Your Coop Questions Answered Here

By Hayley Gorenberg

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Openings

We have one full three-year term open this year.

Candidate Deadline

If you wish to place your name into nomination, you must declare your candidacy by Saturday, March 1. Please submit a statement of up to 750 words to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Please include a small photo for publication in the Linewriters Gazette and the member proxy mailing.

Deciding and Voting

Candidates will have the opportunity to present their platform at the March 25 General Meeting.

Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in late May. Members may vote by returning their ballot by mail or by bringing it to the Coop. Members may also vote at the Annual Meeting on June 24.

The Diversity & Equality Committee (DEC) is dedicated to improving human relations and communications through impeccable interpersonal interactions, polices and procedures in the Coop.

The goal is to work toward preventing and eliminating discrimination in the Coop and provide an ideal of equal and respectful treatment between all Coop members and paid staff regardless of each individual’s different identity. The DEC also aims to provide advocacy for individuals who feel they have experienced discriminatory practices in the Coop.

Voicemail (888) 204-0098

E-mail pscdiversity-guy@hotmail.com

Contact Form DEC Contact forms are available in the literature rack in the ground floor elevator lobby. Place a completed form or other letterhead (anonymously if desired) in a sealed envelope labeled “Attn: Diversity and Equality Committee” and use one of the three methods listed below to get it to the committee.

Mail Park Slope Food Coop Attention: Diversity & Equality Committee 782 Union Street Brooklyn, New York 11215

Drop Box Which is located in the entryway workspace on the ground floor under the flor caddy.

Membership Office Mailbox Office on the second floor of the Coop.

Coop, but since there are not many letters and we have the space, we can handle it.

Some logistical quirks having to do with rotating four teams of editors through Gazette Gazette have contributed to a different approach to letters, Golden continues. “The Gazette can’t really be compared to other newspapers, since we as editorial coordinators don’t have the same kind of editorial control that editors of other publications have. Due to the workflow system the eight editors are not working in a single office with a hierarchical structure.”

“There is also the question of coming up with a criterion that would enable eight editors working separately to make reasonably consistent judgments about decision which letters not to print, or how many letters from one person is too many,” says Golden.

In the end, it seems that the minimal filter applied, given the few that do come in, may keep a lid on Pando-Gazette. “Why doesn’t the Coop recycle plastic more often?”

The answer is, we are currently, the Coop accepts plastics for recycling on the third Thursday, second Saturday and last Sunday of each month. The weekend recycling shifts have been expanded by two hours. (For exact times, look for the listing published in each issue of the Gazette.)

The Coop’s recycling effort extends to plastics that the City does not collect; any plastics designated for pickup by the City’s recycling efforts should first be diverted there.

Recycling to the codes stamped on most plastic containers, the Coop accepts #1 & #2 plastics and plastic film (plastic bags, dry cleaner bags, etc. but not cellophane) roll of which are sent to a Brooklyn recycling center. The Coop also accepts #5 plastic (yogurt containers, etc.), which is some of the most versatile plastic for recycling. That plastic is sent to a recycling center in Massachusetts that is extremely strict about what it will accept. Only clean and dry containers, no residue, labels, plastic or foil can be left on these containers. For all recycling, members are asked to stay with their plastic while a squad member helps them sort. Never just drop off your recycling.

Squad leaders would love to offer even more recycling times, but they explain that alternating the recent increase in hours, a dearth of drivers and transport recyclables to their destination, plus a lack of space to store collected plastics on-site at the Coop limit how much plastic recycling the Coop can handle.

Coop members interested in getting involved with the childcare room does not work around the rules of individual families,” according to the manual for Coop members by member Jessica Greenbaum, who coordinates trainings for childcare workers. Families who argue with childcare workers about enforcement of the rules risk losing the privilege of using the child-care room.”

Rules dictate a maximum of five children for any child-care worker to watch at a time, with a room maximum of twelve children for three workers. The maximum may be dropped to a lower number if the workers feel that restricting the number of children is necessary to maintain “safety and serenity,” according to the guidelines. Workers’ children have priority over shoppers’ children. Parents must stay in the building while their child is in childcare, and parents may only drop off two of the Coop’s children at one time.

Parents of children who can’t continue themselves to quiet play may be asked to remove their children. (No jumping on furniture or climbing poles allowed) And no adults other than the childcare workers are allowed the exception of nursing mothers or those feeding infants—may stay in the room for any extended period.

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a mistake on their receipt after they’ve paid, they have 30 days to bring their PAID IN FULL receipt to the second floor service desk to get a credit (which is good for another 30 days). Expressing Yourself in the Gazette

How many letters from the same member will the Gazette print? Noticing the frequency with which some writers get their names in print led to an inquiry about the policy on letters to the editor. “Gazette policy, set by the editorial committee, is to print all letters we receive, no matter what the topic, as long as they meet the letters guidelines,” writes Gazette Coordinating Editor Stephanie Golden in an email. “We feel this openness is important, since it’s the newsletter’s role to be the ‘voice of the people’ and not exclude anyone’s voice. It’s true that the result is that some letters do stray pretty far from

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When the ingredients are mixed together and allowed to sit in a warm environment, the mixture begins to ferment, converting the sugar into organic acids. Fermentation also produces a variety of other beneficial nutrients, including B vitamins and probiotics.

