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Demand and Supply

By Alison Levy

This holiday season, many Americans are experiencing a deep hit in the wallet—and psyche—dampening the rampant consumerism that some might consider so endemic that it could well be engraved in the Bill of Rights—though, of course, it isn't.



ILLUSTRATION BY ETHAN PETTIT

Yet during these times, the Coop stands in an unusual position. On the one hand, the Coop policy of selling goods minus the price margins that would typically lead to profits firmly plants the Coop in a different business territory than that occupied by most conventional profit-oriented businesses. Many of these are now scrambling to find a footing in the new economy. On the other hand, in comparison with other food emporiums, the extent of the Coop's product offerings

is so wide-ranging—and international—that for people at a particular crossroads of values and tastes, the Coop is the great American consumers' dream.

Has the current economic meltdown hit the Coop financially? The *Gazette* asked General Coordinator, Joe Holtz. As we approach the end of the Coop's fiscal year on December 31, 2008, his answer was in effect: yes, the economy has impacted us a little, but not all that much (most likely).

Coop membership had been on the rise since the expansion of 2001, and after plateauing for a year has continued to climb, Holtz says. However, in the current economy, the pluses on the Coop balance sheet are that in a time of belt tightening, people opt to trim their visits to restaurants and instead cook more at home. With a 10% increase in Coop membership over the last year, this translates into increased grocery store food purchases—

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Burning the Future

Coop Documentarian Captures Struggle over Mountaintop Removal

By Frank Haberle

When you think of coal as an energy source, images may come to mind of 19th-century men with handlebar mustaches shoveling black rocks into a steam furnace. But coal is still very much a part of our everyday lives. Over 50% of the electricity Americans use is generated by coal-burning plants—that requires five tons of coal per person per year. Where coal comes from, the increased demand for it and the devastating impact of its extraction are the story behind *Burning the Future: Coal in America*, a new award-winning documentary by Coop member David Novack.

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Next General Meeting on January 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 on Tuesday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

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

* Exceptions for November and December will be posted.

Coop Event Highlights

- Sat, Dec 20 • Winter Outerwear Exchange, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- Sun, Jan 4 • Variety Show Auditions, 12:00–2:00 p.m.
- Sun, Jan 11 • Pub Night–Sing Back the Sun, 7:00 p.m.
- Fri, Jan 16 • The Good Coffeehouse Swing Street, 8:00 p.m.
- Fri, Jan 16 • Film Night: Rachel Is, 7:30 p.m.

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

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22% at this time of year compared to last year at this time, Holtz reports.

On the negative side of the balance sheet, the Coop pension fund investments, like all other investments, have declined in value during the fall of 2008. The Coop pension investment fund is a separate entity from the actual Coop. Because the pension plan's investments have done well in recent years, the IRS's pension rules gave the Coop the option, but not the requirement, to contribute pension funds. However, if the plan investments end this coming spring at a significant loss, which is likely, the Coop will be required to pay the pension plan a substantial part of the increase in revenue arising from increased membership. Whatever the outcome on the pension following the final 2008 accounting, the Coop, unlike many businesses, has something to offer members in good economic times and bad ones.

Even though Coop members, like all consumers, expect to find their necessities on the shelves when they shop, economic, political and climatological vicissitudes

can impact product availability, says Receiving Coordinator Ron Zisa, who for the last six years has purchased the Coop's bulk items and certain of its packaged goods. Although sometimes shoppers notice the disappearance of favored items, most don't know the work that goes on behind the scenes to keep both staples and special favorites on our shelves.

A black tea called Negoblevia, grown and harvested in the Republic of Georgia, was an unintended casualty of the recent face-off between Russia and Georgia. The tea, low in tannin but full bodied, wasn't overly expensive and was a huge hit, Zisa reports. The supplier from whom Zisa purchased it lost availability due to the war. The last shipment was a year ago—a few months before Russia sent troops into Georgia. Its return to our shelves is not predicted for the foreseeable future, Zisa reports.

"Political, economic and climate factors all affect the food chain—like a triangle in which one thing affects the other," says Zisa. "A lot of people are not aware of these issues, are just not in the

loop as to how world events impact our food supply. Americans have been very spoiled and expect things, but a small percentage of people are more aware."

As part of its policy, the Coop favors purchases from fair trade suppliers, which return some portion of the profits from growers around the world.

"For over three months," Zisa recalls, "We could not get Sumatran coffee, because its production was affected by the tsunami. It impacted the suppliers' business because there was no harvest to fall back on. Fortunately, they did bounce back and we were able to purchase it again, but had that country been under a different political situation, it may not have bounced back as quickly."

Many shoppers ask Zisa what happened to two favorite products, which the

Coop once stocked. The Coop sold a lot of what Zisa describes as "a wonderful coffee called Café Rebellion from Chiapas, Mexico." Café Rebellion, the Denver company that roasted and shipped the coffee, also provided the Coop with coffee honey, which many Coop shoppers liked. Unfortunately, a few months back, after 20 years of working with indigenous people, the company owner called Zisa to say he had decided to close shop. Due to political unrest in Chiapas, the supplier did not receive his coffee shipment, which undermined his business. Zisa traces this business's woes to politics. Ordering products and dealing with suppliers leads to a sense of engagement with the producers and their troubles. According to one of his suppliers, the Mexican government sometimes aims to exert control of indigenous

peoples, who grow the foods that wind up on our shelves. For example, in Chiapas, the government recently banned (at the eleventh hour) the traditional annual festival of flowers, thus creating economic hardship for the flower growers of the region.

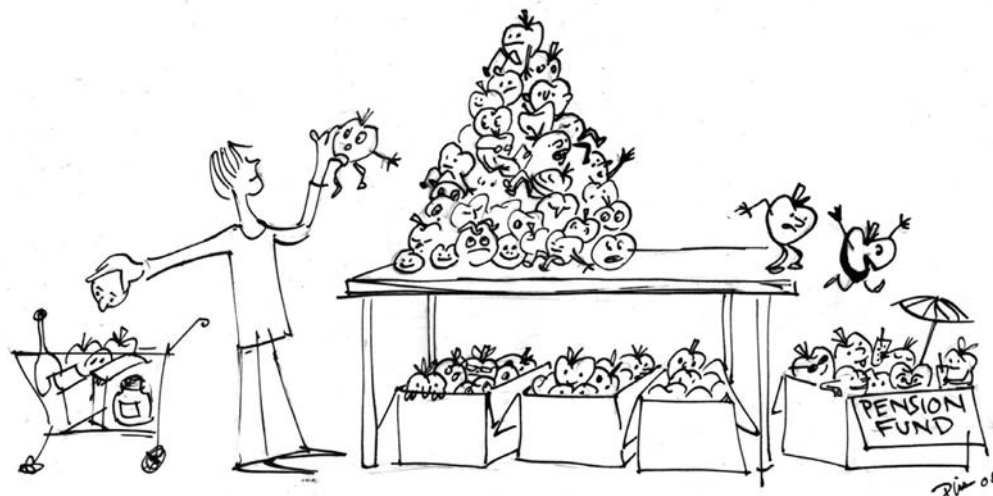
Market fluctuations have also impacted the availability of certain kinds of bulk beans, although Zisa doesn't know all the background reasons.

"For the longest time, we could not get either organic or non-organic Great Northern beans. Now we can't get cannellini beans (white kidney beans), either organic or non-organic. No one knows whether it's a problem with a crop or for some other reason."

The fair trade white and brown basmati rice from India we used to get is no longer available," he reports. This may be due to food shortages in India, where widespread crop failure due to changing weather patterns has led many farmers to commit suicide. They've stopped exporting beans and rice because they first need to feed their own people. Zisa is able to get both types of basmati rice from Lundberg, an American producer in California.

Some crops are interactive. Zisa recalls that once the Florida citrus crop failed due to hurricanes. Next, frost in California affected the West Coast citrus crop. The growers' efforts to compensate for these crop failures resulted in their falling behind in harvesting avocados, with the end result that the price of these crops have risen.

The good news is that new products do become available. Zisa is recommending buyers try an organic black tea called Ceylon Blackwood. While coffee lovers can look forward to a new arrival in late January, early February from an international growers coop called Pancha Mama. ■



PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP

Product Return Policy

The Coop does not "exchange" items. You must return item and repurchase what you need. Returns of eligible items will be handled at the Second Floor Service Desk within 30 days of purchase only when accompanied by the PAID IN FULL receipt.

