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Bidding Farewell: Ibou Diallo, Receiving Coordinator, Prepares for His Next Chapter

By Frank Haberle

After 10 years of working for the Park Slope Food Coop as a Receiving Coordinator—contributing not only his hard work but bringing his cheerfulness, camaraderie and famously off-beat sense of humor to the lives of everyone who has worked with him—Ibou Diallo is departing and relocating with his two children to Indonesia, where his wife has a one-year assignment.

“Working for 10 years at the Coop has been the greatest possible experience, in terms of working in the United States,” Ibou says. “It is most incredible in its diversity. It is like ‘humanity in a box,’ a place where people of different backgrounds, different religions, different economies all come together to work together. You see it in the humility of its members. It is the only place I know where you will see a doctor cleaning a bathroom, cheerfully. People who might be ‘big shots’ elsewhere in life are mopping floors, stocking shelves and conversing happily with one another. Everyone here comes together to support a common cause.”

“The Coop model should be an example for the whole world. They should bring in tour groups; people should be brought in from around the world to see it.” Ibou reflected on that for a moment. “Actually, they do.”



PHOTO BY ROD MORRISON

As a Receiving Coordinator he became a major force in the produce and supplements aisles.

People really do come from around the world to see the Coop in action.”

Coming to the Coop

In 2002, Ibou arrived from his native Senegal and travelled straight from the airport to the restaurant, Lentos, directly across the street from the Coop. He joined as a member immediately and two years later, applied for an open position as a Receiving Coordinator, working the afternoon shifts for four years before joining the produce department and becoming a major force there.

“I’d rather work here in the Coop than in the White House,” Ibou says. “This is not a store. This is a magical place. I ride my bike here every morning, in rain or snow, it doesn’t matter. And

when I walk through these doors I start singing, I am so happy to be here. People hug me in the aisles. I’ve never worked anyplace where I get and give so many hugs. People stop me in the produce aisles and we laugh, or they ask me questions, or tell me about their personal lives.”

When asked about people who have influenced him the most, Ibou’s list is endless; but he remembers one staff member in particular. “Alexis had a huge influence on me,” he says. “He was very stoic and straightforward; a very humble person.” When Alexis passed away a few years ago, Ibou remembers how impacted he was by how the Coop staff and community responded and reached out in support to his family.

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How Much Are You Really Saving Shopping At the Coop? Quite a Bit!



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By Ed Levy

You know you’re getting a lot for your money at the Coop, but just how much? To get some real data, I did some real shopping. During mid-March, I priced identical items at Key Foods, Fairway, Whole Foods and the Coop, with the goal of providing *Gazette* readers with comparisons.

This was not as easy as it sounds.

Take organic bananas, for example. We sell them by weight. Key Foods sells them by the piece. Our bananas and Whole Foods’ are certified fair trade. At Fairway, on the other hand, I couldn’t actually find any organic bananas (let alone fair trade-certified).

After a lot of shopping, I found exact matches (brand,

variety and size or weight) for the 18 items shown in Table 1 (see page 3). If I had purchased these 18 items at the time I shopped, costs would have been \$95.52 at Key Foods, \$73.15 at Whole Foods, \$72.37 at Fairway and \$52.88 at the Coop, for savings ranging from \$19.49 to \$42.64.

**For 33 items
that cost \$151.92
at Whole Foods,
the Coop would
charge you
only \$105.48.**

Table 2, “Other Common Products,” (see page 4), lists 17 items for which I couldn’t get a complete

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Next General Meeting on April 28

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The April General Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. The Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

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Coop Event Highlights

Thu, Apr 2 • Food Class: Indian Flavors 7:30 p.m.

**Fri, Apr 10 • Wordsprouts:
New Poetry by Three Young Poets 7:00 p.m.**

**Sat-Sun, • Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen
Apr 11-12 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Tue, Apr 14 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:
The Future of Food 7:00 p.m.**

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

Ibou Diallo

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Ibou also speaks of the General Coordinators who are “very humble, we have lunch together and work side by side, it is not like working in a big business.”

And then there is a list of colleagues. “There’s Cynthia Pennycooke, always says she cooks for a penny. [Editor’s note: Cynthia doesn’t actually cook much at all.] And there’s Ken Macdonald, who is always happy, no matter what the circumstances. And there are people like Eric Vazquez, Denney Marcelle, Kris Marx, Julie Gabriel, Jorge, Alex and—all of the staff. I will miss them all very much.”

“It is always a challenge working together to get things done. But when you work at the Coop you embrace this challenge. It is a good challenge.”

“I will miss Alex Marquez, always ready to help, even outside of the job.”

Thoughts From His Colleagues

As stated by PSFC General Coordinator and Produce Buyer Allen Zimmerman, who is also preparing to depart the Coop staff, “Ibou feels terribly sad about leaving the Coop (I hope only for now, not forever). I myself am sorry to be leaving employment at the Coop and it is only my complete separation that makes my heartbreak for Ibou leaving, not diminished, but more widely spread.”

Membership Coordinator Lewanika Forde-Senghor remembers working on the closing shift with Ibou. “Ibou has a ‘can do’ attitude,” he says. “As in, ‘just give me a moment and I’ll get it done!’ He brings a brightness which makes working a bit easier. His spirit and energy are strong which make the environment lighter and inspires members to work a little better. He seems to work with an inner quizzical smile.”

“Though we look nothing alike,” he adds, “we are often addressed by members as the other. I’m just glad he’s a good person! His presence will be missed.”