Not Your Average Drink

Kombucha is unlike any other drink you may have tried. It might be carbonated, like so many other drinks, but how many bottled drinks have a vinegary odor or slimy glob floating in the bottle? Because of its naturally sour taste, it’s not for everyone. Some commercial producers add fruit juices or ginger to mask the taste.

One day, the Coop member Teresa Theophano first tried kombucha a year ago. For her, the taste wasn’t a drawback. In fact, it added to the appeal: “I really like the slightly sour taste. But I know that other people may not agree,” she says. When she gave some to a friend to try, she took one sip and spit it out and asked her how she could drink it.

Clearly, the Coop has a lot of members who agree with Teresa. When Edible Brooklyn Magazine ran a story on kombucha last spring, the Coop was selling 200 bottles a week. (And according to the magazine, when the Coop ran out, a Coop coordinator posted a sign that read “There is no kombucha. We are unable to make another batch.”)

When Teresa realized how much money she was spending at the Coop on bottled kombucha, she started making her own. For her kombucha she brews 3 quarts of tea in a soup pot, adds a cup of sugar and six tea bags, and then lets it cool to room temperature. From there it goes into a large glass jar with the culture and is covered with a tea towel and left in a warm place. Teresa says her apartment is warm enough to leave it on the kitchen counter, for about a week. When the end the drink becomes naturally carbonated and slightly sour. “I scoop out what I want but leave some from the original pot that becomes the starter for the next batch.” Although home brewing kombucha is simple, care must be taken to prevent contamination. The key elements when brewing kombucha are the cleanest possible environment, proper temperature and low pH.

Your hands and anything that will come into contact with the culture must be spotlessly clean. Experts recommend using only food-grade glass containers for brewing. Metal, plastic or ceramic containers can leach dangerous by-products and contaminate the culture. The right pH ensures favorable conditions for the culture to grow and inhibits the growth of mold and bacteria.

Additional recipes for kombucha can be found at the Coop and on many internet sites.

Kombucha enthusiast Teresa Theophano shows off her home brew.
Should the Coop Start Valet Bike Parking?

By Ramona Tirado

More than 100,000 New Yorkers use bicycles as transportation daily. According to the Transportation Alternatives (TA) website, TA further reports that lack of secure bike parking is the primary obstacle for people who want to commute by bike in New York City. A cadre of Park Slope Food Coop members agrees. At any given time, you can see bikes chained to just about anything outside the Coop. Finding convenient and safe space for parking has long been a problem for many members who use bicycles as transportation. “The unattended bike parking that we have now just isn’t safe,” said Marina Bekkerman, adding that when she biked to the Coop two years ago, bikes were often stolen and vandalized.

The topic was brought to members’ attention by a small group of members at the November General Meeting. After some discussion, mostly intended to gauge member interest in this idea, the presenting committee has set about doing research and discussing the possibility of introducing a system of valet bike parking before returning to the GM with a formal proposal.

In cities that boast dedicated Bike Stations for biking commuters, valet bike parking is not at all unusual. An article in Time magazine reported that west coast cities have been using this system to address high bike traffic and security for some time. According to the article, Santa Monica provides free valet bike parking outside the local farmers’ market each Sunday.

The committee, which at this point is informal and not an official workslot committee, includes Bekkerman, Josh Gosciak, Robert Matson and Transportation Alternatives Volunteer and Membership Outreach Coordinator, Oksana Mininova. The group is currently considering the idea of petitioning the City Department of Transportation (City DOT) for a permit to use one or two parking spaces near the Coop to be used as a dedicated valet bike parking space. Steve Faust, a Coop member who has been involved in bicycle planning and operations for 40 years, said this is something City DOT has already started to do in Brooklyn. While Faust agrees that using parking spaces is something that could be done, he feels that it is not something that should be done directly in front of the Coop as that space is currently required for food deliveries and trash removal. He added that one of the easiest things to get City DOT permission to do would be the installation of some sort of removable rack that can be rolled out during Coop shopping hours and removed when the Coop closes. The way Faust sees it, the Coop has two problems. “We have a number of bikes, and we have theft,” he explained. “I can’t think of a better way to deal with both problems than supervised space.” In fact, Faust said, parked bicycles already outnumber parked cars on Union Street between Sixth Avenue and Seventh Avenue. It has not yet been determined how valet bike parking would be handled in the winter months when weather conditions are unfavorable.

The valet bike parking committee is looking for more volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Marina Bekkerman at marinab@mindspring.com.