Please use the following guide to determine if an item is eligible for return:

Produce (fresh fruits & vegetables)	May not be returned with the exception of coconuts, pineapples and watermelon. Even if the claim is that the item is spoiled or that it was purchased by mistake, produce cannot be returned except for the three items listed above. The produce buyer may be contacted on weekdays by members to discuss any other claims for credit.
Books	May not be returned.
Juicers	May not be returned.
Bulk items & bulk items packaged by the Coop	May not be returned. Members may contact the bulk buyer to discuss any other claims for credit.
Refrigerated items Frozen items	May not be returned unless spoiled before the expiration date or within 30 days of purchase, whichever is sooner.
All Other Products (not covered above)	A. Other products may be returned if they are spoiled or defective and the category is not specified above B. Other products may be returned if they are unopened, undamaged and therefore can be sold again. C. Other products may not be returned if they are opened or unsellable, and were purchased by mistake or not needed.

**Saturday, December 20
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

FREE
Non members Welcome

WINTER OUTERWEAR EXCHANGE

**Coats, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, and Mittens
For the Entire Family**



This exchange is a community event that is ecologically responsible and fun.

Why support the consumer market and buy, when you can share winter outerwear that has already been well-loved?

Reuse, Renew, Recycle

Do not leave items in the Coop before the hours of the exchange.

**Bring gently-used, clean outerwear that you are proud to be able to exchange or donate to a new owner.
(Unchosen items will be donated to C.H.I.P.S. and to a local shelter.)**

Burning the Future

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To accelerate coal production, companies have turned from underground mining to mountaintop removal—literally blowing the tops off mountains, scooping out the layers of coal and depositing the residue into surrounding valleys. Recently 150 new coal-burning plants have been proposed across the country. Most of the coal needed to power these plants will come from the Appalachian communities of southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky. The southern Appalachian mountains “are the most biologically productive environment outside the tropical rainforest,” David Novack says. *Burning the Future* captures the exquisite beauty of the area and chronicles how mountaintop removal is leaving that ecosystem barren and decimated. It shows how, in the surrounding valleys, the residue created by mountaintop removal is polluting and cutting off natural water sources, destroying whole communities and activating an inspirational array of local residents.

David’s five-year journey to make *Burning the Future*—alongside fellow Coop member and cinematographer Sam Henriques—started when he was interviewing scientist John Cox about elk being introduced into the wild in Kentucky. “As it turned out,” David remembers, “elk were put onto mountaintop removal mining sites by the coal companies so they could claim the land was better than before...because now people could hunt elk!” Rather than pointing to real improvements on the land, John Cox’s studies showed that only foreign, drought-resistant species could survive the newly harsh environment; what was native to the area was largely gone, and the elk have since moved on.

“A few months later, he called me in a panic,” David continues. “A federal case that had been ruled in favor of the environment on Clean Water Act grounds had been overturned by a Bush-appointed circuit justice... and there was hardly any press at all. John urged me to come down and have a look, and I was so horribly moved by the experience, I had to make a film.”

Burning the Future is a

haunting lesson of what’s already being lost. At one moment the viewer visits sweeping vistas of endless, pristine mountain greenery; or follows a local resident along a creek bed as she remembers how her father taught her to gather food from their land. Seconds later she comes to the foot of her mountain, blasted away by coal companies, then climbs to the barren destruction on top, surrounded by endless flattened mountains. Elsewhere, local residents turn on their water taps and brown sludge comes out; others try to comfort young children terrorized by exploding dynamite, flash floods and illnesses. The film explores what’s now at stake: local community meetings where parents fight to protect their children at their elementary school, overshadowed by a huge coal belt and surrounded by black wastewater; and a meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection to fight for what most Americans consider a fundamental right: safe drinking water.

Burning the Future follows the heartening efforts of local community activists, most of whom have been impacted directly by mountaintop removal, as they build a grass-roots resistance movement to fight the coal companies and demand government accountability. Starting locally, they gain ground—including a former waitress turned organizer fighting to save land that has been in her family for generations, a young mother with liver disease she attributes to the effects of coal waste impoundments, a longtime resident who avoids talking about the issue in the grocery store for fear of reprisal. Eventually their group travels to New York to testify before a United Nations Committee on Sustainability. In a startling moment, they find themselves standing at night in the middle of Times Square. “Turn off these lights!” one yells up at the flashing towering advertisements.

“The traction is palpable,” he reports, noting that the movement to end mountaintop removal is gaining ground. “Only a few years ago, when I was well into production, when I asked folks if they knew about coal and about mountaintop removal, they invariably said no. Today it

has risen to national consciousness. The new administration will be swamped by a national campaign to end mountaintop-removal mining, along with other ills related to coal mining and burning. I wouldn’t say organizers are winning, but they can, and with the help of the nation, they will.”

Burning the Future is helping to build that widespread recognition and momentum. The documentary has won awards, including the International Documentary Association’s Pare Lorentz award for excellence in socially relevant documentary filmmaking, and honors at the Montana Cine International Film Festival, London’s IVCA Clarion Award and the West Virginia Filmmakers Festival.

How Coop Members Can Fight Mountaintop Removal

How can Coop members and others work, individually and collectively, to fight mountaintop removal? “I recommend getting involved with The CLEAN—www.theclean.org—and signing their call to action,” David suggests. “In fact, if the Coop votes it in, we can sign as an organization in addition to signing as individuals. We could lobby all the food coops nationally to take part in this campaign.” Signers receive regular updates and action alerts from The CLEAN. Other places to get involved are the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, the Sierra Club’s national coal campaign and Coal Moratorium Now (CMN). “CMN tracks places where new coal plants are being built or proposed,” David explains, “including in New York State, and lists local organizations to support.”

Another hands-on approach is to lessen our personal electricity use. Changing to fluorescent light bulbs—many varieties are available and reasonably priced at the Coop—is clearly important. “But half our energy is lost to inefficient insulation in our homes,” David maintains. “We need to take the time to remove air conditioners in winter, caulk windows and reinsulate. We need to plug electronics into power strips that we can power down when we leave the room for an extended period of time. We can lobby the city council and the state to mandate stricter codes in building and manufacturing

efficiency. And for goodness’ sake...turn out the lights!”

Where to See and Learn About *Burning the Future*

David will be present at a showing of *Burning the Future* at the Princeton Environmental Film Festival Sunday, January 4, at 1:30p.m. (www.princetonlibrary.org/peff/). The film is also available on DVD at www.burningthefuture.com.

To find out about future screenings or to dig deeper into the issues, visit www.burningthefuture.com. The website features a Coal Impact Guide where visitors can learn much more about coal extraction and burning, including the fallacy of “clean coal” and the myriad effects of coal-fired power: mercury, acid rain, toxic water, ozone, particulate matter and, on a broader scale, climate change. ■

Announcing Auditions for the third ADULT Coop Variety Show

Sunday, January 4
12:00–2:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 17
2:00–4:00 p.m.

Coop second floor meeting room

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

You must audition to be in the show.

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

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

We look forward to hearing from you!

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

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SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

TheWhoFarm (White House Organic)

Plotting a Strategy for a Key Plot of Land

By Adam Rabiner, for the Safe Food Committee



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WHOFARM

Shoppers who saw it will still recall TheWhoFarm Mobile that sat parked just down the block from the Park Slope Food Coop one afternoon in early August. No ordinary vehicle, it is actually two yellow school buses fused together roof to roof like some industrial Siamese twin, giving the term “hybrid” a new twist. The upright bus functions as would be expected, but the upside-down bus, wheels pointing straight up in the air like a dying bug sprayed by Raid, hides an organic roof garden. (Inciden-

tally, for those of you who are considering your own mobile gardens, low-lying green vegetables such as spinach, kale and collard greens fare best at average speeds of 55 miles per hour.)

The WhoFarmMobile is the brain child of two young idealists, Daniel Bowman Simon and Casey Gustowarow, friends and neighbors from the Peace Corps Philippines, who set forth from New York City to California and back to Washington, D.C., on a quixotic journey to collect signatures for a petition

requesting that a portion of the White House lawn be used to plant an organic fruit and vegetable garden.

As wild an idea as this may have seemed when the bus set off on its mission in August, it's increasingly plausible. In their months on the road, Simon (who for a short time worked as a cashier at the Park Slope Food Coop) and Gustowarow have collected more than 7,500 signatures ranging from food activists to a Virginia state trooper who signed their petition after pulling them off the road. Currently

ensconced in the political capital, they are building a coalition in the local community, working with the Washington Youth Garden at the National Arboretum, neighborhood schools and other groups. The two young and unknown latter-day merry pranksters may not be the most influential lobbyists to have set foot on Pennsylvania Avenue; but when writer, academic and the healthy food movement's most eloquent spokesperson, Michael Pollan, weighed in by endorsing this idea in his memo to the president-elect, he surely helped their cause immeasurably. (“Farmer-in-Chief,” the *New York Times* Magazine food issue, October 12, 2008). Obama knows about this proposal, having cited the Pollan article in a recent Time magazine interview. The question is, will he act on it, given his current focus on billion-dollar bailouts for the financial and automobile industries?