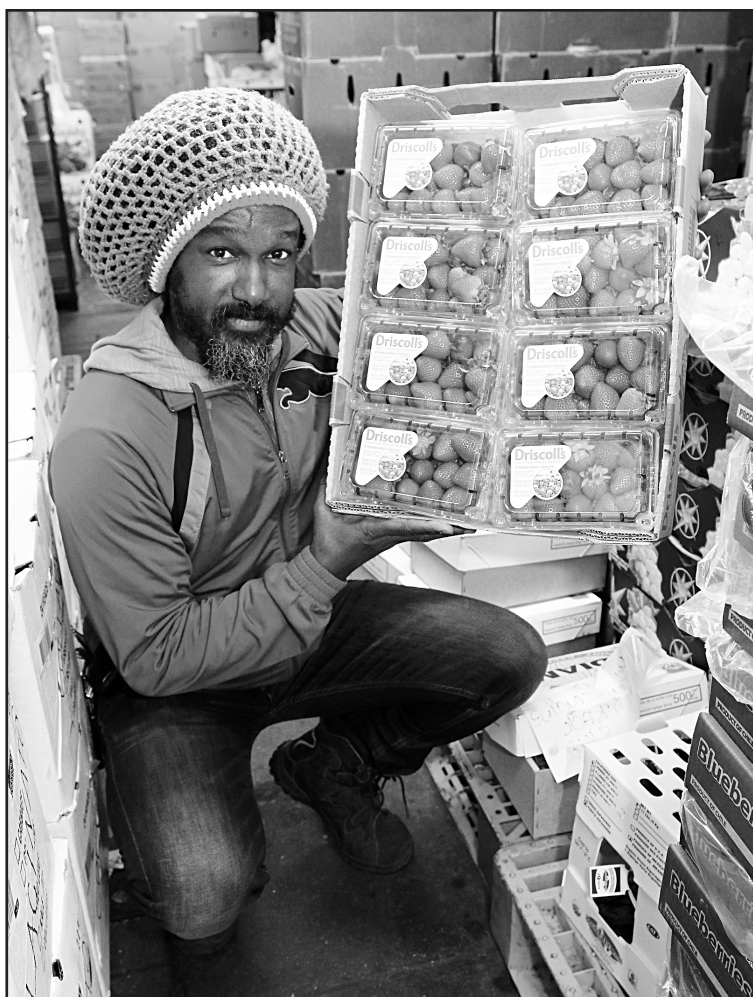
A recurring observation from his colleagues is that, while Ibou refers to himself constantly as the “humble African,” his personality is far too big to fit this description. Fellow staff members at the PSFC are left with wonderful memories of a colleague who worked hard to keep the Coop operating at its highest



Ibou arrived in 2002, from his native Senegal. He joined as a member and soon after, applied for an open position as a Receiving Coordinator.



Ibou is known for his camaraderie and off-beat sense of humor.



Checking stock in the basement.

level, while raising the spirits of everyone around him. “The ‘humble African’ statement is his most famous quote,” Receiving Coordinator Joseph Szladek says. “Many of us have tried to tell him that you can’t be humble and at the same time claim to be the MOST humble. He is though, at the same time, an incredibly hum-

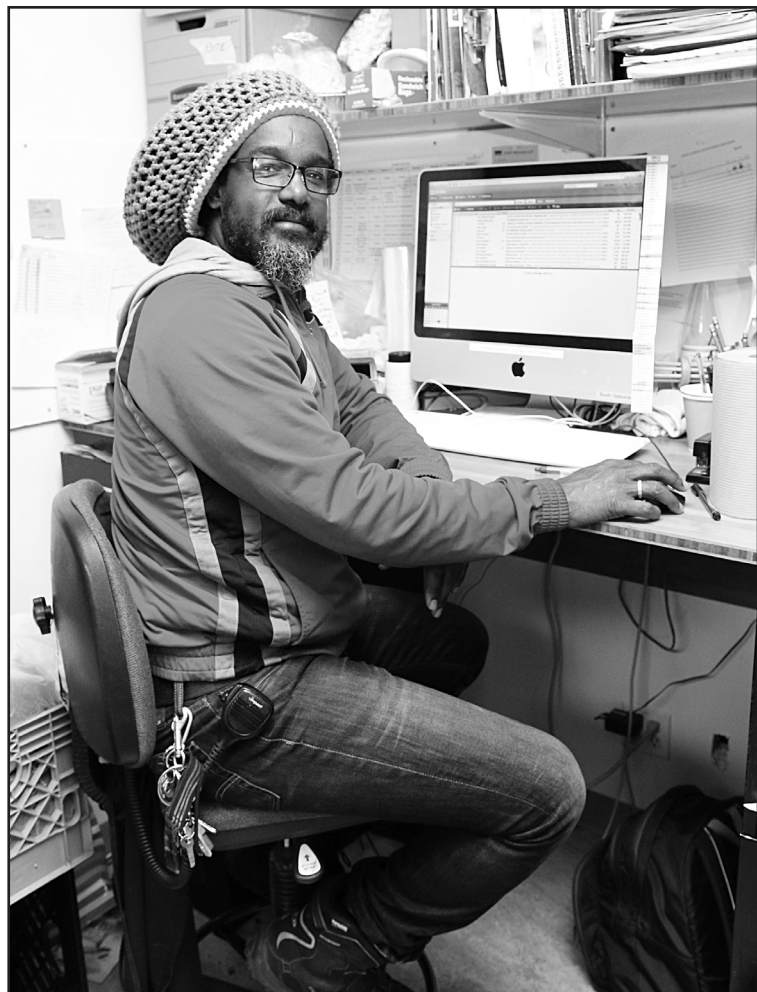
ble person. It’s a paradox.”

