenient location, but she thought it was more challenging for members who don't live close by.

Liz Shura, a member for about 15 years, who has worked shopping and receiving, has been on squads with a single-shift makeup policy.



Liz Shura

Shura thought that having the possibility of a two-shift makeup is a useful prod for members—including herself—to make their shifts. When queried, she offered her own observation that squads with a two-makeup policy had more consistent worker attendance, commenting, "You're much more likely to work with the same people if you're on a twomakeup squad."

A member since fall 2006. Rob Archangel was in the middle of doing a makeup for



Iliana Delgado

a housemate, who was also working a makeup shift. Archangel found the current makeup policy "punitive," and wondered if the Coop's size made it "really necessary for the Coop to function" to have a two-for-one makeup policy. He did see the twofor-one policy as a "good motivator," but wondered if the double-makeup was always necessary, particularly if a member had a good reason and had called ahead. Archangel felt the two-makeup policy was a factor in people's decisions not to join the Coop. As an example, he told the story of a friend who lived on the same block as the Coop but who wouldn't join because of a perception of the work-shift policy as "overbearing."

Iliana Delgado, a four-year member who has always worked on a shopping squad, thought that "sometimes it is difficult for people to make a shift," but if a member called, then a one-for-one makeup

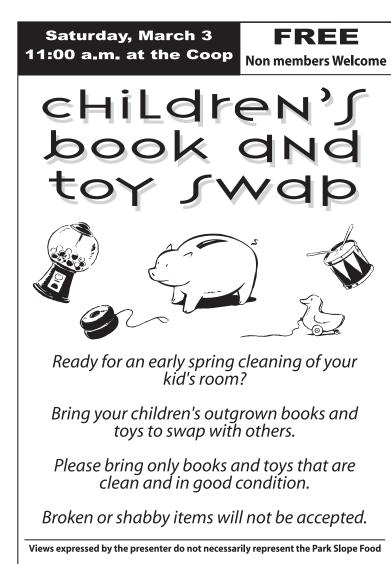


**Urbano Sanchez** 

policy would be fair. Feeling the Coop offered many "perks," however, Delgado didn't think the current twofor-one makeup policy prevented people from joining or staying members.

Urbano Sanchez, a 20+-year member, has worked on shopping and receiving squads. He believes that changing the makeup policy to be uniformly one shift would be "a good show of grace" on the Coop's part. On the Sunday we spoke, Sanchez was working a makeup for his wife. With a child in the household, work slots are a balancing act for the couple. and he knew of members who left the Coop because the makeups had become unmanageable.

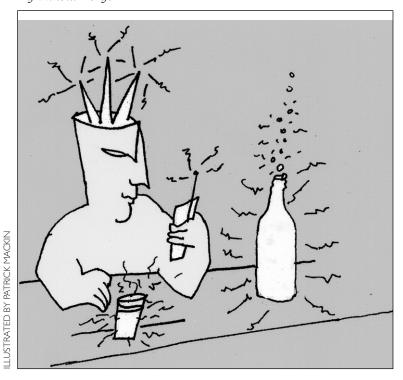
A member since April 2005, Stephanie Etienne has worked receiving since joining. When we talked, she was working a makeup for a friend who was out of the country. Swapping shifts and makeups are an important part of how Etienne manages her work commitment, particularly since she too needs to travel. The two-makeup policy adds stress to her Coop commitment; since she's not on FTOP, she finds it hard to schedule a makeup in a way that works for her and for the Coop. She felt the two-forone policy was a deterrent for people who wanted to join the Coop: some of her friends had gotten so far behind, that they couldn't even come to the Coop to shop. Etienne summed up her thoughts as "I think people work really hard and want to be able to shop and buy good food for their families. It makes it hard to have to worry about when they're going to be able to get their shift done and how they're going to figure it all out." ■





### Radioactive

By Nikola Berger



read in the reputable German ecological consumer report (öko-test, June 2005) that San Pellegrino sparkling water (consumed in USA as well as in Germany and at the Coop!) has some of the highest levels of URA-NIUM (think nuclear) of the

tested European bottled waters. Uranium levels in bottled water are not regulated in Germany but are regulated by the EPA here in the US. Uranium is quite unhealthy, not only because it is radioactive but also because it's a heavy metal with consequences like lead. It doesn't flush out of the body but gets comfortable and accumulates in our bodies over our lifetimes, a process

called bioaccumulation. The World Health Organization (WHO) suggested in 1998 to set the level of acceptable uranium in drinking water at two micrograms

San Pellegrino has five to 10 micrograms per liter. Evian is close to two. The French water Perrier was also in the higher ranges.