But whether or not this project is realized in Obama's first hundred days, the idea behind TheWhoFarm is here to stay. While the bus may soon be retired, and Simon and Gustowarow will eventually settle down in one place and resume normal lives, this powerful and symbolic goal will remain. For how can a president better demonstrate

commitment to and leadership on such a wide range of issues as health, nutrition, sustainability and “green jobs” than by planting a garden in his backyard for the entire world to see? This small but significant action would demonstrate the same kind of results-oriented, lead-by-example style so ably shown by these two former Peace Corps volunteers who took their dream of a better future on the road to share with the rest of us.

You can learn more about TheWhoFarm (aka The White House Organic Farm Project,) sign the petition and support this cause by making a donation at www.thewhofarm.org.

This article is part of a series of articles by the Safe Food Committee, leading up to the Brooklyn Politics of Food Conference: Global Crisis, Local Action, to take place May 2, 2009 in Park Slope. Come discover more about organic farming and sustainable food systems! This event is co-sponsored by the Park Slope Food Coop, Caribbean Women's Health Association and Brooklyn's Bounty. For more information, check out our new website: www.brooklynfoodconference.org and email us at info@brooklynfoodconference.org to get involved. ■

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The Pinewoods Folk Music Club
and**

**The Fun'Raising Committee of the Park Slope Food Coop
Jointly and proudly present**

Sing Back the Sun

Another Fabulous Pub Night!

A night of informal singing, partying, food and drink,
with your friends old and new.
This year featuring songs for the renewal of life.

Sunday, January 11, 7:00 pm

Bring voices, instruments, friends, family, good cheer
at Freddy's Back Room, 485 Dean St.,
near Park Slope, Brooklyn
— Dean St. and Sixth Ave., East side of Flatbush Ave.

(left if coming from Manhattan) —
Free Admission!

All ages welcome •
All songs, tunes, stories welcome

Freddy's has a choice selection of drink (including Guinness and Bass on draught!), but does not serve food (BYO).

Directions: M, N, R, W trains to Pacific St.; 2, 3 trains to Bergen St.; 4, 5, Q trains to Atlantic Ave.
Parking is relatively easy on Sunday. See map here: <http://www.freddysbackroom.com/directions.htm>

Further info: 718-429-3437

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Members Talk Turkey Are They Cutting Back?

By Ed Levy

The *Gazette* asked members if the economic recession has changed their shopping patterns. Were they cutting back on particular items, or on shopping in general? Were they shopping less often? The interviews took place in the Coop on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, so people's holiday plans became part of the mix. Would this be a regular Thanksgiving, or one with fewer trimmings?



Gabe and Anna Godin

This was not a scientific survey, and there was no typical answer, in part because Coop members themselves are atypical. But one shopper, who wished to remain anonymous, seemed to catch the general sentiment. "Belonging to the Coop is already a form of saving," he said. "That's one of the reasons I joined. But it doesn't feel like cutting back. For me, coming here feels like a step forward."

Delilah Mulraine was planning to eat her usual diet of raw foods for Thanksgiving, and to prove it her cart looked like someone who shops only in aisle one. "The Coop has everything I need," she said. "I like the

this perspective: "I don't really believe people when they say they don't have the money for something. I believe it's about your priorities. If you really want something, you're going to get the money. It's a mind thing. And even if the economy is tight, I think that only gets people to eat more with their families and to be more centered, as opposed to being scattered and going beyond their needs. It's the universe telling us to get back to basics again."

Robert Drapkin, a 20-year member, was wearing his bike helmet when we met up with him on the checkout line. He



Robert Drapkin

had just sold his car, and he is using his bicycle to get around town. "I like saving money, like everyone else, he said, "but selling the car didn't have that much to do with economics—I just like riding my bike." An amateur musician, Robert had ridden out to Bay Ridge that morning and bought an old amplifier he wants to fix up, and had carried it home on the rear rack. If nothing else, he was working up a good appetite for the holiday. And we did spot a nice sized turkey in his basket. We asked him how he cooks it. "I have a covered roasting pan. I cook it covered till the last hour and a half and then I uncover it."

Kirstin Hubert, a member for about 18 months, said her shopping is being affected



Kirstin Hubert

mostly right now by the fact that she is a student and preparing a portfolio. Mostly, she's eating on the run. She and a friend were preparing to stock up on hearty soups that will last a while and were buying the ingredients for a rice-mushroom blend with chicken broth.

Anna and Gabe Godin have been members for about six months. Gabe is a maintenance squad leader, and Anna is on a maintenance shift. Today they were shopping for Thanksgiving and nothing else. They said they do find themselves being more conscious of what they buy. Dave said he used to never look at the



Pierce Robinson

prices of things, but now he likes to see how much money they save by shopping at the Coop—usually it's \$30 to \$50 dollars less than at the supermarket.

We found Pierce Robinson



Joseph Hennessey

stocking in the spice aisle. "I don't shop," he said. "I live with my parents. I'm doing the shift for my dad." Pierce said his family's shopping has been affected by gas prices, since they live in Queens and drive their car to the Coop. They are coming a little less often than they used to, about once a month.

Joseph Hennessey is a squad leader and 15-year member. "My wife does the shopping," he said, but added, "We have been a little more conservative lately. We have to watch the pennies, not just the dollars, anymore." Joseph and his wife also come by car. "We make about the same amount of



Alexandre Barbier

trips as usual." And for Thanksgiving? "We eat vegetarian mostly....We come here for organic foods and vegetables, and stay away from the meats."

Alexandre Barbier, also known as Alex the Elder in the membership office, said, "I can't say our Thanksgiving is being curtailed. We just decided to not have turkey this year, but it's more out of laziness. The economy is not really affecting us, because we live very frugally and have no debt except for our mortgage, but that's collateral, so I don't worry about that. As far as others, I can't tell. I asked my son, who has a big truck, and he says he will drive less. But I don't think it's affecting patterns

at the Food Coop because if anything, people here know the Coop is really trying to keep prices down in the first place."

"In any case," Alexandre continued, "most of the things I buy here are necessary from an economic perspective and would not change. Today I have tucked away two sausages for myself, as my wife is vegetarian. Sometimes you see something more discretionary in the end aisle—sweets, cookies." Alexandre,



Mark Brennan and daughter Ceci

who is French, held up a large jar. "It's Dijon mustard," he said, "and I miss that. Here I can purchase it for \$3.29. It's very good with tilapia."

Mark Brennan was doing his regular weekend shopping with his daughter, Ceci. No, he said, he's not cutting back much, but it's on his mind. His holiday plans? None yet, but "We're not going to go wild, that's for sure."

Taka Kasuga's shopping patterns haven't been altered much either. His holiday plans included travel to Japan, to see his family.

Feeling fairly secure in the midst of economic tur-



Taka Kasuga

moil, Bob Schulof said his shopping hasn't been affected at all. Bob is a guidance counselor at Middle School 51, and his wife's a teacher at PS 15 in Red Hook. "Thank goodness we're still work-



Turkey Talk

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ing," he said, "and we have our retirement." They were going to his wife's aunt's house in Maryland, a holiday tradition. "My wife's aunt is making lasagna for us, since we're semi-vegetarian. My son is still the only true vegetarian in the family, but he recently phoned from college and said he was thinking about eating meat." Bob



Bob Schulof

was purchasing some frozen meals for busy days. He and his wife like the Indian dinners.

Manon Gauthier and Angus Loten, both Canadian and now living in Brooklyn, were planning a potluck dinner with friends. "Everyone is bringing one or two dishes, and so in that sense it's a cut-back, because we're pooling our resources. But we have little experience with your holiday," Angus said. (Canada's Thanksgiving is celebrated the second Monday in October.) ■



Manon Gauthier and Angus Loten



Do you have WINTER CLOTHES you can't use?



Someone else needs them!

Bring adult and children's winter clothes and outerwear to the Coop's second floor starting on Friday, November 28, through Wednesday, December 31.



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

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

Many Thanks!