Membership Coordinator Charlene Swift has a photo at her desk of Ibou stretching before a run in Prospect Park. “All I have to say is that Ibou ‘humbly’ gave this picture to me,” she laughs. “I know how much he loves Prospect Park. I think it was so that I could always look at him stretching



PHOTOS BY ROD MORRISON

Ibou says that the Coop model should be an example for the whole world.



Keeping spreadsheets of produce and supplements in order.



A great favorite with shoppers, squads and staff—he’ll be missed!

in the park.” Seriously, Charlene adds that “I will miss Ibou’s spirit, optimism and his clever pages over the paging system. I’ve always appreciated that Ibou embodies a

positive outlook no matter what, and overall is a kind and friendly person. I will miss him a lot!!”

Produce Buyer Kristopher Marx says of Ibou, “We have

worked side by side for six and a half years, and I truly consider him a member of my immediate family. He has a keen ability to vacillate between inspiring and frustrating on his mad cap trajectory to entertain and engage all in his path. I love my silly ‘BouBou’. I really do.

Before I met Ibou, I never thought that I would find someone that had a helmet too big to fit my head.” And they also reflect on Ibou’s dedication to his family and his ability to maintain a balanced life within and beyond his work at the Coop. PSFC General Coordinator

Janet Schumacher says, “I’ve always been impressed with Ibou’s commitment to personal fitness. He is a serious practitioner of martial arts, and his training includes regular long runs in the park and in the neighborhood where I would see him with his dog. He is also a proud

dad to two terrific polite children who excel at athletics and academics.” When asked what the future holds, Ibou sees a blank page. “We are going to Indonesia, and I don’t know what we’ll do after that,” he says. “In addition to my work here I’m a martial arts

instructor, a soccer coach and a DJ. My Coop experience, though, has been a one-of-a-kind experience. It will never be replaced or forgotten.” If you would like to wish Ibou well in his next phase of life, please drop him a line at ibou_diallo@psfc.coop. ■

Really Saving

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comparison—not all products were carried at every store. Yet by looking across both tables, you can compare the Coop’s prices with those of another store for more than 18 items. For example, 25 items that cost \$138.62 at Key Foods would cost only \$84.56 at the Coop, a savings of over

\$50. You would pay \$151.14 for 31 items at Fairway that would cost only \$109.20 at the Coop, a savings of just under \$42. For 33 items that cost \$151.92 at Whole Foods, the Coop would charge you only \$105.48, a savings of roughly \$46. Keep in mind that prices fluctuate, and special sales come and go. Newman’s Own Marinara Sauce, for example, was on sale at

\$40 off per jar at Whole Foods, although that price was still \$.54 higher than the Coop’s. There were several items for which the Coop was undersold (shown in italics in the tables): For example, Whole Foods beat the Coop on shelled organic walnuts, halves, and pieces by \$.16 per pound. Fairway undersold the Coop on both Applegate Stadium organic

hot dogs and 3 lb. bags of Fuji organic apples. And Key Foods’ price of \$2.99 on 75 feet of Krasdale aluminum foil is far better than the Coop’s \$4.05. But in the vast majority of cases, the Coop beat out the other stores, sometimes by a lot, and for produce in general the quality at the Coop was markedly better to this observer’s eyes. ■

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Table 1: Cart-by-Cart Comparisons

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	KEY FOODS	WHOLE FOODS	FAIRWAY	COOP	COMMENTS
Paper towels	Seventh Generation 825 sq ft recycled two ply	4.29	3.19	3.39	2.30	
Apples	Honeycrisp, 1 lb.	3.99	3.50	3.00	2.26	Coop’s were minimally treated; others not specified.
Spaghetti sauce	Newman’s Own Marinara 24 oz	4.29	3.99	2.99	2.45	Was on sale at Whole Foods, at \$.40 off (but still priced higher than at the Coop).
Dishwashing soap	Seventh Generation Free & Clear, 25 fl oz	5.49	2.99	4.00	2.65	On sale at Whole Foods.
Applesauce	Santa Cruz organic apricot 6 ct	5.69	4.79	4.99	2.91	
Yogurt	Stonyfield low-fat Vanilla 32 fl oz	4.89	4.19	4.69	3.78	Coop sells organic Stonyfield low-fat Vanilla.
Pizza	Amy’s frozen organic cheese 13 oz	12.09	7.99	6.99	5.45	
Kale	Fresh, bunch	4.89	2.50	2.99	2.32	Coop kale is organic.
Scallions	Bunch	1.19	1.29	1.99	0.87	Coop scallions are organic.
Kombucha	GT’s Millennium Trilogy	5.49	3.99	3.79	2.62	
Quinoa spaghetti GF	Ancient Harvest 8 oz	4.59	3.99	3.59	2.73	
Ben & Jerry’s	Ice cream Half Baked, 16oz	6.69	4.99	4.59	4.69	
Mac and Cheese	Annie’s Homegrown Bunny Shapes and Cheese 6 oz	2.49	2.49	2.33	1.52	
Toothpaste	Tom of Maine’s Orange Mango 4.2 oz	7.29	3.99	4.00	4.01	
Tea	Twining’s Earl Grey 20 ct bags	4.19	4.19	3.50	2.74	
Butter	Organic Valley cultured unsalted 4ct	9.59	7.39	6.89	6.15	
Potato chips	Kettle jalapeno 5 oz	3.39	2.69	3.59	2.29	
Shallot	Loose nonorganic 1 lb	4.99	5.00	5.06	1.14	
TOTALS		\$95.52	\$73.15	\$72.37	\$52.88	