The WHO recently changed its recommended limit to 15 micrograms, more than sevenfold the original without much explanation or based on a new study. The EPA in the US set the limit at 30 micrograms per a liter of water (that's seven-fold times two!), based on the same studies the WHO used—except they used a different body weight as average. The WHO

### Member **Contribution**

used an average of 132 pounds or 60 kilos, and the US EPA used 154 pounds or 70 kilos. Now you might think it's legitimate for the US to use a heavier average since Americans weigh more than Europeans (on average) but another recent study said that fat is an excellent storage for all kinds of toxic substances which are detrimental to our health. So the heavier we are the more substances we can store, constantly polluting our system.

The consumers of water have no lobby, which may be the reason for the limits of acceptable uranium consumption going up instead of down. The article in öko-test mentioned that as the uranium levels in the water get higher, the acceptable limits are also set higher by our authorities, thereby allowing the water to be sold, without any regard for what is safe to ingest.

The good people of Finland did some studying themselves and found that the limit should be well under two micrograms per liter, which would eliminate a lot of water sources we currently consume from.

The World Health Organization (WHO) suggested in 1998 to set the level of acceptable uranium in drinking water at two micrograms per liter. San Pellegrino has five to 10 micrograms per liter.

Tap water can also contain uranium and other radioactive substances. One way these substances get into the water could be through contaminated fluoride, a pesticide added to our New York drinking water and most communities in the USA. Fluoride supposedly strengthens teeth (much evidence exists to the con-

trary) but since it is not a natural mineral but an industrial grade chemical it contains traces of heavy metals, including radioactive ones. The Environmental Working Group, a reputable watchdog in D.C.

has done some research on the issue and you can go to their website and click on the different contaminants (e.g. Uranium-234, Radium-226, etc.) and see which communities are contaminated (http:// www.ewg.org/tapwater/contaminants). To see all the contaminants in the New York water go to their state report.

I tried to find a similar study regarding the radioactive levels of American bottled water but could not find one. I called the FDA and a friendly man explained to me that though the sellers of bottled water are required to test for uranium levels, this data is just reviewed and not collected. I would need to call

each bottled water company and ask them to reveal their levels of contamination to me to find out the results. The bottled water quality standard regulations state that bottled water producers need to test their product once a year and their source waters every four years. The allowable amount of radioactive contamination is comparable to those for drinking water by the EPA, fourteen times bigger than what the

WHO originally suggested. I dropped off a letter with this information at the Coop's office, addressed to the buyer of water about two months ago, but she has never contacted me or removed San Pellegrino from the shelves. Besides the atom-splitting quality of San Pellegrino and Co., I would always recommend that one drink something that doesn't have to travel over an entire ocean to get here. ■

# **Coop Plastics Recycling**

#### **ALL PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEAN AND DRY**

#### What plastics do we accept?

- •#1 and #2 non-bottle shaped containers and #1 and #2 labeled lids. Mouths of containers must be equal width or wider than the body of the container.
- •All #4 plastic and #4 labeled lids.
- •#5 plastic cups and tubs and #5 labeled lids and bottle/jug caps, clear and opaque and with all paper labels completely removed.
- Plastic film, such as shopping bags, dry cleaning shrouds, etc. Okay if not labeled.

#### When?

- •Second Saturday of each month: 12:00–2:00
- •Third Thursday of each month: 7:00 p.m.-9:00
- •Last Sunday of each month: 10:00–12:00 p.m.

#### Where?

On the sidewalk in front of the receiving area at the Park Slope Food Coop.



### Do you buy bottled water?

Check out our new Doulton water filters instead! These filters remove all biohazards, chemicals and minerals!

Here's an example price comparison:

Doulton undersink dual water filter first year – 600 gallons = \$256.05

Poland Spring or Appalachian Spring Water -600 gallons = \$762.00The second year of Doulton filtered water would only be \$78.69 You can find the filters on the top shelf of Aisle 2 above the water

Illustration by graphic artist Sidy Lamine Dramé, originally appeared in Baobab magazine, published by ALIN (Arid Lands Information Network), based in Nairobi, Kenya. Mr. Drame's main focus has been illustrating extension and training materials on rural development. He has been the principal illustrator for Baobab, since 1991.

#### 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.

#### **Telephone:**

718-622-0560

#### Web address:

www.foodcoop.com

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#### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

All submissions MUST include author's name and phone number and conform to the following guidelines. Editors will reject letters and articles that are illegible or too long. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar opposite.