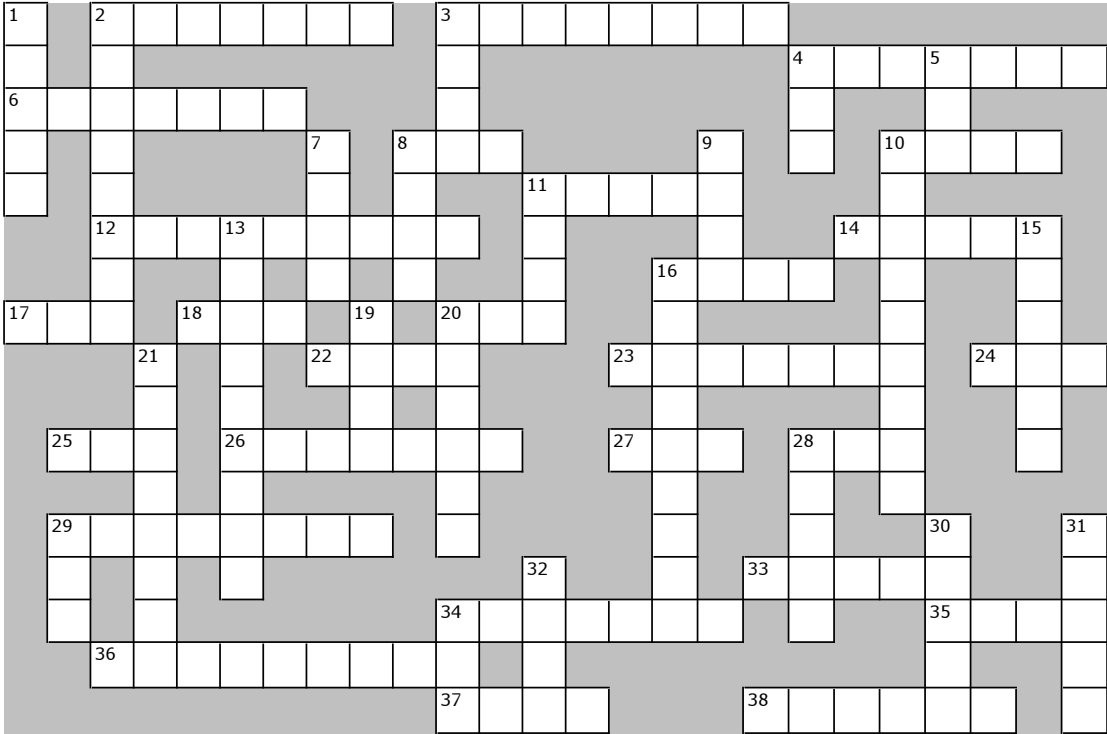
*Christian Help in Park Slope, our local soup kitchen at 4th Ave. & Sacket.



Puzzle Corner

Animal Attraction

The entire grid is to be filled in with the names of common animals. The list below identifies the category of animal for each blank – Mammal, Bird, Fish, Reptile, or Insect. To get you started, the list of Insect names is given below. (A=Across, D=Down)



MAMMALS

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- 11A (5 letters)
- 17A (3 letters)
- 23A (7 letters)
- 25A (3 letters)
- 27A (3 letters)
- 35A (4 letters)
- 36A (9 letters)
- 37A (4 letters)
- 38A (6 letters)
- 2D (8 letters)
- 4D (3 letters)
- 9D (4 letters)
- 20D (6 letters)
- 21D (8 letters)

BIRDS

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- 12A (9 letters)
- 14A (5 letters)

16A (4 letters)

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- 5D (3 letters)
- 28D (5 letters)
- 30D (5 letters)
- 31D (5 letters)

FISH

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- 6A (7 letters)
- 26A (7 letters)
- 28A (3 letters)
- 7D (4 letters)
- 8D (4 letters)
- 32D (4 letters)
- 34D (3 letters)

REPTILES

- 29A (8 letters)

33A (5 letters)

- 13D (9 letters)
- 16D (9 letters)

INSECTS

- 4A (7 letters) = FIREFLY
- 18A (3 letters) = FLY
- 20A (3 letters) = BEE
- 34A (7 letters) = CRICKET
- 1D (5 letters) = APHID
- 3D (4 letters) = FLEA
- 10D (9 letters) = DRAGONFLY
- 11D (4 letters) = MITE
- 15D (6 letters) = EARWIG
- 19D (4 letters) = MOTE
- 29D (3 letters) = ANT

For answers, see page 14.
This issue's puzzle author:
Stuart Marquis

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!



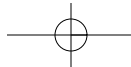
In accordance with the 6th Principle of Cooperation, the Park Slope Food Coop is offering the SBFC support and consultation by allowing PSFC members to complete their workslot at the Bronx location.

PSFC members will receive FTOP 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 make work arrangements, please email ellen_weinstat@psfc.coop or call **718-622-0560**

South Bronx Food Coop • 646-226-0758

info@sbxfc.org



FAIR TRADE COMMITTEE REPORT

Reverse Trick or Treating

By Valentina Azzarello, for the Fair Trade Committee

In an effort to raise awareness on the concept and benefits of fair trade, the Coop's Fair Trade Committee organized a Halloween activity for trick-or-treaters, so-called reverse-trick-or-treating (RToT).

Basically, as trick-or-treaters received treats, in return they provided a card with a fair trade chocolate sample. The cards provided information on the problems relating to child labor and the benefits of fair trade. The fair trade chocolate samples were donated by Equal Exchange, where the cocoa comes from farms in Peru and the Dominican Republic and the sugar from Paraguay and Costa Rica.

Coop member Wynne Noble and her eight-year-old daughter Tesse participated in the event. In particular, Tesse articulated the main gist of fair trade while exchanging cards for treats.

I had a moment to briefly discuss their experience with the reverse-trick-or-treating activity. Tesse was successful in giving out 25 cards with fair trade information, while briefly explaining that fair trade ensures that workers growing cocoa are paid fairly. When asked if she had been familiar with fair trade previous to the RToT activity, Tesse said she was able to learn

about it through fair trade products sold at the Coop, specifically by reading the labels.

When asked if people understood the concept of fair trade during the RToT activity, she said there were some people who were already familiar with it. Some others knew nothing about it but showed interest and were appreciative of the information. Lastly, I asked Tesse if she had any suggestions on how the Fair Trade committee could enhance its educational campaigns, and she said that explaining fair trade in schools was a good idea. In particular, she mentioned that it would be useful for kids to present a play on child labor, specifically from the child's perspective.

In addition to kids participating in the event, we were fortunate to have a reporter from *Crain's Business News* who was interested in the activity and wrote an article that can be read at www.laborrights.org/stop-child-labor/cocoa_campaign/1831. ■



ILLUSTRATION BY DEBORAH TINT

Diversity and Equality Committee Looking for Additional Members

The Diversity & Equality Committee (DEC) is dedicated to improving human relations and communications through impeccable interpersonal interactions, policies and procedures in the Coop. Our goal is to work toward preventing and eliminating discrimination in the Coop. The DEC has met on a monthly basis since 2004 to promote the 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.

In order to be considered for the Diversity and Equality Committee you must have at least one year of Coop membership, have an excellent attendance record, have the ability to be accountable, to take initiative, to work independently, be organized, and have an ability to work collaboratively with others. In addition, the committee meets monthly on second Thursday of the month from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. These meetings are mandatory. Committee members also work outside the meetings on projects for their

sub-committees. Work on the Committee is recorded on an hour-for-hour basis. Sought-after skills for each sub-committee within the DEC are listed below.

To express interest contact Jess Robinson at jess_robinson@psfc.coop or phone at 718-622-0560. Please be prepared to provide a listing of your relevant experience, along with your Food Coop member number.

The Diversity Education Sub-Committee

This sub-committee seeks people committed to the concepts of diversity, multiculturalism, pluralism and inclusion. Superior relationship/people skills are needed. Please be pro-active, savvy, and non-judgmental relating to all types of people. This position may be leading and organizing group activities. Experience leading workshops, ideally around diversity issues is desired. Public Speaking skills, conflict resolution skills, and mediation skills are also helpful for this position.

Complaint Review Sub-Committee

Seeking a Mediator: Needs excellent conflict resolu

tion and mediation skills with good editing and writing skills. Be compassionate, impartial and use critical thinking skills. Interviewing experience may be helpful.

Seeking a Secretary: Take dictation and detailed notes; transcribe and archive. Have general computer skills; editing and writing skills; be compassionate; impartial and a critical thinker.

Outreach Sub-Committee

This sub-committee needs at least 1 new member to create continual methods of informing the general membership of: recruitment needs, what the DEC is working on, and increasing general membership participation with the DEC. The skills this position may need are: Word processing & ability to meet deadlines. Be a self starter who is innovative with ideas & be accountable.



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:

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The *Gazette* welcomes Coop-related articles, and letters from members.

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.

Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words.

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

Submissions on Disk & by Email: We welcome digital submissions. Drop disks in the wallpocket described above. The email address for submissions is GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Receipt of your submissions will be acknowledged on the deadline day.