Really Saving

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Table Two: Other Common Products

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	KEY FOODS	WHOLE FOODS	FAIRWAY	COOP	COMMENTS
Walnuts	Organic bulk raw shelled halves and pieces, 1 lb	N/A	11.99	19.99	12.15	
Millet	Organic bulk, 1 lb	N/A	1.99	1.99	1.15	
Bananas	Organic	1.19ea	1/lb	N/A	.86/lb	Coop's and Whole Foods' were Fair Trade certified.
Potatoes	Yukon gold organic, 1 lb	N/A	1.50	N/A	1.04	Coop's were locally grown.
Hemp Milk	Living Harvest Unsw Original 32 fl oz	N/A	N/A	4.19	2.61	
Rose Water	Heritage 8 fl oz	N/A	9.99	6.99	5.21	The Whole Foods 8 oz Rose Water had the atomizer top.
Mint	Fresh, bunch	2.49	1.99	N/A	1.93	
Aluminum foil	Krasdale, 75 ft	2.99	N/A	N/A	4.05	
Corn flakes	Nature's Path Honey gluten free, 10.6 oz	N/A	5.69	4.50	2.66	
Garlic powder	Organic, 4 oz	N/A	6.85	6.25	2.51	
Green Beans	Organic 1 lb	N/A	5.32	4.62	1.60	Fairway's green beans were packaged, by Earthbound; Whole Foods' and the Coop's were loose.
Mushrooms	White, organic, lb	7.38	5.98	N/A	2.88	
Hot dogs	Applegate Stadium organic uncured 16 oz	10.89	N/A	6.59	7.82	
Peanut butter	Creamy organic, 16 oz	7.29	4.99	7.89	4.70	Fairway's is MaraNatha, Whole Foods' is "365", Key Foods' is Smuckers; Coop's is Once Again.
Milk	Organic whole milk 64 fl oz	6.89	5.49	4.59	4.35	Key Foods and Fairway were Stonyfield; Whole Foods' and Coop were Organic Valley.
Apples	Organic Fuji, 3 lb	5.17	9.00	2.99	5.61	Fairway undersold Coop. Whole Foods Fuji's were extra-large unbagged 3/lb; Key Foods' were \$1.39/lb; sizes and quality varied widely with Coop's generally superior.
Ketchup	Heinz organic 14 oz	N/A	2.99	3.19	2.12	

The Agenda Committee is urgently seeking new members!
Join the Committee and help set the monthly General Meeting agenda.

Requirements:

- ◆ Attend monthly Committee meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Attend at least five General Meetings per year
- ◆ Have a cooperative spirit and willingness to work in a collaborative committee environment
- ◆ Be interested in the ongoing business of the Coop
- ◆ Have a good attendance record

If interested, contact Ann Herpel at 718-622-0560 or ann_herpel@psfc.coop. The Committee will interview applicants before submitting candidates to the GM for election. We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.

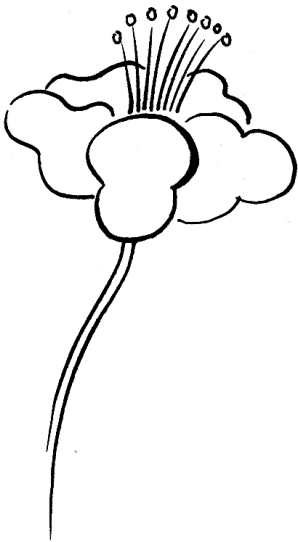
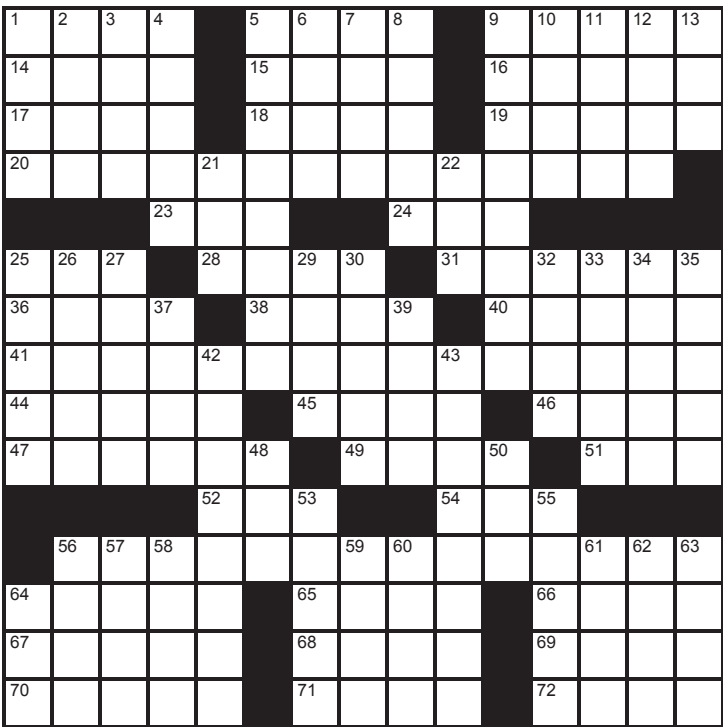