East New York Food Coop

Help a new coop in Brooklyn

FTOP credit available

In accordance with the sixth Principle of Cooperation, we frequently offer support and consultation to other coops. For the East New York Food Coop, we have also offered help in the form of Park Slope Food Coop members’ workslots.

The East New York Food Coop welcomes PSFC members to assist in its first year’s operations. PSFC members may receive FTOP credit in exchange for their help. To receive credit, you should be a member for at least one year and have an excellent attendance record. To make work arrangements, please email ellen_westman@psfc.coop or call 718-622-0560.

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(please write Gazette story ideas in the subject line).
Radical Democracy

In the book, the authors define what they mean by ‘radical democracy’ as “Radical means going to the source of the root; democracy is rule by the people.”

“If you want to make a difference, you’re not alone—and you can’t do it alone—they advise readers. Individuals make a big difference when they act together strategically, peacefully, and in large numbers.”

The book’s goal is to show readers how to achieve social change through collective power-building. To do that, some basic principles must be understood and applied.

Radical democrats want power, and make a realistic assessment of who is with you, and who is against you.

The two authors encourage activists to get other people involved, through going out and making contact, talking, asking questions, and listening. They emphasize the need to build a membership base since more people mean more clout. When it comes to moving powerholders, “ie., those who control the demand—money, authority, and/or influence, numbers—count.”

Part of the organizer’s task is to create a clear vision of the world they want to create, the authors point out. Therefore to get and to deal with those who oppose the demand is the specific issue. “Problems are based on policies, programs, or practices. Confronting with those with the same problems.”

Once the organization’s members form around a common problem, over time they can plan collective actions that contain challenge and negotiate with those who can give the community what it wants.

Winnable Campaigns

The authors characterize a series of strategic actions designed to achieve clear goals and objectives. They advise that radicals analyze power, and make a realistic assessment of who is with you, and who is against you before making power analysis (or none) will make the campaign likely to fail.”

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Origins of the Book

Minieri and Getsos met in 1992 as organizers during the Democratic Presidential Convention. Along with a third organizer, they co-founded CVH in the mid-1990s. With welfare reform a campaign promise of both parties, “Our goal was to get low income people to participate in the democratic process,” Minieri says. Since then, under their leadership, it has grown into a successful organization serving 15,000 families, with many alliances nationally and internationally. The original purpose of the book was to capture their learning during their years in the trenches and make it available to the next generation of CVH leaders as they prepared to move on.

“We wanted to name what we do in the book,” says Minieri. “Since we had collaborated for so long, it made sense to write the book together.” As their collaboration now took a new form, “It was like taking a step back and see what we’d done that was unique and what was universal and could be used by others.

A Guide to Action

By Alison Levy

Today, after the years that have passed since the founding of the Coop, those interested in constructive social change have their work cut out for them like never before. Still, successes like the movements toward promoting a living wage and corporate accountability, the movement for divestment of investments from South Africa, the internet organizing of MoveOn.org, and the popular pressure on legislators to pass health care freedom legislation in favor of access to nutritional supplements, should encourage activists that change can happen.

Fortunately, as times have changed so has the sophisticated and availability of support for social action. navigation. A new book, written by Coop member (and Lincoln Center) Gantt editor Joan Minieri (along with co-author Paul Getsos), offers the wisdom and practical advice that can only come through hard-won experience.

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In Defense of An Apple
By Melanie Chopko

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n the December 20, 2007 issue of the Linewriters Gazette, Park Slope Food Coop member Joe Holtz wrote an article entitled “Fed-Up Fruits: The Organic Dilemma.” In it, Holtz expressed his disdain for the overwhelming number of so-called “organic” producers, farmers and even marketing directors who hold the belief that anything贴上“organic” label is automatically superior. Holtz quotes the late Bud Lattin, a professor of Agriculture and Development, who said, “The organic label is an urban legend. It’s about as likely to be true as the story of the chicken who tried to get the moon.” Holtz’s main complaint is that the movement is more interested in giving the impression that all things organic are better, while in reality, the standard is not even clearly defined. Holtz wants the movement to quit cherry-picking attributes about what it will define as organic and to quit being so self-righteous at the same time. He also琟ly states that his belief is that all of the terms given for what are considered organic are a collection of the words “natural” and “healthy.” Holtz states it is only a matter of time before the movement is held accountable for the truth, because the terms are not defined. He also states that the movement is not doing any favors for the consumer by making it more confusing. I

Meet the Artists

Barry Kornhaur and Rufus Cappadocia
By Zonia Conkrite
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n February 15, 2008, the Park Slope Food Coop presented multi-instrumentalist Barry Kornhaur and cellist extraordinaire Rufus Cappadocia. Kornhaur was introduced to Barry in the early 90’s when I was working with Liên Van Tran of Against Violence. He accompanied us on bass and guitar and upon first calling to him I knew that I was in the presence of a musician who was sensitive, aware and who understood the purpose of his being there. Now, these comments can only come from someone who has been supported by one such as Barry because he makes a living, yes folks a working musician, supporting many musicians in these here woods.