Classified & Display Ads: Ads may only be placed by 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 submission form (available in a wallpocket on the first floor near the elevator). Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2"x3.5").

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

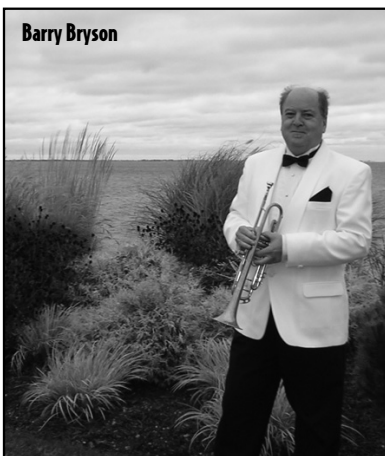
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Friday
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COOP CONCERT SERIES

A monthly musical
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for Ethical Culture



Barry Bryson



A Great
Big Band Sound from
a Great Small Band

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

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



Marje Wagner

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

Barry Bryson—Trumpet/Leader
Jenny Hill—Tenor Saxophone/Clarinet
Lisa Parrott—Alto Saxophone/Clarinet
Peter McGuines—Trombone
Todd Isler—Percussion

Roberta Picket—Piano
Rob Garcia—Drums
Stephan Bauer—Vibes
David Phelps—Guitar
Marje Wagner—Vocals

Liz Peterson will be there to give a brief swing lesson in the beginning and continue coaching people throughout.

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, 718-788-3741

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

Monthly on the...

Last Sunday
December 28
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Second Saturday
January 10
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Third Thursday
January 15
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

On the sidewalk in front of
the receiving area at the Coop.

PLASTICS

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 tubs, cups & specifically marked lids and caps (discard any with paper labels).
- Plastic film, such as shopping and dry cleaning bags, etc. Okay if not labeled.

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

We close up promptly.
**Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the
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and sorting of your plastic.**



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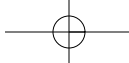
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Environmental Committee

Thursday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Work for the environment while fulfilling your Coop workslot! The Environmental Committee has room for new members. Our goal is to make sure the Coop operates in the most environmentally responsible manner, both internally and in the community. We particularly need people who are good at putting ideas into action. There is room for everyone, but leadership or organizational abilities will be put to good use. You must be a member of the Coop for six months before joining this committee. For more information, phone Robin Simmen at 718-768-1175 or contact the Environmental Committee at ecokvetch@yahoo.com.

Data Entry Project

Monday or Wednesday, Daytime

Do you have accurate typing skills and are familiar with working on Excel spreadsheets? The Bookkeeping Coordinator needs your help. Shifts are available for FTOP or makeup credit entering data from Voucher sheets into a spreadsheet. Workslots are available on Monday or Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please contact Renee St. Furcy at 718-622-0560 or renee_stfurcy@psfc.coop to arrange shifts.

Shopping Floor Set-up and Cleaning

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

Are you an early riser with a love of cleaning and

organizing? Work under the supervision of a staff person to set up and clean the shopping floor checkout stations. Must like to clean, be meticulous, detail oriented and able to work independently. Great opportunity for someone who wants to work when the Coop is not crowded. Please contact Cynthia Pennycooke at cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop or through the Membership Office at 718-622-0560.

CHIPS Soup Kitchen

Monday or Tuesday, 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CHIPS serves a daily meal to the homeless, needy and hungry at their storefront soup kitchen located at 4th Avenue and Sackett Street.

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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

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

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

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Jan 1 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Dec 17
Jan 15 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Jan 5

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Jan 1 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Dec 24
Jan 15 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jan 7

General Meeting Info

TUE, JAN 6

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the Jan 27 General Meeting.

TUE, JAN 27

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

The agenda will be available on Dec 3.

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

FRIDAYS 2:30 p.m. with a replay at 10:30 p.m.
Channels: 56 (TimeWarner), 69 (CableVision).

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 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 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 • Coordinators' Report • Committee Reports

Agenda (8:00 p.m.)

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

Wrap Up (9:30-9:45) (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Meeting evaluation • Board of Directors vote • Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

• Advance Sign-up required:

To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby.

Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

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

• Certain Squads not eligible:

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

• Attend the entire GM:

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

• Childcare can be provided at GMs:

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

• Signing in at the Meeting:

1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.

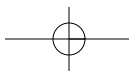
2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

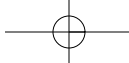
• Being Absent from the GM:

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

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement. **We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods.** We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. We support non-toxic, sustainable agriculture. **We respect the environment.** We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations. We prefer to buy from local, earth-friendly producers. We recycle. We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment. **We are committed to diversity and equality.** We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member.





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your listings in 50 words or less by mail, the mailsot 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, DEC 20

FREE ACUPUNCTURE at the Brooklyn Acupuncture Project from noon to 3 p.m. at 530 3rd Ave. between 12th and 13th Streets. For more info, visit BrooklynAcupunctureProject.com.

"PETER AND THE WOLF" tells the story, through music and narration, of a boy who saves the animals in the forest from a dangerous wolf. At the Brooklyn Lyceum, 227 4th Ave. between Union & President, from 4-5 p.m., \$10. ONE Adult FREE with stamped receipt from the Tea Lounge, 837 Union or 254 Court, or from 'SNice, 315 5th Ave. More info: www.brooklynlyceum.com/peter-and-the-wolf.

SUN, DEC 21

FREE CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES featuring violinists Aaron Boyd & Adela Pena; violist Ah Ling Neu*; cellist Roberta Cooper; and Peter Weitzner* on double bass; playing works of Corigliano, Rossini and Dvorak (String Quintet in G Major, Op. 77) FREE! 4 p.m. at the Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture at the Brooklyn Central Library in Grand Army Plaza.

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FRI, DEC 26

KABBALAT SHABBAT/CHANUKAH: Flatbush Jewish Center in Kensington invites you to join us for our Chanukah celebration. Program includes lighting the Menorah, followed by a spirited service & dinner. Dinner is \$9/person; free for children under 12. RSVP to FJC at 718-871-5200. Note if vegetarian. Wheelchair accessible. 327 E 5th St., corner of Church Ave., 4 p.m. www.flatbushjewishcenter.com.

SAT, DEC 27

STRAY STORIES... of jilted brides, cult rejects and mysterious one-armed men. Nicole Skeltys, Helen Newman* and Katherine Burger spin twisted, rollicking yarns at KGB Bar (85 E 4th St., NYC) from 7-9 p.m. Free. More info: visit www.kgbbar.com/calendar or email madgelma@hotmail.com.

SAT, JAN 3

PEOPLES' VOICE CAFE: Jon Fromer; Kim & Reggie Harris. At the Community Church of New

York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (between Madison & Park); wheelchair-accessible. Info: 212-787-3903 or www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15 general/\$10 members/more if you choose, less if you can't/no one turned away.

NUYORICAN POETS CAFE: Duets II—jazz vocals: Jessie Reiss* & Michael Williams; Ron Ferrell & Antoinette St. John; Carolyn Holmes & Ajax. 9 p.m. \$15. Followed by Banana Puddin Jazz Jam. \$10. Through Jan. 11: Rome Neal's Monk. 263 E. 3rd St. Aves. B & C. RSVP: 212-465-3137

SUN, JAN 4

SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for aging family and friends meets the first Sunday of each month from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Park Slope United Methodist Church. Open to all members of the community dealing with issues around elderly parents, family or friends. Come share feel-

ings, insights and resource ideas with others. Info: 718-783-4404.

SAT, JAN 10

PEOPLES' VOICE CAFE: Mothers & Daughters. At the Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (between Madison & Park); wheelchair-accessible. Info: 212-787-3903 or www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15 general/\$10 members/more if you choose, less if you can't/no one turned away.

SAT, JAN 17

PEOPLES' VOICE CAFE: John Flynn; Greg Greenway. At the Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (between Madison & Park); wheelchair-accessible. Info: 212-787-3903 or www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15 general/\$10 members/more if you choose, less if you can't/no one turned away.

WORKSLOT NEEDS

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Workslots preparing food, helping serve meals and cleaning-up are available to Coop members who have been a member for at least six months. Coop members will work alongside other

volunteers at CHIPS. Reliability, cooperation and ability to take directions are vital. Experience with food prep is a plus for working in the kitchen. Please contact Camille Scuria in the Membership Office if interested.

The Environmental Committee has a blog!

Please visit often for timely news and information from the PSFC Environmental Committee.



We're blogging about our activities at the Coop, as well as environmental events of interest at the Coop and beyond.