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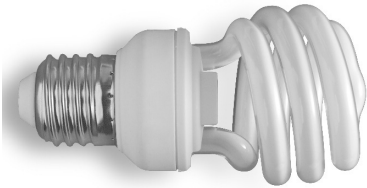
Crossword Puzzle



- Across**

 - 1. Docs prescribe them
 - 5. Weather map figures
 - 9. Hall of Fame quarterback Dan
 - 14. Birthright seller in the Bible
 - 15. Birthplace of over two dozen NASA astronauts
 - 16. What an astronaut may be in
 - 17. Org. for mature audiences only?
 - 18. Use UPS
 - 19. Slender
 - 20. Enjoy the plotline of a film starring actress Janet?
 - 23. NBA official
 - 24. What's up?
 - 25. Pinup's leg
 - 28. Cry often made with jazz hands
 - 31. Conveyance in an Ellington classic
 - 36. Map parts: Abbr.
 - 38. Surrender
 - 40. "____ bet?"
 - 41. Sources are saying actor Bruce has packed on some pounds?
 - 44. Knightley of "Atonement"
 - 45. Home of the University of Nevada
 - 46. Gaelic word used in the preamble of the Constitution of Ireland
 - 47. Sailor
 - 49. Funeral fire
 - 51. Midpoint: Abbr.
 - 52. First word in many church names
 - 54. "Conan" airer
 - 56. Rumors that actor Jet was smoking dope are unfounded?
 - 64. Pulitzer-winning poet Marianne
 - 65. Old game show prop
 - 66. Prefix with dynamic
 - 67. Durable fabric
 - 68. "Swedish for 'argument,'" per Amy Poehler
 - 69. Sea food?
 - 70. "Zorba the Greek" setting
 - 71. "You're on!"
 - 72. Otherwise
- Down**

 - 1. Brunch, e.g.
 - 2. Morales of "La Bamba"
 - 3. Like some turkey meat
 - 4. Word that becomes its synonym when a "b" is tacked on its end
 - 5. Eat crow
 - 6. "Funny meeting you here!"
 - 7. Kristen of "Bridesmaids"
 - 8. Second-year students, for short
 - 9. Age of Theodore Roosevelt when he became the youngest U.S. president ever
 - 10. "Milk's Favorite Cookie"
 - 11. Ridesharing service since 2010
 - 12. Uncluttered
 - 13. Hog's home
 - 21. Allow
 - 22. Music genre that influenced No Doubt
 - 25. Rubbernecks
 - 26. E.M. Forster's "A Room with ____"
 - 27. Social ____
 - 29. Animal on XING signs
 - 30. Seller of TV spots
 - 32. "Bloody"
 - 33. Shenanigan
 - 34. Like some gases
 - 35. Ralph who quipped "Turn on to politics, or politics will turn on you"
 - 37. Belgrade resident
 - 39. Start of a choosing rhyme
 - 42. Opera on which "Rent" is based
 - 43. European country whose flag depicts seven castles
 - 48. Oscar winner Brynner
 - 50. Recede, as the tide
 - 53. Stiff
 - 55. Vampire vanquisher
 - 56. Part of a landscaping team
 - 57. Skye of "Say Anything ..."
 - 58. Spunk
 - 59. Okey-____
 - 60. Prime draft status
 - 61. Have a hunch
 - 62. Some bookmarks, for short
 - 63. Easy gait
 - 64. Year in Elizabeth I's reign
- Puzzle author: David Levinson Wilk. For answers, see page 15.



Are you a lighting designer?
Do you know a lighting designer?
Do you know someone who knows a lighting designer?
Do you know someone who knows someone who knows a lighting designer?

The Coop is looking for a member who is a lighting designer or an architect with lighting experience to work with the Energy Efficiency Committee to help improve the quality and energy efficiency of the lighting in the Coop.

If interested, or if you know someone who's interested, please contact the committee by going to the Contact Us page on foodcoop.com — <http://www.foodcoop.com/?page=contact> — and select "Workslot Needs" from the "Person to Contact" dropdown menu.

FTOP work credit will be given.

How Fast Tracked Trade Deals Will Redesign Our Food Landscape—And Not in a Good Way!

By Alison Rose Levy

Have you heard of Fast Track and the TPP and TTIP? Chances are that you have, thanks to the excellent work by the Coop's International Trade Education Squad (ITES). Formed at the General Meeting in September 2014, the Squad has been educating Coop members about the significant concerns about "Fast Track," and the coming trade agreements through blogs, reports in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, and six public forums held in the Coop—with more to come in April.

"There has been inadequate media reporting on Fast Track and these treaties. We try to fill the gap and inform Coop members," says Squad Leader Susan Metz.

Fast Track Authority is the key legislation that, if passed, would give the President the ability to sign international trade agreements without public or Congressional disclosure, debate or amendment. It is expected to be introduced in the Senate when Congress returns on April 11. If Fast Track passes, then the passage of the two trade agreements is regarded as a done deal. "Fast Track itself changes the way that U.S. legislation itself is voted on and passed," says Metz.

Opposition to the trade deals, which were negotiated secretly by the U.S. trade representative, with multinational corporations and foreign governments, is focused on "stopping Fast Track."