Letters: Maximum 500 words. All letters will be printed if they conform to the guidelines above. The Anonymity and Fairness policies appear on the letters page in most issues.

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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.

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#### **Friday** Feb. 16 8:00 p.m.



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



#### The Blue Moon Ramblers

are city folk with a distinct country sensibility. What they have in common is a love of traditional American country music—especially, but not limited to, bluegrass. Propelled by the rhythm section of frequent Rambler "Big Daddy" Ben Herzog on bass, and Howard Gotfryd on guitar, the Blue Moon Ramblers sparkle, swing, and fly along with multi-genre master Dotty Moore on fiddle, the erudite, honky-tonkin' Charlie Goldman on the banjo, and the esoteric "Edmund Wilson of bluegrass music," Jerry Hertz, on the mandolin. Expect some corny humor, hair-raisin' harmonies, drivin' rhythms, and hot pickin'.



The Coop Rhythm Masters is a swing band

consisting of fantastic musicians from the Coop who got together because they wanted to have unimaginable fun playing music. Swing is their music of choice because everyone in the Rhythm Masters has it coming out of their pores. The group features the golden voice of Christine Correa, the elegant trumpet of Barry Bryson, the cloven saxophone of Eric Pakula, the grand piano of Frank Carlberg, along with the feral combination of drummer Rob Garcia with bassist Alexis Quadrato.

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

### **Puzzle Corner**

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

#### **Cryptogram Topic: Health & Beauty Aids**

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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#### Office Setup

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

We 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. Please speak to Adrianna in the Membership Office, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### **Gazette Ad Prep**

#### Thursday, A and C weeks, 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.

Are you available to work two shorter shifts twice per 4-week cycle? One member needed to help prepare classified submissions to the Linewaiters' Gazette. Work slot requires legible

handwriting, attention to detail, comfort working with computers, and reliable attendance. A 6month commitment is required. Contact Rocco Arrigo at 718-622-0560 or rocco\_arrigo@psfc.coop if interested. The first day to work will be Thursday, February 8th.

#### **Orientation Committee**

#### Weekday mornings, 6:00 to 8:30 am

Although we have no openings at the moment, no members are currently trained to step in when a vacancy occurs. We are looking for energetic people with a teaching or training background who can work Sunday afternoon, Monday or Wednesday evening, or Wednesday morning. Workslot credit will be given for training sessions. An annual meeting of the Orientation Committee is part of the work

requirement. We are especially interested in members who speak fluent Spanish or Russian. For more information, contact the Membership Office or: karen\_mancuso@psfc.coop.

#### **Cash Disbursed Bookkeeping**

#### Monday, 6:00 to 8:45 p.m.

You will be entering information about checks written from individual papers into our checkbook (cash disbursed journal) and adding it up. Neat, legible handwriting a must, and facility with working with numbers and a calculator helps. You will be working independently so good attendance record needed. A six-month commitment is required. Please speak to Andie Taras through the Membership Office at 718-622-0560.

### 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:**

Feb 15 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Feb 6 7:00 p.m., Mon, Feb 19 Mar 1 issue:

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

10:00 p.m., Wed, Feb 8 Feb 15 issue: 10:00 p.m., Wed, Feb 21 Mar 1 issue:

#### 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.



#### **General Meeting**

#### TUE, FEB 6

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

#### TUE, FEB 27

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

The agenda will appear in the next issue and will be available as a flyer in the entryway on February 7.

#### 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-forworkslot-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

#### • Two GM attendance credits per year:

Each member may take advantage of the GM-for-

#### 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:

below for details.

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 you cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM

#### • Is it FTOP or a Make-up?

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

#### **Park Slope Food Coop** Mission Statement

The Park Slope Food Coop is a mem**ber-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 nontoxic, 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, earthfriendly producers. We recycle. We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment. We are committed to diversity and equality. We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member. We seek to maximize participation at every level, from policy making to running the store. We welcome all who respect these values.

#### A B O U T 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,** February 27, 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.

#### 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, FEB 3

PEOPLES' VOICE CAFE: Peter Siegel; Jay Mankita. Workmen's Circle, 45 E 33 St, Manh, 8:00 p.m. Admission: \$12, more if you choose, less if you can't. Members \$9, 212-787-3903 www.peoples voicecafe.org.