Find us at:
<http://ecokvetch.blogspot.com/>

FILM NIGHT

Friday, January 16 • 7:00 p.m.
at the Coop



Rachel is

In her feature directorial debut, Charlotte Glynn moves home to chronicle her sister Rachel's last year in school. Rachel is mentally retarded, and the resulting film, **Rachel is**, moves past the safety of political correctness and into the most intimate and honest moments in their family's life. Rachel—mysterious, funny and difficult—challenges her mother on a daily basis, forcing her to make tough choices about her daughter's future. Along the way Charlotte documents the tug of war between parent and child, while struggling to come to terms with her only sibling's disability.

Charlotte Glynn was born in New York and spent her formative years in Pittsburgh PA. She moved to Los Angeles at 17 to pursue her dream to be a filmmaker. A year turned out to be enough real life experience and she moved back east to get her BFA in Film at SUNY Purchase. She finished, **Rachel is**, her first feature film in August.

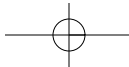
She has received Pennsylvania Council for the Arts, a Heinz Endowment and residencies with the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts among others. She lives in Brooklyn where she is working on her next film and on interdisciplinary work with the Circuit 3 Collective she co-founded in 2007.

**FREE
Non-members
welcome**

Alexandra Berger is a filmmaker living and working in Brooklyn. For many years she ran a screenplay reading series at the Nuyorican Poets Cafe, called The Fifth Night, which aided over 50 independent filmmakers actually making their feature films.

She is currently editing her first feature length documentary which follows the life of an amateur porn producer looking for love.

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



RETIRING MEMBER OFFERS SUGGESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm retiring again. That honor was bestowed on those of us age 65 who have been active members for 20 years. Sincere thanks to the many who attended the November GM and overwhelmingly supported the new social policy to relieve our experienced elders of regular work obligations.

The coordinators spoke against the proposal. One concern of their concerns was a new tier of membership is created. The principle that all members work distinguishes our organization. Family leave, medical and disability categories also lift the work requirement. Still, we must be vigilant in defending what creates equality in our community that we are a coop of members who all contribute our labor.

Another of the coordinators' concerns was that right now the records can only be confirmed back to half of the 20 years. Each senior can submit an anecdotal record including dates and the squads we served. A few office workers can check credibility. Of the 200 we estimate are eligible, it is unlikely that all will apply at once.

I have had the delicious privilege of actively contributing to my community as I wish after my retirement from teaching public high school. In that spirit, I present the following two themes for conversation among members. I expect each will come up as a discussion item at a GM and then later as a proposal for a vote—the path that the proposal to offer retirement from the work obligation to experienced elder members traveled to become policy.

Let's consider a cap on the number of members the facility can accommodate. At every expansion the rationale was to reduce crowding. In the 28 years I have belonged, the Coop has never been more crowded.

Let's form an archival/historians committee to begin writing and discussing our own history. We are a unique institution, and we manifest a model of development that is not privately owned and profit making. Our growth, especially the points of most intense debate, will be of interest and inform newer members as well as others wish to learn how this was accomplished.

The General Coordinators have carried the Coop forward over the years with integrity, diligence and skill. Acknowledging and appreciating them does not imply that these experts should be deferred to on questions of policy and planning. I call upon a higher power to guide us, also upon a broader power, the wisdom of the collective, of which each of us is a part. To me, they are the same.

Susan Metz

FTOPER NEEDS WORK!

TO THE EDITOR:

Is anyone else wondering if it's time to extend the work cycle to 5 or even 6 weeks? It's become almost impossible for me to get work as an FTOPer. Shouldn't this be a benefit of the increase in members?

Hmmm.

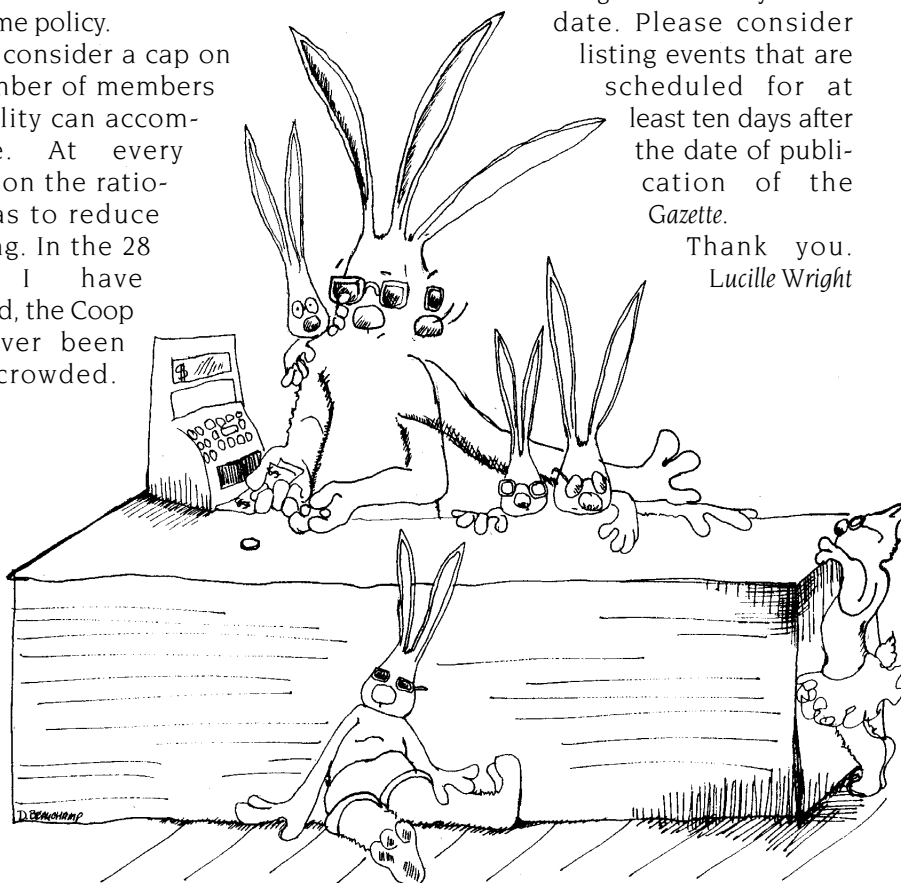
Laura Joviala

COMMUNITY CALENDAR LISTINGS

DEAR EDITOR:

As a member who shops once a week on Wednesdays, I pick up the latest *Gazette* seven days after publication, and a number of the "Community Calendar" listings are already out of date. Please consider listing events that are scheduled for at least ten days after the date of publication of the *Gazette*.

Thank you.
Lucille Wright



LETTERS POLICY

We welcome letters from members. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar. All letters will be printed if they conform to the published guidelines. We will not knowingly publish articles which are racist, sexist or otherwise discriminatory.

The maximum length for letters is 500 words. Letters must include your name and phone number and be typed or very legibly handwritten. Editors will reject letters that are illegible or too long.

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

Anonymity

Unattributed letters will not be published unless the *Gazette* knows the identity of the writer, and therefore must be signed when submitted (giving phone number). Such letters will be published only where a reason is given to the editor as to why public identification of the writer would impose an unfair burden of embarrassment or difficulty. Such letters must relate to Coop issues and avoid any non-constructive, non-cooperative language.

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

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

2. Nor will we publish accusations that are not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.

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

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

Respect

Letters must not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions. Letter writers must refer to other people with respect, refrain from calling someone by a nickname that the person never uses himself or herself, and refrain from comparing other people to odious figures like Hitler or Idi Amin.

Bank FTOP hours using your expertise to create one of the largest events in the COOP's history.

On **Saturday, May 2, 2009**, the PSFC and the Caribbean Women's Health Association will host a conference on the Politics of Food. We need hundreds of Coop members and lots of organizations co-sponsoring!

Do you have experience in...

MEDIA -- Web design, graphics, sign making, audio-visual production;

PUBLIC RELATIONS -- marketing, outreach, press kits, Website;

EVENTS COORDINATION -- special events include a parade, films, vendors, and educational groups;

FUNDRAISING -- including grant writing (we need financial sponsors as well as donations from restaurants and affiliated organizations);

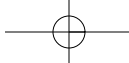
COMMUNITY OUTREACH -- coordinate & inform other community groups, including religious organizations, immigrant communities, and schools;

PLUS we need staff on the day of the event!

Anyone with organizational skills and interest in food and food policy is welcome to join us!

Please send an e-mail with your name and area of expertise to the volunteer coordinator: lstoland@gmail.com

In addition we are asking for donations of AIRMILES or money to help bring keynote speakers to the conference.