"This is a winnable fight. If we stop Fast Track, or delay its passage, then the full provisions of the treaties will be disclosed." And that's the whole point. "It's been made hush-hush to prevent the public from knowing what's actually in the agreements," says Lori Wallach, director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch. "In Europe, there has been strong citizen opposition."

Thanks to leaks, many provisions have surfaced and have been analyzed by legal and trade experts. The consensus from a host of watchdog food and environmental groups is that health, safety and environmental laws and regulations would rapidly be dismantled as "barriers to trade." In addition, via a provision setting up Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), foreign corporations would gain the right to sue national and local governments,

claiming that their laws, bans or regulations deprive them of future profits. (Learn more about the ISDS in the ITES report in this issue.)

How exactly would Fast Track and the trade deals undermine a healthy food supply and consumer food choice?

Senior Trade Analyst William Warren of Friends of the Earth, www.foe.org, calls the deals "a direct attack on the consumer's right to know, to read labels, and to protect the food we eat and feed to our families. These agreements will be used to roll back the regulations that protect food."

Because the Pacific and Atlantic regions are different, the Pacific and Atlantic agreements would each change the U.S. food supply in different ways. The Pacific region has lower food safety standards than the U.S., while Europe and the Atlantic region have higher standards.

The Pacific treaty, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) contains provisions that would disable "the U.S. government's capacity to protect food safety. A tsunami of fish, from Asia, farmed in filthy conditions, and fed antibiotics and dangerous chemicals, would flood U.S. borders," says Warren. Just one example: "the manure the Chinese use to feed fish is frequently contaminated with microbes like salmonella," said Michael Doyle, director of the University of Georgia's Center for Food Safety in a *Bloomberg News* article.

Consumers "would have no way of knowing whether or not [a food is] safe, but would merely have to accept unsupported safety claims," says Warren. "The increased volume of cheap imports would overwhelm border inspections."

By rolling back country of origin labeling, the TPP will make it hard for Americans to avoid consuming fish (or other potentially contaminated imports). Similar concerns apply to the unregulated importation of drugs and medications made in Asia, says long-time consumer advocate Ralph Nader.

Even though both treaties are promoted as free trade agreements, "it's really not a free market agreement," comments Warren. "It's a corporate agreement that would allow foreign suppliers to sell their goods with no oversight and no choice for consumers."

Because the more health- and safety-conscious Europeans have followed the treaty negotiations closely and opposed them, the Atlantic agreement, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), contains different provisions.

"In TTIP, the major goal of the ag industry is leveling the EU standards, including food labeling," says Warren. Europe's standards, based on the precautionary principle, requires a producer to prove safety, rather than requiring the consumer to prove harm. For Europe, the corporations have developed a different strategy: to institute a new system of regulatory review.

"Before any country would be allowed to define or enforce a food safety standard, it would go through a review committee, manned by industry representatives, not food, health or safety experts," Warren explains. The review process would give industry the authority to "roll back and kill regulations without disclosure or press coverage," says Warren, who is privy to the provisions via disaffected insiders in Europe.

The review process would be based on a cost-benefit analysis, which would devalue "things that are hard to quantify such as health risk," says Warren. "They would balance profit projections against the costs of health care and the 'price of human life.' The very idea that you are trying to attribute a price to human life just shows how offensive this is. This will be determined behind closed doors. Big agricultural corporate representatives will be at the table, in place of health or safety officials," says Warren.

Further, the ISDS would create global tribunals, manned by corporate lawyers. Nader describes how they would work in action. "Suppose that Brazil sues the U.S. and says 'your food labeling laws are too restrictive and they are keeping out our exports to your country.' Then we would send our attorney general to Geneva before the Investor State Tribunal. There can be no press, no public disclosure of what happens. If we lose, as we almost certainly will, there is no independent appeal. It circumvents our courts, legislative and regulations.

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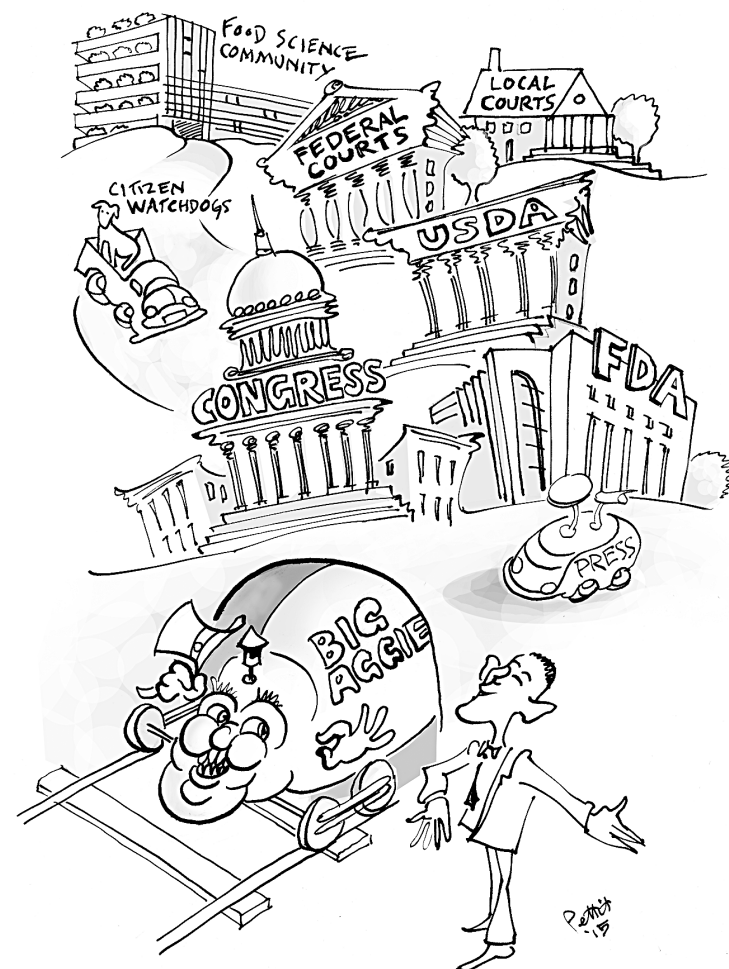