By popular demand, Barry returned to the Coop this past Saturday night along with his multi-instrumentalist partner and former guitarist of Living Colour and the Americas—Rufus Cappadocia. The duo presented a set consisting of a record label, management and a booking agent. But all of that would not tell you who Rufus is, unless you have an innate sense of where a person comes from with such deep rooted ability to express themselves through music.

I may have referenced Rufus as a cellist extraordinaire—but that doesn’t do him justice. After visiting his site and hearing briefly to his music, I can’t tell you that I know Rufus Cappadocia, but I’d like to. He’s a very busy performer having just done a gig in Virginia this past Saturday and another performance later this week.

By popular demand, Barry began to perform, which is what people love to explore, to feel; you can just hear it in his music. His music comes from with such deep rooted ability to express themselves through music.

Many organic apples are situated in deserts of Arizona, New Zealand, to avoid the 27 pests that would like to eat the apples before we do. But many of the best growing practices, that creates a considerable strain on water resources. Most growers also pull out the certified organic heavy hitters, like some of Rufus’s compositions, which are residual and build up in the soil. Large growers refuse to use them, citing instead, newer, less dangerous technologies that have not yet been accepted into the organic fold. “There is no question,” Hepworth says, “that there is more residue on an organic apple than ours.”

Why grow anything in a desert that will never get a prettier apple. That brings up another piece of the agricultural business-plan pie: the expectations of us eaters and buyers. The night of the Coop forum, Hepworth brought with her a few bags of wild apples grown on her diversified fruit farm, free of any human intervention. They were a sort of adolescents apple, with a complexion of reds, blues, rock and jazz, Americana roots, Mediterranean textures and Caribbean percussion. Born in Hamilton, Ontario, he first picked up the cello at the age of three to develop a long, perhaps one-sided relationship with this tool of expression, still a powerful one. He learned music by the limitations of classical music, once he turned into B.B. King’s “Thief in the Night,” he went. The journey began.

While attending McGill University in Montreal, Rufus delved into the school’s ethnomusicology department to hear everything from Pygmy chants to Balkan folk recordings. He was learning the rifts of Hendrix and Coltrane, note for note. Rufus’s travels to Europe and the Americas have earned him an incredible chapter in the world of music. Some of the cities he has worked with are Aretha Franklin, Odetta, Cheick Tidiane Seck and Vernon Reid, former guitarist of Living Color.

Come out to hear Rufus; come out to hear Barry on his stringed cello he developed and built it. It’s awesome. Check it out; he’s a gem. See him at his website www.rufusmusic.com

Here’s to Barry and Rufus! See you Friday, February 15, 2008, at the Good Coffeehouse, doors open at 7:45 p.m. and the fun starts at 8 p.m.
A New Twist on the Twinkie Defense

By Cara M. Tuzzolino Werben, for the Disciplinary Committee

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n an on-going effort to provide the Disciplinary Committee (DC) functions, we continue to pursue the case vociferously in The Lineworkers’ Gazette. We hope these articles inform Coop members about the nature of the cases brought to the DC, the committee’s thought process and the outcome of the cases.

Below is a composite of several cases. All characters are fictitious.

Into the cast of rotating characters dwelling in the illegal sublet arrived Alex M. True, as an attorney he could afford to live on his own, but he didn’t mind taking over the last person’s bedroom and asking for a few more. He was introduced to a local garden,” the check-out worker said.

The term “Twinkie defense” comes from Twinkies, a snack food.

other over the pile of goods. He waited for her to pack up his groceries. “Did you bring your own bags?” she asked. He laughed. “Bags of what?”

While the entrance worker refused, the committee member did have a means by which to contact him.

Throughout the conversation, Alex was belligerent and rude. First, he demanded using the old member number and avoiding the entrance worker. The DC member also knew that Alex’s computer. Clearly the shopkeeper used another person’s membership to shop. Since the check-out worker still had Alex’s business card, the committee member did have a means by which to contact him.

Support a New Coop!

Do you live or work in the Bronx? Would you prefer to do your workslot on Saturdays? Then inquire about supporting the South Bronx Food Cooperative!

In accordance with the 6th Principle of Cooperation, the Park Slope Food Coop is offering the SBFC support and consultation by allowing PSFC members to complete their workslot at the Bronx location. PSFC members will receive FTP credit in exchange for their help.

To receive credit, you should be a PSFC member for at least one year and have an excellent attendance record.

To receive PSFC credit, please email ellen_weinstat@psfc.coop or call the Coop at 718-622-0560

South Bronx Food Coop

646-226-0758 • info@sbxfc.org

The South Bronx Food Coop is seeking an experienced/graphic/web designer to update their website ASAP for workslot grants.