#### FRI, FEB 9

MAKE YOUR HOME A PLACE OF PEACE. On Feb. 9, come to a community dinner and presentation about the legislative/moral campaign for justice for NY's domestic workers at Park Slope Jewish Center, 8 Ave. & 14 St. Following 6:30 p.m. kabbalat shabat services (all welcome). Dinner, \$5, and discussion. Reservations: (718) 768-1453.

#### SAT, FEB 10

PEOPLES' VOICE CAFE: Rod Mac-Donald. Workmen's Circle, 45 E 33 St, Manh, 8:00 p.m. Admission: \$12, more if you choose, less if you can't. Members \$9, 212-787-3903 www.peoplesvoicecafe.org.

#### SAT, FEB 17

PEOPLES' VOICE CAFE: Love & War; Bruce Markow. Workmen's Circle, 45 E 33 St, Manh, 8 p.m. Admission: \$12, more if you choose, less if you can't. Members \$9, (212) 787-3903 www.peoples voicecafe.org

#### SUN, FEB 18

ASIAN AMERICAN WOMEN ARTISTS ALLIANCE. Home Room Phase II Exhibition Opening Reception and Lunar New Year Celebration. 1-6 p.m. Celebrate the year of the Pig with a New Year dumpling workshop, 1-6 p.m. Dumpling eating contest, 3 p.m. Lion Dance, 4 p.m. Admission \$5. AAWAA Gallery, 136 15 St. Bklyn. info@aawaa.org (718) 788-6170

#### FRI, FEB 23

ASIAN AMERICAN WOMEN ARTISTS ALLIANCE MOVIE SERIES. Vietnam Symphony by Tom Zubrycki, 52 min. info@ aawaa.org (718) 788-6170.

#### SAT, FEB 24

ASIAN AMERICAN WOMEN ARTISTS ALLIANCE MOVIE SERIES. Between Two Worlds: The Hmong Shaman in America by Taggart Siegel & Dwight Conquergood, 30 min. info@aawaa.org (718) 788-6170.

#### SAT, MAR 17

DWA FANM, "Women's Rights" in Haitian Creole, is a human rights organization committed to empowering all women and girls. DWA FANM invites you to The Vagina Monologues with Eve Ensler and surprise guests. Sat, March 17, 8 p.m. To purchase tickets call (718) 730-4027.

#### WED, JUN 20

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.



#### **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.

Sunday, February 4	Spoken Word
Saturday, March 10	Adult Variety Show
Saturday, April 21	Earth Day World Beat Fiesta
Saturday, May 19	Game Night

#### **PROGRAMS**

#### Thursday, February 1 through Sunday, February 4

The following programs will happen within four days of publication of this issue. For full ads, please look at the January 4 or January 18 issues or pick up copies of the flyers in the Coop.

#### Thursday, February 1

7:30 Food Class: The Hungry Healthy Vegan

#### Friday, February 2

Film Night: Yo-TV Documentaries

#### Sunday, February 4

- 12:00 Enjoying Difficult People— Including Yourself
- Spoken Word Circle

Friday, February 9 7:30 p.m. at the Coop FREE

Non members Welcome

### Art and Relationships



#### with Sarah Zahnstecher

- Is there a relationship you would like to explore?
- Are there symbols and metaphors to describe it?
- What could it look like? The art work you create will inform you.

In an atmosphere of non-judgment and self acceptance, each participant will have an opportunity for understanding, satisfaction and connection.

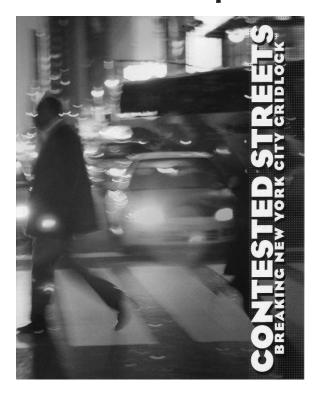
All materials will be provided. This workshop is designed for adults. There will be no entry after 7:45 p.m.

**Sarah Zahnstecher** is a New York State Licensed Creative Arts Therapist who works in private practice as well as in a hospital setting and has been practicing for over 20 years. She is a Coop member.

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



#### Friday, March 2 • 7:00 p.m. at the Coop



A documentary film made by Cicala Filmworks and co-produced by local bike and pedestrian advocacy group Transportation Alternatives that dares to ask, "How do we solve the problem of NYC traffic?" Contested Streets features new footage of reclaimed streets in London, Paris and Copenhagen and interviews with New York savvy notables such as Ken Jackson, Mike Wallace, Bob Kiley, Majora Carter, Kathryn Wylde, Enrique Peñalosa, James Howard Kunstler and many more.