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ity in U.S. history. Foreign corporations can take our food, health and safety protections and bring us before these tribunals and if we lose, taxpayers pay millions of dollars in compensation.

More here: www.mixcloud.com/Popular_Resistance/national-fast-track-resistance-call-I-with-ralph-nader/

For those seeking more information, the ITES will be holding a few upcoming events, such as a public forum on the ISDS to be held on Saturday, April 26, from 2-4 p.m. Squad members will also be manning tables in front of the Coop midday on Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 19. They will be available to answer questions and will hand out literature.

For those interested in taking action, the ITES advises contacting your representatives. There will also be an

upcoming GM to determine whether Coop members want the Coop to write a letter on the trade agreements.

Nader recommends that people "approach your representatives in a very personal way. Go to their offices with a few friends, ask intelligent questions, and get an answer in writing as to whether or not your senator or representative will vote against Fast Track. (People can also go to www.stopfasttrack.com and enter their zip code to quickly communicate with their elected officials via phone or e-mail.)

"The agreements subordinate your consumer, environmental and safety rights," says Nader. "It's just the opposite of community self reliance. If you like coops, if you like a hand in controlling your own destiny, you have got to block this." ■

THE GAZETTE INDEXES

If you are interested in the history of the Coop or in when and how particular subjects have been discussed in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*...

Send an e-mail to Len Neufeld, Gazette indexer, at lenneufeld@verizon.net, to request PDF files of either or both of the following indexes:

- An alphabetized list of the titles of all articles published in the *Gazette* from 1995 to the present, with issue dates.
- An alphabetized list of all subjects (including people's names) discussed in *Gazette* articles from 1995 to the present, with article titles, issue dates, and page numbers (titles and subjects for earlier years are being added).

Many of the *Gazette* issues referenced in these indexes are available as PDFs on the Coop's website. (Copies of these and additional issues are also available at Brooklyn's Central Library, located at Flatbush Ave. and Eastern Pkwy. on Grand Army Plaza.)

SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: *The Future of Food*

By Adam Rabiner

The Future of Food's final words are "it's up to you," suggesting that the food future is at a crossroads. One path is a continuation of the present mainstream

food system of nitrogen-intensive, chemically dependent, insecticide- and pesticide-reliant, monoculture-dominated agriculture. The other path is the burgeoning alternative food sys-

tem of community-supported agriculture (CSAs), sustainability, and the locavore and organic movements. Different interest groups are vying for this future. On one side are large, much

vilified corporations such as Monsanto who view the "gene revolution" as a continuation of the "green revolution," the only system capable of feeding an exponentially growing global population constrained by limited resources. On the other is a growing body of environmentalists, scientists critical of the establishment, small-scale farmers, grass roots organizations, and consumers who seek other choices in local, sustainable, and/or organic production methods.

The Future of Food in some respects is mistitled because most of the film is about either the past or present means of production. The documentary begins in the deep past, at the dawn of human agriculture and civilization, when mankind hoarded and harvested thousands of seeds. Asian farmers knew over one thousand varieties of rice, the Americas used to have over five thousand types of potatoes, and in the United States in the 19th Century there were over seven thousand kinds of apples. With the onset of modern agriculture in the 20th Century every conceivable variety of produce has dwindled to but a handful. Overreliance upon a single type of disease-prone crop has left populations vulnerable, as was sadly demonstrated by the Great Irish Potato Famine, which killed over a million people.

From deep history *The Future of Food* quickly moves and spends most of its time in the near present, examining the issue of gene patenting and the legal cases of various farmers sued by Monsanto for patent infringement

after their fields unintentionally became contaminated by Monsanto's Roundup Ready GMO seed. In *Percy Schmeiser vs. Monsanto* (2004), a Canadian court ruled 5 to 4 in favor of Monsanto.

The Future of Food spends a fair amount of time on the science of GMOs, describing it as "cell invasion technology." Cell invasion technology, which is highly reliant on bacteria such as e-coli and viruses, reminds one of the global pandemic horror, sci-fi, reality film *Contagion*. This choice of language, reminiscent of *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, suggests science run amok.

The Future of Food also talks about creating non-plant GMOs such as salmon. While they are not referred to as Frankenfish, as they are in some other documentaries, one cannot help but think of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, a novel some social and literary critics cite as an allegory about the dangers of uncontrollable science.

After catching a glimpse of this monstrous and grim possible future, a continuation of our current path, the different road towards small scale CSAs and farmers' markets—of family farmers and locavores living together in sweet harmony—seems a lot less scary. That's the future I would choose. It's up to us.