Must know how to:

• set up online purchasing system
• create editable calendar
• incorporate audio & video links
• link websites

Preference for designers who can link database/inventory systems to web sales. Most important—must have cool sense of design!

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In jurisprudence, “Twinkie defense” is a derisive label for a criminal defendant’s claims that some unusual biological factor entered into the causes or motives of the alleged crime, and that due to this biological factor, either they should not be held criminally liable for actions which broke the law or the criminal liability should be mitigated to a lesser offense. While biological factors may certainly enter into the causation of the alleged crime, the common denominator that the specific biological factor is one that most people would view as not being sufficient to account for criminal activity, such as the effects of allergies, minor stimulants such as coffee and nicotine, sugar, and/or vitamins.

—Courtesy of Wikipedia.com
Editorial

Letters from members.

Discriminatory articles that are racist, sexist, or otherwise offensive to the writer. The Gazette will not knowingly publish articles that are illegible or too long. Submission deadlines appear in the Cooperative Calendar opposite.

Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words.

Submissions on Paper: Typed or very legibly handwritten and placed in the wallpocket labeled ‘Editor’ on the second floor of the ramp. All submissions MUST include author’s name and phone number and conform to the following guidelines. Editors will reject letters and articles that are racist, sexist, or otherwise discriminatory.

Recipes: We welcome original recipes from members. Recipes must be signed by the creator. Recipes must be camera-ready and business card size (2”x3.5”).

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 Disk & by Email: We welcome digital submissions. Drop disks in the wallpocket described above. The email address for digital submissions is GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Receipt of your submissions will be acknowledged if they conform to the guidelines above.

Letters to the editor and on behalf of Coop members. Classified ads are prepaid at $15 per insertion, business card ads at $30. (Ads in the “Merchandise–Non-commercial” category are free.) All ads must be written on a 3x5 card and placed in the wallpocket labeled “Classified & Display Ads.”

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Monday–Friday, 5:30, 6:00, and 7:00 a.m.
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Attendance Recorders or Make-up Recorders
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday or Sunday.
The Coop needs detail-oriented members to help maintain attendance records for Coop workers. You will need to work independently, be self-motivated and reliable. Members will be trained for this position, and staff members are available for further assistance. Please speak to any Office Coordinator in the Membership Office if you would like more information. Workslot requires a six-month commitment.

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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 has created a 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 bylaws are available at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 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 third Tuesday of the month. If you have a question, please call Ellen Weinstat 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
• Membership 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

SAT. FEB 2
CLOTHING & TEXTILE RECYCLING: Donate used clothing, shoes, boots, hats, jackets, towels, bedding & linens for reuse or recycling. Grand Army Plaza Greenmarket, every Saturday through March. 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. For more info, visit www.parkskopumc.org. If interested, please call Lenny at 718-614-2289.

SAT. FEB 4
A SONG OF ASCENTS: A Spiritual Journey Back to Judaism. Join Rachel Rantila, singer & storyteller, as she shares her fascinating journey through the world’s major religious traditions back to her Jewish roots. This is an evening for women. Rantila shares her songs and stories in communities throughout the Northeastern U.S. 512 Chadbob Lott @ 182 5th Ave. 2nd Floor (just South of 2nd St. in Manhattan), 7 p.m. Information: 147-247-0066 or racharveton.net.

SAT. FEB 9
PEOPLE’S VOICE CAFE: Rev. Grant* Judy Cornman/Alix Dobkin at the Workmen’s Circle, 45 E 33rd St. 8:00–10:30 p.m. Wheelchair-accessible. For info, call 212-787-3903 or visit www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: $12 general/$9 members/more if you choose, less if you can’t. No one turned away.

SAT. FEB 16
PEOPLE’S VOICE CAFE. Rod MacDonald at the Workmen’s Circle, 45 E 33rd St (bran Madison & Park), 8:00–10:30 p.m. Wheelchair-accessible. For info, call 212-787-3903 or visit www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: $12 general/$9 members/more if you choose, less if you can’t. No one turned away.

SUN. FEB 17
FREE CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES: Adela Peña, violin; Alberto Parrini, cello; performing string trios of Dohnanyi, Beethoven, and Schubert. At the Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture under the front steps of the Central Branch (Grand Army Plaza) of the Brooklyn Public Library. 4:00 p.m. Free!

SAT. FEB 23
BOOK SALE: Thousands of new & used books plus DVDs, CDs, records & tapes. Incredible bargains! Terrific Children’s Corner! Park Slope United Methodist Church (6th Ave. at 8th St.) 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. For more info, visit our website at www.parkskopumc.org.

Puzzle Corner

Fill in the answers for the clues below. The letters in these answers can be used to fill in the letters in the quotation with the corresponding number.

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SAT. FEB 23

The Food Coop’s Fun’raising Committee is seeking a Coop-member band to play for workslot credit at the Coop’s 35th birthday party on the evening of Saturday, May 3. We’re specifically looking for a band to play Latin, R&B, and Motown music.