Coop Job Opening:
Computer Programmer
Description:

The ideal candidate will work as part of a team and be well versed in Object Oriented methodologies and the full software development life cycle (analysis, design, coding, testing, debugging and documentation). The programmer will interact with Coop members and staff members. The candidate will maintain the following legacy applications while rewriting them to utilize a SQL database backend and, eventually, web-based user interfaces.

Membership accounting application (tracks workslots, member data and member card printing application)

Inventory/Produce applications (maintains inventory data and assists ordering process)

Other in-house developed programs

Requirements:

SQL database design and maintenance experience

Web-based application development in Java, Perl, PHP, LAMP or similar

Experience with analysis, development and maintenance of an interactive application communicating with proprietary or SQL-based backend.

Strong interpersonal/communications skills

Experience with source code versioning systems

User and source code documentation experience

Candidate must have at least three years of programming experience and a BS in Computer Science or equivalent experience.

Highly Desirable:

Work experience with the following:

Automated unit testing

Adapting to a legacy development language or framework

Tiger Logic/Raining Data's Omnis 7 / Omnis Studio

Application development in a Mac OS X environment

- Hours:** • 40 hours/week
- Wages:** • \$ 76,151.24 year
- Benefits:** • Four paid holidays: July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day
- Five weeks vacation
 - Health & Personal paid time
 - Health insurance and long-term disability insurance, fully paid by the Coop
 - Defined benefit pension plan, fully paid by the Coop
 - Transit Checks
 - Health Reimbursement Account
 - Not a profit-driven environment
 - After 12 months of employment: Dental Coverage, employee-funded 401(k) and Life Insurance
 - Flexible hours

Application & Hiring Process:

Please email a cover letter with your résumé to hc-programmer@psfc.coop. Alternately you can mail your letter and résumé or drop them in the mail slot just inside the entryway vestibule of the Coop. All members who submit both a cover letter and résumé will receive a response. Please do not call the office to check on the status of your application.

Prerequisite:

Must be a current member of the PSFC, immediately prior to application and for at least six months.

Probation Period:


There will be six-month probation period.

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

We need your participation!

The Park Slope Food Coop and the Payments Research division of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston will be conducting a survey jointly to learn more about member preferences for payment methods and the effects on the shopping experience.


Take the survey at www.foodcoop.com or at the Coop.

 Information cards are available at the entrance desk.

SAVE A LIFE
Give Blood

Join the Blood Drive
at the Park Slope Food Coop


- ☞ **Thursday, January 22 • 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
- ☞ **Friday, January 23 • 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- ☞ **Saturday, January 24 • 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- In the second floor Meeting Room

 **FACT:** Less than 3% of the population donates blood and 90% will use blood some time in their life.

• **Park Slope Food Coop • 782 Union Street • Brooklyn, NY • 718-622-0560 •**

• In cooperation with New York Methodist Hospital •

For further information about blood donation, call Stuart Rosenhaus, 780-3644



Friday, December 19
8:00 p.m. at the Coop
FREE
Non members Welcome

THE NOW FILM SERIES
presents

Marathon and other Running Highlights for the Year
All runners, new runners, and planning-to-run runners welcome!

Did you run a marathon this year or plan to run one next year? These videos will inspire you. Come out and meet other runners. This event is for everyone, runners and nonrunners. It does not matter if you run 50 miles or 1 mile or anything in between. Now is a good time to start planning for next year.

The videos will include highlights from:

- 2008 New York City Marathon
- 2008 Berlin Marathon (world's best set by Haile Gebrselassie)
- 2008 Olympics: Marathon, 10K, and 5K (world record performance by Bekele)
- 2008 Olympics: 100 meter (world record by Usain Bolt)

If you have other videos that you'd like to show, contact Coop member Ralph Yozzo at fedex1@gmail.com.

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Sunday, December 21
12:00 noon at the Coop
FREE
Non members Welcome

Building a Cohousing Community in Brooklyn



"Cohousing" refers to a collaboratively designed community of private units clustered around shared space. Each household owns a fully equipped private unit, but has access to extensive shared amenities, including a community kitchen and dining room and play and outdoor areas. It is an amazing way to raise kids in the city and tends to produce communities of neighbors who know and support each other. Our group is called Brooklyn Cohousing and we are planning to include about 30 to 40 households. We are growing fast and currently include about half families and half single households. Please join us for an open discussion about our project.

Alex Marshall, a journalist here in New York City and a writer on urban planning issues, is a Coop member and founding member of Brooklyn Cohousing.

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Friday, January 9
7:00 p.m. at the Coop
FREE
Non members Welcome

Jump Start Your New-Year Nutrition Right

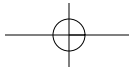


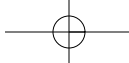
Are you constantly craving sweets and want to understand why? Do you want to gain control without willpower or deprivation? Then this is the perfect workshop for you!



Shannon Brennan-Cressey is a Certified Holistic Health Counselor, accredited by the American Association of Drugless Practitioners. She is a graduate of The Institute for Integrative Nutrition in partnership with The Teachers College of Columbia University. She has a Bachelors' Degree in Fine Arts from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. Shannon is the sole proprietor of Bliss Health and Nutrition and works at The Jena Wellness Center in Manhattan. She has been a Coop member since May 2008.

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

Yes! we can (and did!)

Here we are on the other side
of the mountain
we now have a clear view
of all the mountains ahead
and of the green valleys below

Our foremothers and fathers
invented a country
and we have come to a place
where we could reinvent it anew

Now is the time to apply ourselves
to the new standard we have set

At every moment each of us
has the the chance to chip into the kitty
of the collective good

Rain falls drop by single drop
to make the gleaming waters

Fill your buckets to brimming
you know how
you've been doing it all this time
right here at the Park Slope Food Coop

Manifesting change every day
by Myra Klockenbrink

Sunday **December 21**
noon to 2:00 p.m.

Mondays **January 5 and January 12**
Noon to 1 p.m. and
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday **January 7**
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

You can join in any time during a tour.

AMAZING COOP
SHOPPING FACTOIDS



Hey, our members love to cook (and eat!). For the two-week period ending the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the Coop sold:

960	three-pound bags of organic Gala apples	4.8	tons of organic sweet potatoes
3,300	pounds minimally treated Honey Crisp apples	1,000	pounds organic pumpkin
12,000	pounds of all other minimally treated apples	3	tons organic winter squash (more than 1 ton of butternut squash alone)
7,700	Valencia oranges	800	pounds of shallots
8	tons organic bananas	2,500	cups of all grape tomatoes
960	bags organic cranberries	450	packages of organic herbs
1,680	bags non-organic cranberries	2,000	packages non-organic herbs
4,900	pounds. organic red seed-less grapes	1,500	five-pound boxes of clementines
1,600	organic mangos	9,200	avocadoes
2,200	pounds organic green beans	1,000	pounds of asparagus
1,450	pounds organic loose beets	3,500	pounds of cauliflower
2,400	bunches organic broccoli	1,000	bunches of cilantro
2,500	pounds non-organic brussel sprouts	900	pounds of garlic
		1,000	pounds of organic leeks
4.4	tons of all carrots		
2,900	bunches organic celery		and...
1,100	bunches organic collards		over 8 tons of turkey
3,000	bunches organic kale		Eberly Organic: 7,000 pounds
2,500	pounds of all mushrooms		Bell & Evans: 4,770 pounds
5	tons of all onions		Plainville: 2,460 pounds
2,100	bunches of all types of parsley		Stonewood: 1,560 pounds
5.2	tons of all potatoes		McDonald Heritage: 505 pounds
			Wise Kosher: 550 pounds

Saturday, January 10
10:00 a.m. at the Coop

FREE
Non members Welcome

Infant Developmental
Movement Workshop
For parents and children in their first year of life

A Body-Mind Centering® approach led by Scott Lyons, BMCP, RSMT, SME, IDME, and Emily Peck, SME, IDME.

Join us to learn more about
all the new things your baby is doing!

From birth through rolling, crawling, standing, and exploring, your baby's independent movement skills are expanding along with his or her perceptions of the world.

Through observation, play, and following your baby's growing curiosity, this workshop offers useful information about natural movement patterns that encourage optimal brain and body development.

Families gain support for common baby concerns like how to enjoy Tummy Time and digestive and sleep difficulties, as well as for more complex challenges.



Coop member **Scott Lyons**, BMCP, RSMT, SME, CPT, IDME, has been dedicated to integrating somatic and holistic practices into the creative and healing arts. He works privately as a movement therapist, integrating cranial-sacral therapy, visceral unwinding, yoga, Body-Mind Centering®, experiential anatomy, applied kinesiology, and neuro-developmental therapies in his work with infants, children, and adults. **Emily Peck** is a certified Somatic Movement and Infant Developmental Movement Educator as well as a dance instructor and performing artist. She holds a deep commitment to fostering wellness through movement in all stages of life.