Stefan Schaefer (Director/Producer/Editor, Cicala Filmworks) has written, directed and produced documentaries, TV commercials and promotional videos for clients such as the Guggenheim Museum, The New York Yankees, and the New York City Department of Education. In May 2005 he completed the feature film Confess, his debut as a writer/director. Recent awards include: Best Screenwriter at the Hamptons Film Festival, Grand Prize in Digital Filmmaking from Panasonic and Apple, the New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship in Screenwriting, and selection to attend the Talent Campus at the Berlin International Film Festival.

Dani Simons (Communications and Development Director, Transportation Alternatives) has worked for several non-profits on bicycling and urban transportation issues. She has a Master's of Environmental Science from the Yale School of Forestry. She is currently in charge of development and communications for Transportation Alternatives where she manages a membership program for over 5,000 members; helps coordinate Bike Month NYC; runs three annual bike tours and a host of other small events throughout the year. Dani is also the managing editor of Transportation Alternatives Magazine.

A discussion with Stefan and Dani will follow the screening.

**FREE** Non-members welcome

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#### R 0 Н Ξ E D 0

#### **MAKE AUDIT VENDOR SELECTION PROCESS TRANSPARENT**

#### **DEAR COOP MEMBERS.**

I am writing to inquire and make transparent the issue of the financial audit of the Coop. In it's December meeting, I warned that the audit price would likely increase sharply on year 2 with the audit firm because no competitive bidding occurred. I was told that reviewing bids would be 'too much work'.

What the GM and I didn't know was that at the time the GM approved the engagement of the audit firm, a price was not yet set.... Subsequently, a price which represents a 50% increase was 'negotiated' between the firm and the coordinators. I am told the price is fair, even though other fees could and would have been obtained at a much lower rate. How can this price be 'fair' if this is the only proposal More so, how come we committed our Coop for a deal, without knowing in advance the cost? What kind of leverage can we have when such 'negotiations' take place and the year-end fast approaching?

During the process, I learned that the Coop management withheld the status of the negotiations until an agreement was reached. This, I find a breach of agency duty.

My question to those who were charged with the Coop daily affairs: is this how business and governance are always conducted?

> Cooperatively, Yigal Rechtman, CPA

For full disclosure: my prior firm submitted a proposal in 2005 for audit and accounting services.

#### **RECHTMAN LETTER RESPONSE:**

#### **DEAR EDITOR:**

Thank you for permitting me to respond to Yigal Rechtman's letter in the same issue that it appears in the

It is unfortunate that Yigal persists in writing misleadingly, ignoring my responses to e-mails from him on the same issues he writes about in his letter. My responses, from which I will quote below, were made well before he made his final decision to have his letter printed.

It is also unfortunate that his "full disclosure" is not full. In fact, he handed me a bid for the current audit contract at the December 2006 General Meeting. He also knows that the bids for the prior year were handled by a seven-person team known as the "auditor search advisory group," and that it would have been inappropriate to have a management only recommendation on a new auditor. That group consisted of three General Coordinators, including myself, and four members with financial expertise who received work-slot credit. They reviewed both the qualifications and the pricing from each firm.

Yigal also fails to mention that I wrote in an e-mail to him that I did disclose the proposed cost of the new audit as soon as he removed himself as a bidder and as soon as the final fee was negotiated. I wrote "Now that you have made it clear that you are a disinterested party in terms of the audit for the year ending 1-28-07 I feel that, even though I have not signed the agreement, I can now disclose to you the following: "That we have come to a verbal agreement and we expect to receive the agreement in writing shortly. The agreement will be for the audit as well as the income tax work. The price is \$45,000. If you would like to discuss why we believe this a fair price, I will be happy to discuss it with you."

He also ignores that I further wrote to him, at his request, the following: "The reason the fee seems reasonable is because we got an estimate of \$40,000 ten years ago when our auditors fee was about half of that. Since then, we have become much more complex and were surprised that some firms offered prices similar to his. Our former auditor deliberately undercharged us because he lives in Park Slope and believes the Coop is an important community institution. It was semi pro-bono. So when our new auditors let us know that on a billable hour basis their fee audit and tax prep would have been more than the \$34,000, we were not surprised at all."

From 1977 through 1-30-2005 the Coop was audited by Henry Singer, CPA. Henry's last billing for the audit and the income tax work was very similar to our new firms fee of \$34,000. In the second year we have agreed to \$45,000. In an email to Yigal my response to the his 50% calculation of a fee increase was "That's 32.35 %, not 50%."