If interested, please call Lenny at 718-614-2289.

By Janet Farrell

Answers on page 16

Penny Lane, for instance: Good band does this to a room, with up

SAT. FEB 16

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SAT. FEB 2

The Fun’raising Committee is seeking Coop members with front-of-house experience in catering. Kitchen prep is needed the week prior to the Coop’s 35th birthday party on the evening of Saturday, May 3. We’re specifically looking for members who are chefs, caterers, waiters and those who have front-of-house experience in catering. Kitchen prep is needed the week prior to the event and most of the day on May 3rd, as well as the evening of the event. Front-of-house staff needed for set-up, event time and breakdown. In your email please give a brief description of your experience and availability.

Call Esther at 917-513-0860 or email ouicater@yahoo.com

CHEFS AND WAITSTAFF WANTED

SAT. FEB 4

No one turned away.

SAT. FEB 16

More info, visit our website at www.parkskopumc.org.

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No one turned away.

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MORE ON BOTTLED WATER

TO THE EDITOR:

A letter in the 1/17/08 Gazette takes issue with our initiative to discontinue selling bottled water at the Coop. Daniel Marshall, the letter writer, has summarized our case into three argu-

ments: pollution from plastic bottles, the virtual equivalency of bottled and tap water, and the incompleteness of con-

clusions drawn by the Coop. He observes that many Coop prod-

ucts come in plastic containers, and that water, being relatively pure and basic, is less objectionable than most of those others. He questions the premise that bottled and tap water are equivalent, citing tap water's added chlorine and fluo-

ride, and contamination from plumbing. And finally, while agreeing that commercial-

izing water together with the other problems, constitutes a grave environ-

mental crisis, he refers to discontinuing the sale of bottled water as an over-

simplified and insufficient salve to the con-

science, and that only “changing our way of life” will resolve the crisis.

Why pick on bottled water?

While many products are packaged in plastic, few are as heavy as water, mak-

ing its transport much more polluting per unit of volume than other products. But that’s the least of it. These other products come with non-constructive, non-coopera-

tive alternatives, but bottled water does—water from the tap. Although it is true that chlorine is added to keep the water disinfected, the levels are well within what is considered safe, and the gas dissipates easily with some simple procedures. Contamination from pipes is also controlled by law and monitored, much more so than bottled water. In addition to the issue of plastic leaching, bottled water has had other contamin-

ation episodes—in fact probably more of them than tap water (A Google search will verify that.) And one can eliminate these issues altogether with a water fil-

ter, a more cost-effective, convenient, and eco-friendly way of dealing with them. The superior super purity of bottled water is in fact a marketing myth, a creation of advertising.

About pollution, the mainstream sci-

centific and government opinion is that it is a public benefit—but we readily acknowledge that myopic. Enacting data driven ordinances that those of us who share it, fluoride can be taken out of tap water with special fil-

thers like the Doulton, which the Coop sells.

Daniel Marshall’s statement that “changing our way of life” is the solution is self-contradictory and insufficient salve to conscience, so broad that it becomes meaningless. Let us recognize that we are stuck in this consumer cul-

ture, which won’t change by our moraliz-

ing. Not feeding a destructive industry with our patronage when there is a con-

venient and sensible alternative is some-

thing real that we can do, not ill-defined and half-hearted.

A final note: Our intention is not to elimi-

nate specialty waters, including mineral water, and dissociate water people that use for orons and other uses. Howex, those who drink distilled water will be well-advised to buy a distiller for home use, a more cost-effective and practical solution than lugging heavy plastic gallons home.

Daniel Barrak

LETTERS POLICY

We welcome letters from members. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar. All letters will be published if they conform to the pub-

lished guidelines. We will not know-

ingly publish articles which are racist, sexual or otherwise divisive.

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tors will reject letters that are illegible or too long.

You may submit on paper, typed or very legibly handwritten, or via email to GazetteSubmissions@pscf.coop or on disk.

Anonymity

Unattributed letters will not be published unless the Gazette knows the identity of the writer, and there-

fore must be signed when submitted (giving phone number). Such letters will be published only where a reason is given to the editor, but it must re-

late to Coop issues and avoid any non-constructive, non-coopera-

tive language.

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehen-

sive, factual coverage:

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

servation.

2. Nor will we publish accusations that are not specific or not sub-

stantiated by factual assertions.

3. Copies of submissions that make substantive accusations against spe-

cific individuals will be given to those persons to enable them to write a re-

sponse, and both submissions and re-

sponses will be published simultane-

ously. This means that the original submission may appear up to three months after the one for which it was submitted.

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

Respect

Letters must not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member.

Respect for differing views must relate to Coop issues and avoid any non-constructive, non-coopera-

tive language.