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Saturday, January 10
1:00 p.m. at the Coop

FREE
Non members Welcome

Frazzled? Nerves on edge?
Worried about your job? The economy? Life?

The Art of Managing
STRESS
with Mina Hamilton

In this experiential workshop you'll learn:

- Calming breathing skills
- Easy de-stressing stretches
- How to transform heart-pounding rage or fear
- What to do before leaving your home in the morning
- Important small changes in your diet
- How to bring meditation and mindfulness into your life

Mina Hamilton is a life coach. She has been teaching stress reduction for 20 years. Her book, *Serenity To Go: Calming Techniques for Your Hectic Life*, has been translated into five languages. She is a Coop member and can be reached at minaham@aol.com or serenitytogo.com.

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Sunday, January 11
12:00 p.m. at the Coop

FREE
Non members Welcome

DETOX
DAY

Fight aging, prevent illness, feel strong, and look great
with simple steps to detox your diet and lifestyle.

Guests get: Free food, face masks, foot soaks, breath work,
stretching, and a 3-day plan for cleansing at home.

DECIDE: Commit to coming. Take part of an afternoon to find out
how to make your life less stressful.

INSPIRE: Find out how little effort it takes to make big changes.

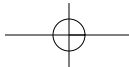
REFRESH: Learn to erase holiday indulgences using products that
remove toxins from the inside and out.

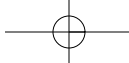
NOURISH: Energize yourself for the week and the new year. Learn
to prepare foods that give you all the energy you want.

ENLIGHTEN: Take home tips and tricks for living a more focused
and attentive life.

Presented by **Shannon Sodano**, B.S. Nutrition and Dietetics, Certified Spinning (R) Instructor,
Corporate Work-Life Balance Trainer, and Coop member. Brought to you by the
Global Dinner Network (GDN), where cosmopolitan women get together for dinner (and fun)
with regular meet-ups in NY and other global cities around the world.

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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. (Ads in the "Merchandise-Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form. Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2" x 3.5" horizontal).

Submission forms are available in a wallpocket near the elevator.

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YOGA FOR ORDINARY MORTALS. Super-gentle yoga for people returning to yoga after years, who have back problems, arthritis, who think they are too old, too stiff, too fat, too something. Gentle, experienced teacher Mina Hamilton. 748 Union St. Park Slope. Wed 7:30-8:15 PM Write minaham@aol.com

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DO YOU SPEAK a little Spanish? I can help you break through and truly improve your command of the language, clarify different aspects of the grammar and start to converse with fluency. Emphasis on pronunciation and communication. All levels are welcome. Call Sergio @ 646-775-1475.

COMMERCIAL SPACE

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES AVAILABLE. Ideal for a colon therapist, psychotherapist, medical doctor, shiatsu, reiki, speech therapist,

etc. Be part of a Holistic Center in the beautiful SOHO section of Manhattan. The doctor will introduce all patients to you. For further information, please call 212-505-5055.

EMPLOYMENT

VISION THERAPY ASSISTANT. Exciting Opportunity: Asst. needed in holistic optometry office in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Interest in holistic health and exp. working w/ children and adults necessary. P/T after school hours Mon., Tues., and Thurs., Please send a personally composed cover letter only to alteyedr1@aol.com

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MERCHANDISE-NONCOMMERCIAL

ITEMS FOR SALE. Cellerciser, used once, w/book & accessories. \$200; gold-plated jewelry signed by artist (vintage), \$20-\$40; High Sierra 22" wheeled backpack w/ day pack, new, red, \$75; women's shoes (Merrell), brown, new size 8 1/2, \$25; dark green Susan Bennis suede boots, embroidered, size 10, \$25. Call 718-768-1598.

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ATTORNEY—Personal Injury Emphasis—30 years experience in all aspects of injury law. Individual attention provided for entire case. Free phone or office consultation. Prompt, courteous communications. 20-year Park Slope Food Coop member; Park Slope resident; downtown Brooklyn office. Tom Guccione, 718-596-4184, also at www.tguccionelaw.com.

MADISON AVENUE Hair Stylist is right around the corner from the Food Coop—so if you would like a really good haircut at a decent price, please call Maggie at 718-783-2154. I charge \$60.00.

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HOLISTIC DENTISTRY in Brooklyn (Midwood) & Manhattan (Soho). Dr. Stephen Goldberg provides comprehensive, family dental care using non-mercury fillings, crowns, dentures, thorough cleanings, minimal X-rays and non-surgical gum treatments. For a free initial exam and insurance information, call 212-505-5055.

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PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES AND FAMILIES provided by Dr. Helen Wintrob, licensed psychologist and trained family therapist. Insurance including GHI, Oxford, Aetna and Blue Cross accepted. Park Slope Office. Evening and weekend appointments available. Please call 718-783-0913 to make an appointment.

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WHAT'S FOR FREE

FREE INITIAL ORAL EXAMINATION in a Holistic Family Dental office for all Coop members. Using a nutritional approach, Dr. Goldberg practices preventive dentistry, with non-mercury fillings, thorough cleanings and non-surgical gum treatments. For insurance information and an appointment, please call 212-505-5055.



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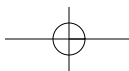
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member you think others
would like to read about?

Email your suggestions to
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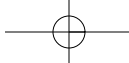
Please write Gazette Story Ideas
in the subject line.

Need an FTOP shift? Owe a make-up?

The Coop needs your labor leading
up to and ON the coming holidays!

FTOP-ers must contact the Office to sign up.

ALL OF US
AT THE GAZETTE
WISH OUR COOP MEMBERS
AND THEIR FAMILIES
A HAPPY, HEALTHY
AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.



Holiday Shopping Hours

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24
8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25
8:00a.m.-2:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1
10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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.

Danya Bader-Natel	Robin Davies	Rachel Gruver	Lola Lorraine	Robert Nieves III	Sasie Sealy	Lina Villegas
Jack Bales	Denise De Pass	Kiowa Hammons	Peter Lucas	Helene Olynciw	Lubna (Shimla) Shaikh	Strat Wallace
Dorothy Barnhouse	Jill Dearman	Clarissa Harwell	Joy Lund	Jamie Partington	Rob Shapiro	Alex Walsh
Jennifer Barrett	George Delucia	Alissandra Hipona	Lage Lund	Maya Pedersen	Benjie Sirota	Stevie Weinstein-Foner
Jeffrey Bellitti	Denny Demeria	Sarah Holtz	Ruben Martinez	Elizabeth Pillsbury	Malin Sjkqvist	Lilli Weisz
Gregory Blank	David Donaldson	Christopher Hsia	Kelly Matheson	Grace Piper	Shannon Small	Esther Wilenkin
Christian Bloch	Joseph Drake	Darby Jack	Stephanie Matthews	Kevin Quealy	Erica Smilevski	Stephen Yando
Jelena Bogavac	Damla Ergun	Anna Jacobs	Stephanie Mazer	Don Raleigh	Zdravko Smilevski	Kelly Yorio
David Bolger	Justin Erkess	Lenny Kagan	Julia McCarthy	Camilo Ramirez	Nina Sokoletsky	Patricio Zambrano
Josh Bowling	Julia Ewaschuk	Michael	Dana McClure	Carolina Ramirez	Jasmine Spacher	Sonia Zayas
Julie Brandwein	Robert Ewaschuk	Katzenellenbogen	Brian McDonald	Kisha Ramsey	Juliette Spertus	Eric Zuarino
David Brown	Bernadette Forward	Abram Kempthorne	Clare McNulty	Erick Rios	Zahra Stavis	
Emily Carris	Hiroko Fukuyama	Daniel King	Rachel McQueen	Karen Rizner	Ariana Steinberg King	
Courtney Clark	Jonathan Galkin	Konrad Klinkner	Rysha Meldrum	Evelyn Rosa	Christina Stewart	
Joshua Clark	Sara Galkin	Larry Kovacs	Mia Morales	Andrew Rowe	Svetlana Sunko	
Lauren Cleff	Darren Genet	Chris Lanier	Philip Mouyiaris	Cecilia Rubino	Dan Torop	
Orlando Colón	Kristin Genet	Meredith Levine	Nadia Murray	Lauren Savage	Erin Treadway	
Siobhan Cooke	Katherine Gilbert	Greta Levy	Goodman	Scott Scales	Louisa Treskon	
Clare Davidson	Matthew Goodman	Sonia Lin	Tara Nappi	Zachary Schulman	Mark Treskon	

THANK YOU!

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

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