In regard to Yigal's request for transparency, here is a quote from my e-mail to him " Yes we will be transparent about all that you seek us to be. Our transparency, both financial and otherwise is built in to the meetings and to the open reporting of our finances, as well as to the Gazette's reports about those financial reports. I did not keep anyone in the dark about the process. It was the same process we used every year for 30 years except for the one year that the audit search advisory group made a recommendation after our long time auditor decided to cut back on his work load. In my previous e-mail I told you that I agree with your suggestion to change by making sure the Board had more information before they vote each year."

In addition, in my previous e-mail I wrote:

"...you have pointed out it would be better in the future for the Coop, for the Board of Directors (and therefore the General Meeting as well) to have the cost of the audit known at the time the vote is taken on approval of the auditor. I agree and intend to proceed in that fashion later this year in regard to the audit for the year ending 2-3-08."

Yigal spoke at the December General Meeting and made it clear that his frequent practice is to quote a very low price the first year in order to get the business and then raise the price in subsequent years. In fact, his old firm's bid was on the high side. But the bid from his new firm was quite low. In this case his bid was the only additional one we received. Most accounting firms would not submit a bid unless the potential client made it clear that bids were being sought. Yigal's inside position, as a member, is I believe why we got his unsolicited bid.

Our Coop develops long lasting

relationships with many of our suppliers of goods and services. In my opinion, this has served the Coop well over the years and the audit is no exception. It is my belief that we will get superior value from auditors who accomplish deeper understanding of our nonconformist business model over the years.

> Sincerely, Joe Holtz, General Coordinator

#### **NEFARIOUS? NO. IN NEED OF HELP? YES!**

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I was disturbed to read that the General Meeting has passed a new policy that seems to assume that members who repeatedly bring the same guest with them are illicitly bringing nonworking "household members" and thereby stealing services from the Coop.

I have disabled arms, and I have brought the same guest to shop with me for about three years. He is a man I employ to help me procure products from the shelves, put them in my cart, push the cart, take them home, and put them away for me. He is not a member of my household, and he does not buy anything from the Coop.

Before I employed this man, I employed several others for several years in similar capacities, bringing them as guests to the Coop.

My disability is not immediately obvious, and yet I need these individuals to help me shop.

About two years ago, I got a letter from some committee of the Coop warning me that "the committee" was watching "me and would continue to watch me" because I commit the suspicious deed of repeatedly bringing the same guest, and therefore am obviously engaging in nefarious behavior.

I knew I was not doing what the letter assumed, but thankfully the committee never contacted me again.

I'm appalled that the General Meeting has voted to institute this policy. The spirit of "cooperation" is in fact gravely undermined when the Coop assumes that people are guilty.

Sincerely. Donna Minkowitz

#### **MINKOWITZ LETTER RESPONSE:**

If a member is disabled, unable to shop, lives alone and there is no other Coop member who can shop for them, the Coop can authorize a nonmember shopper under the Authorized Shopper program. More information about the Authorized Shopper program is available in the Membership Office.

#### PRE-BAGGING, WITH A FAMILY TWIST

#### TO THE GAZETTE:

To those of us who are careful to stay within the 15-item maximum when intending to use the express checkout line, it is often frustrating that certain pre-bagged items seem to require multiple purchases because they are packed in such minute amounts. For instance, I like to buy about a pound to two pounds of raisins at once, but I find that they are almost always packaged in "snack pack" sized servings, so I have to buy five or six bags instead of just one. This means that in reality I have to stay within a ten item maximum, since I am using up five items on what is really a single item.

Today I found that someone had bagged 17 cents worth of raisins! This may be convenient for those who like to throw a small bag into their kid's lunch bag, but it does not serve those who want a lasting supply at home. Besides which, the cumulative weight of all those extra plastic bags and ties makes the item more expensive, and is ecologically wasteful. Doesn't it make sense to do some "family-sized" packaging of items that are sold by weight and bagged at the Coop?

Michael Esterowitz, Member #2414

#### **ESTEROWITZ LETTER RESPONSE:**

Coop shoppers may count multiple identical items as one item for the purposes of staying under the 15item Express Checkout limit. So, for example, five bags of organic flame raisins and six bunches of lacinato kale count as only two items out of the 15-item Express Checkout allowance.