Common items such as garlic and onions would be helpful for unstickered

items. For more seasonal or rare items, patrons would still be used.

1. I know this idea has been floated before, but for busy shifts, a squad to help check out Coopers lagging in checkout speed would increase throughput dramatically.

2. Shoppers would be free to decline the help, and those mystery “extra” work-

ers with little to do would come in handy.

Joshua Freedman-Ward

RETIRED VOTE

TO THE EDITOR:

This is to support David Mellett’s recent letter calling for a member-

ship vote on the issue of member retirement.

The pamphletic, even manipula-

tive techniques of our management constitute a perpetual roadblock to any defined retirement plan. We are told to plead individually and then be judged for retirement by our betters. This would have been considered reactionary 100 years ago.

Let’s get this going now. We need a referendum (perhaps a combination of age and co-

op membership years adding up to 75%) and then a vote. Members preferences will then be turned into decisions.

Hopefully,

Julia Thadten

HARK, HARK, OK TO PARK

Seeing spots before your eyes? If you own a car, they’re a patch. Each a space where you can number.

Sans the need to check the clock. This year rest, enjoy your slumber. Parking yeses have risen in number. Now they’re up to forty-five. Lucky days, no need to drive round the block, the nabe. See your seeing spots. Crazy-thorough. Bye to early rising—kick it!—Windshield wiper sports no ticket. Of the parking holidays (January, February, March, April)—Are religious, across the board, Good behavior brings reward. Touching every major group. Making up New York’s rich soup. All Saints’ Day and Yom Kippur, Good Friday and Eid-ul-Fitr, Holy Thursday, Simchas Torah, Passover and Eid-ul-Adha. Best of all, you could be speedier. On six Legs, Legal forget the meter. For the pocket, a year of thriving. Only headache: city division. Low Fricki

WBAI UPDATE

TO THE EDITOR:

A certain new Anthony Riddle is the new Station Manager of WBAI. Despite his undemocratic selection (see below), let’s hope for Mr. Riddle as someone who will rally to our cause. The Executive Directors did not find it difficult to say, “con-

tinues in negotiations as to whether to take office or not.” In her absence, Justice and Unity plans to con-

 continua as ISTE Executive Committee and also as General Counsel (whether

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Meet Your Mind
with Allan Novick
The fundamental nature of mind is stable, strong and clear—yet these qualities become obscured by the stress and speed of our lives. Meditation opens and calms the mind. This is a basic meditation class for beginners, and for anyone who would like a renewed understanding of the technique.

Allan Novick has practiced meditation in the Shambhala Buddhist tradition since 1975 and is a certified meditation instructor in that tradition. He lives in Park Slope, has been a Coop member for 14 years, and works as a psychologist for the NYC Dep. of Education.

FREE
Non-members welcome
Friday, February 8
7:30 p.m. at the Coop

A spirited, interactive workshop on the benefits of mediation where you will:
• Learn how to change the quality of conflict interactions from negative and destructive, to positive and constructive.
• Learn how to go from being fearful and defensive, to confident and considerate.
• Learn how to act from strength, while staying compassionate.

Andrew Gary Feldman joined the Coop in 1979 and has been mediating since 1998.

FREE
Non-members welcome
Sunday, February 10
12:00 at the Coop

Past Life Regression Through Hypnosis
DO YOU HAVE THE FEELINGS THAT YOU HAVE LIVED BEFORE?
Have you ever 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.

FREE
Non-members welcome
Friday, February 22
7:30 p.m. at the Coop
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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but the Foundation finan-
cially and bias the election in
favor of Justice Unity. The
main line of defense in the
lawsuit was led by attorney Tom
Hillgardner, Mitchel Cohen
and two other plaintiffs, which
will be heard on Janu-
ary 24th at the New York
State Supreme Court.

The selection of the Sta-
tion Manager has been entire-
ly removed from the hands of
the voting membership by the
ruling majority by electing a
committee that has a minor-
ity of Local Station Board
members, effectively disen-
franchising the membership.

Disenfranchising the mem-
bership would seem the least
of the evils in this new world
of electronic voting, where
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in Florida voting lists, and
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of the Park Slope Food Coop
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claim that they can
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Spiritual Healing and
Related Evidence: Implica-
tions Beyond Individual
Treatment. Daniel Benor,
M.D. (2000). The author has
found 19 published
studies of healing (Benor,
2000) that close to two
thirds of these demonstrate
significant effects.”

Lloyd Sevier of the book Healing Words reports on experiments
done with Mathew Manning. Mr Man-
ing was able to change the
growth rate of cancer cells in
a beaker by between 200 and
1,200% simply by plac-
ing his hands near the
beaker and sending his
“healing” energy into the
beaker. The experiments
produce similar results
when the beaker was placed
in a distant room that was
shielded from electrical
influences.

Many other experiments
proving the existence of chi
and its ability to help people
have been carried out.
The goal here is not to give
a complete report of all avail-
able research. My goal in this
article is simply to provide
you with enough informa-
tion to show you the validity
of “Energy Medicine.”

Richard is a Coop
member and practices Acu-Ener-
gics, Acupuncture, Polarity,
Shiatsu, Reiki, Therapeutic Touch,
Reflexology, EFT (Emotional Free-
touch Acupuncture Techni-
que), TAT (Tapping Acupressure
Technique), Hypnosis, Medica-
Natural Processes, Can-
seal, Unwinding, Tibetan
Energy Work and is a
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a variety of physical tasks including:
setting up tables and chairs, buying food and sup-
plies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and
making coffee. Sound like your dream come
ture! This article seeks to
examine reports by researchers by
providing summaries of
laboratory experiments
to show you the validity
of “Energy Medicine.”

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We did it again
we heaved in the new year
and this is scattered all around us
ready to be put away.

Wait before you knockle
down before you call
out loud for the sky
find Orion, the odd planet
the coming moon

Let the stars inspire the
work that you do to
the turning of the wheel
take their energy to heart
Do better: be great

Come to the Coop with your shine on
we’ll be there stacking, stocking,
standing in line waiting for you

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Coop Job Opening: General Coordinator

We are looking for someone to join our Coop management team of General Coordinators. The ideal candidate would have significant experience in systems project management, preferably utilizing project management and collaboration software to achieve results. Responsibilities would include management of a team of three staff engineers, organization and planning of current and future hardware/software projects and needs, implementation and launch planning of projects, training documentation of all current systems and programs. An additional objective is the development of an environment that facilitates and coordinates member labor to improve and expand the software tools available to Coop staff and members. Familiarity with a Mac environment, networking, security, and backup applications is a plus.

Equally important, the ideal candidate should be able to contribute to the General Coordinator management team by possessing many of the following qualities:

- Consistently brings to bear excellent judgment in management decision-making
- Takes initiative and provides leadership in strategic planning and implementation
- Understands short and long-term financial planning
- Displays both excellent oral and written communication skills
- Possesses the interpersonal skills to work well with a broad, diverse range of co-workers and members

Work Schedule
Average work week of 45-50 hours, some evening meetings required.

Salary
The General Coordinator salary is $71,645.00 plus a COLA increase in February 2008.

Benefits
- Four paid holidays: July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day
- Five weeks vacation
- Health Insurance and long term disability insurance, fully paid by the Coop
- Defined benefit pension plan, fully paid by the Coop

How to Apply
Please provide a cover letter with your resume stating why you would like to be hired for this position and how your qualifications, skills, and experience will benefit the Coop.

Submit materials by February 15, 2008. Applicants must be current members with at least one year of membership in this Coop. Please address to: Personnel Committee, Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215.

We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop’s membership.

For more information, contact Alexandra Berger at isisprods@yahoo.com

Plastic Recycling Drivers Needed

The Plastics Recycling Squads are looking for drivers to transport plastic recycling collected at the Coop to the recycling plant in Brooklyn. Drivers are needed for shifts on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. 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 a must as you are the only person coming to do this job on your day. Member should be prepared to store recycling collected on Saturday or Sunday in their vehicle or home until recycling center opens on Monday. Wednesday drivers must be available to drop off the recycling at the center between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. when the recycling facility is open. Member will be reimbursed for mileage according to IRS reimbursement rates if interested please contact Office Coordinator Cynthia Pennycooke at cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop or drop by the Membership Office to speak to her.

Celebrate Groundhog's Day with tasty treats from the Coop!

Spring is on the way!

Show Your Movie! and earn workslot credit.

Exposure, Conversation, Reactions...

The film series at the Coop is only as good as the willingness of Coop members to participate in it. Submit movies you’ve made, you’ve gaffed on, acted in, PA’d, wrote, produced…and get workslot credit if we show it for our Coop Film Night screening series.

We want to see how creative our Coop members are, and we want to share the work with other Coop members and their friends.

Please send us your stuff or email us to talk about it. We need to be in touch with all of you to keep this series hot...which it is!

For more information, contact Alexandra Berger at isisprods@yahoo.com

COOP Closing at 5pm Sunday Feb 3rd.
To Submit Classified or Display Ads:

Ads may be placed on behalf of Coop members only. Classified ads are prepaid at $15 per insertion. business card ads at $30 per insertion, business card ads at $30 per insertion. Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and insertion, business card ads at $30. (Ads in the “Merchandise–Non-commercial” category are free.)

Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2” x 3.5” horizontal).

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Advertisements in the Coop are available only to Coop members. Publication does not imply endorsement by the Coop.
Early Closing

The Coop will be closing for shopping at 5 pm on Sunday, February 3 so that we can conduct our annual Coop-wide inventory. Some shifts will be affected, others will not.

Please help inform the membership about this early closing by telling your Coop housemates and friends.

Members whose shifts are affected by the closing will be contacted by the Membership Office.