#### **EDIBLE COMPLEX**

Everything's enhanced by food: So observers might conclude Watching people on the go Bolting stuff wrapped up in dough— Walking, talking, at a show, Listening to the radio, Glued to TV's status quo, Waiting to see a medico, Wondering—foodless!—how to bear Sitting in the dentist's chair. Nothing seems at all complete If they lack a bite to eat. See them on the subway train Sucking on a candy cane; On a line outside the opera Munching on a mutton chopra; At the airport, set to board, Downing Coke somebody's poured; Touring Brooklyn's Museum of Art, Sneaking in a chocolate tart; Voting in an election booth, Pushing in a Baby Ruth; Pacing in the maternity ward, Spooning out the meat from a gourd; Christmas shopping, enduring a pitch, Chewing on a Santawich. Food: there cannot be too much When folks depend on an easy crutch. Anything to them that's edible, Could only improve by being bedible. Anybody wonder that People "enhanced" are also fat? I'm no better, for goodness' sake: Writing this, I'm feasting on cake. Leon Freilich

#### WHERE I'M HEADED

#### **DEAR EDID'RZ:**

If you will look, my original letter had what I called my "headerz" included; when you printed it you took it out. I know it's confusing, but I'd appreciate if you could reprint the following or something like it as an erratum. BTW, I don't mean that as a criticism, as the rest of the typing was ACE!

Thanks, albert

"Ennewaze I thought you'd like to zee what my headerz look like becuz there'z a lot'a thingz they like ta do

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

Learn simple techniques to let go of fear, anxiety, trauma and unforgiveness. The body is like a magnet and when these experiences 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.

**FREE** Non members welcome Saturday, February 10 5:00 p.m. at the Coop

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Saturday, February 10 12:00 p.m. at the Coop FREE

Non members Welcome

### Homeopathy and First AID

with Claire Dishman

Homeopathy offers a remarkable alternative to western medicine and is often at its most impressive when treating situations requiring first aid and minor acute illnesses.

This talk focuses on some of the more useful homeopathic remedies to have around the house for situations involving accidents, sports injuries, bleeding, allergies, fevers, coughs and colds.

Homeopathy is a gentle system of natural medicine that uses the body's own healing capabilities along with a minute substance from nature to heal. The remedies are specifically prepared in very dilute forms using plants, minerals and animal substances.

Claire Dishman, a coop member, is a graduate of the School of Homeopathy New York. She practices in New York City. Her interest in herbal medicine brings an added dimension to her practice. Her patients, including many coop members, include children and adults needing assistance with everything from asthma to

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WITH MORAIMA SUAREZ

Is there someone you need to forgive?

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The Forgiveness Process allows you to release these negative feelings and completes your own healing.

LEARN TO:

- Forgive yourself and others
- Focus and use the power of unconditional love
  - Align your head and your heart
- Use the power and energy of love to relieve stress
- Participate in a group unconditional love meditation

Moraima Suarez is a Coop member, certified Holoenergetic® Healing Practitioner, certified Bowen Therapist, and Reiki practitioner. She has studied and practiced the healing arts for over 20 years and her healing practice in the Park Slope vicinity

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Find peace from within by changing your personal Core Belief through:

### Theta Healing

Sunday, February 18 12:00 p.m. at the Coop

with Alnitak Sky

Kokichi Yamamoto is a Coop member and has practiced healing arts for over thirty years in Japan, Europe and the United States. He is dedicated to developing and practicing methods to assist in overall emotional healing.

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■Theta Healing is a deep meditative state that slows down the mind and eliminates personal blockages and negative thoughts.

■ We will practice how to reach Theta State and receive guidance and healing energy from the HigherSelf.

The session will include live demonstrations of Theta Healing and Core Belief work

For example, we will change negative thoughts that manifest from deep within us, such as: "I do not love myself, I do not believe in HigherSelf, and I do not deserve to be happy" into positive thoughts such as "I love myself, I believe in HigherSelf, and I deserve to be happy.

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#### **Sunday, February 11** 12:00 p.m. at the Coop

FREE

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Cooking With Essential Oils Feathring: Valentine's Menh for Two

with Teri Gorbea and Denise Galon

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Teri Gorbea is a Coop Member, Health and Wellness Coach, Certified Personal Trainer, Bodyworker, and Aromatherapist. Denise Galon is a Healing Minister in Aromatherapy, Chinese Energetic Medicine and Chinese Herbs.

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Saturday, February 24 2:00 p.m. at the Coop

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with Carolyn Meiselbach Circles of Circles of Joy

What is it? Where is it? How can I get it?

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Come and learn specialized eastern secrets to discovering what it is that may be blocking you from your own power, strength and joy. You will be taught Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT), which shows you how to reduce or eliminate your own bad feelings, emotional blockages and past traumas. In addition, you will learn how to relieve your physical pain, food cravings, addictions or phobias.

Non-religious and non-intrusive.

Carolyn Meiselbach Circles is a long-time member of the PSFC. She is an indoor environmental consultant, a health and nutrition coach and a practitioner and teacher of EFT

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Saturday, March 3 3:30 p.m. at the Coop FREE

Non members Welcome Who am I

# Listening to and What are

With JB Brown

A walk into the workings of your own mind!

Have you ever wanted the voices in your head to stop babbling or at least make some sense? In this course, JB Brown will help quide you to find, listen and hear yourself amongst the many voices. Then, through talking, sharing and writing, she will help you connect the dots as you unravel the voices and facilitate a plan of life action motivated by soul choices.

Please bring paper and a pen!

JB Brown, an ordained minister with a doctorate in divinity and a Coop member, has traveled extensively sharing her insights and numerous healing techniques with students and clients worldwide. A professional on the emotional plane for more than 35 years, JB has a lifetime plus of experience helping people with spiritual development.

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**Lasting Relief for Chronic Stress** 

WITH ALBERT SPERANZA, MD

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**⇒**Did you know that chronic stress

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Dr. Albert Speranza is a Coop member since 2004. He is a board certified psychiatrist who has been practicing MindBody Medicine and Psychiatry since 1993.

**FREE** 

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Tuesday, February 27 7:30 p.m. at the Coop

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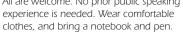
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ness and non-profit leaders. She is active in Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn, which is fighting the 17-skyscraper Atlantic Yards Complex, and has been a PSFC member since 1981. Sunday, February 25 FREE

Jezra Kaye is a professional speechwriter and presentation skills coach who works with busi-

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12:00 p.m. at the Coop

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thad I don' wantdt. Here'z the one for thiz let'r:

"They tend to take oudt phone numbr'z 'n EMail addrez'z iv you don' tell 'em nod' to. An' they zbell "Co-Op" az "coop" zo they have to be told. The Thanxkzs at the end could also be zbel'd Thankxzs or Thanzskx an' id' woodn'd matt'r much. Well I god'a led' go a' thiz becauz it'z 6:59 an' I god'a zend thiz led'r."

#### **SPECIFICA PACIFICA**

From Nalinie Lasiewicz on PacificaRadiowaves on 12-27 at

"You've already proved my own statement the decisions were made by unelected folks. Also, there was no overall strategic plan for the station which any elected group might have had a chance to weigh in on before the changes were made. . . . What are the strategic goals? To me, that's what 'transparency' would mean....they the Members are given a summary of the stations goals, general policies, programming decisions..."

This is what one person said about Pacifica Radio, an' it's no better there than here. There isn't a prayer that the management will let the listeners know a thing about these things, especially about anything to do with programming decisions! Only there they do have representative government, but it's a lot more messed up than it would be if we had it here.

By the way, Pacificaradio waves@Yahoo.com iz a good way to talk about Pacifica Radio and also WBAI—whizh is a part of it anyway. You can probably get on it if you say you're interested. And if you kan't get on you kan try WBAIelections@ Yahoo groups. com or the biggest group NewPacifica@ Yahoo groups.com, which has well over 600 members. An don't forget listenerforums.net/ whizh is an anonimuz posting for anyone to get onnnnn! I'll help you post and use it if you EMail me.

I want to thank some of the following editorz for printing two of my letters in the January 4th issue, such a blessing! Also, to start tracking the various editors of the four Gazette teams as time goes by:

**LETTER** BY DATE EDIDOR'Z ME? 2006-12-07 Anne Kosteck No 2006-12-21 Erik Lewis, Yes Ioan Minieri 2007-01-04 Phyllis Eckaus, Two

Tom Moore Michael

2007-01/18 O'Keeffe Yes

Well, Thanskxz guvz, whoever you were! But I also want to take you to task for never telling me what was happening with the letter that was lost! (Is it because there are new editors at the Gazette or because Ms. Wheeler is retiring?) We mothers worry about our children, you know!

albert solomon

http://www.PACVID1.COM Microzymian Philosopher World Evangelist for Homeopathy Enfant Terrible of the Park Slope Food Singin' Candydate for the 2007 WBAI Local Station Board HOBCES@YAHOO.COM 718-768-9079 Always remember: Melinda Smith

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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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