See upcoming events, past reviews and a comprehensive list of films shown at www.plow-to-platefilms.com. ■

The Future of Food will be co-presented with *Food and Water Watch* on Tuesday, April 14, 7 p.m. Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 2nd floor. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

WEEKEND BIKE VALET PARKING

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Leave your bike, stroller, scooter, or cart while you work or shop. No locks, no worries, no theft!

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PSFC Shop & Cycle Committee

Coop Job Opening: Receiving/Stocking Coordinator

Description:

The Coop is hiring a Receiving/Stocking Coordinator to work evenings and weekends. The evening and weekend Receiving/Stocking Coordinators oversee the smooth functioning of the Coop. They work with squads to ensure that the Coop is well stocked, and that produce quality is maintained.

The ideal candidate will be a reliable, responsible self-starter who enjoys working with our diverse member-workers. Applicants must be excellent team players, as they will be sharing the work with several other Receiving Coordinators.

Applicants must have excellent people skills, excellent communication and organizational skills as well as patience. Applicants should be able to remain calm in hectic surroundings, have the ability to prioritize tasks, teach and explain procedures, delegate work, give feedback, and pay attention to several things at once. Comfort with computers is expected.

Experience working in a grocery store, working with food, or working on a PSFC Food Processing squad is a plus.

We are looking for a candidate who wants an evening/weekend schedule. This is a high-energy job for a fit candidate. You must be able to lift and work for hours on your feet including in the walk-in coolers and freezer.

As a retail business, the Coop's busiest times are during traditional holiday seasons. Applicants must be prepared to work during many of the holiday periods, particularly in the winter.

Hours: Approx. 39 hours in 5 days/week: Primarily evenings and weekends, some shifts until 11 p.m.

Wages: \$26.24/hour.

Benefits:

- Paid Holidays: July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day
- Paid Health and Personal Time: 11 days per year
- Paid Vacation: three weeks per year increasing in the 4th, 8th & 11th years
- Health Insurance
- Dental and Vision Plan
- Pension Plan
- Life Insurance
- 401(k) Plan
- TransitChek Program
- Flexible Spending Account

Prerequisite:

Must be a current member of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least six months immediately prior to application.

No Receiving/Stocking experience necessary to submit application materials. However, in order to be considered for an interview applicants must have worked at least four Receiving shifts. After submitting your materials, if you wish to schedule shifts please contact the Coop at hc-receivingcoordinator@psfc.coop. Please put "Schedule Shifts" in the subject field.

How to Apply:

Please provide your resumé along with a cover letter explaining your relevant qualifications, skills and experience. Materials will only be accepted electronically. E-mail resumé and cover letter to hc-receivingcoordinator@psfc.coop. Please put "Receiving Coordinator" in the subject field. Applicants will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt of their materials. Please do not call the Membership Office to check on the status of your application. Applications will be reviewed and interviews scheduled on a rolling basis until the position has been filled. If you applied to a previous Coop job offering, please re-submit your materials.

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

DO YOU LOVE BIKES?

DO YOU LIKE WORKING OUTSIDE?

INTERESTED IN A SATURDAY OR SUNDAY WORKSLOT?



Join a Bike Valet squad!
 It's like coat-check for bikes for working and shopping members.

We need to fill Bike Valet shifts ASAP.

Contact the Membership Office for details and to sign-up.

MEMBER SUBMISSION

The Gazette Editors' Double Standard

By Sylvia Lowenthal

According to *Gazette* editor feedback and clarification "the *Gazette* policy of respect for fellow Coop members ... applies to being derogatory to a people or a group". Additionally we may not use terms that are "subject to debate and controversy" or make "sweeping negative statements about groups of people [that] violate the spirit of cooperation" and are "not rooted in fact."

Such exquisite scrutiny has not been applied to repeated accusations of Israeli apartheid and genocidal intentions and actions. These claims—absent compelling evidence and argument—are clearly "not rooted in fact," are "derogatory to a people," are "subject to debate and controversy," and are "sweeping negative statements [about a] group of people."

If those are, as claimed, the relevant guidelines, then unsubstantiated claims of Israeli "child-murder" ("murder" being a term that implies intent) must be considered a violation as they are "not rooted in fact." Furthermore, references to one or another individual who may or may not have called for "the massacre of babies" and the "mass rape of Palestinian women" suggest that Israel's intentions can best be determined by the words of isolated zealots. The inclusion

of such irrelevant statements is "derogatory to a people."

Similarly, the recent (2/19/15) inflammatory summation of a 22-page UNICEF report² as showing "that Israel is guilty of torturing Palestinian minors with grim, systematic zeal" is intended solely to vilify. The report itself makes no such claim and uses the less malignant term "ill-treatment" when referring to the actions of military personnel in contact with those the report refers to as "children," who are in fact primarily teenagers engaging in the injurious and sometimes fatal criminal acts against police, military and civilians. Nothing resembling the words "torturing Palestinian minors with grim, systematic zeal"—implying sadistic intent—appears in the report, which, along with a subsequent UNICEF press statement, details how Israel is improving the prison conditions of "children."³

The indulgence of BDS propaganda exhibits the worst possible judgment on the part of *Gazette* editorial staff and other individuals responsible for assuring a respectful, "welcoming" community at our Cooperative. By singling out Israel for disproportionate condemnation, the BDS movement is helping to fuel

anti-Semitic harassment and violence around the world, including most recently BDS supporters who threatened to slaughter Jews as they protested outside an Israeli expo in South Africa.⁴ Boycotts do not and will not contribute to peace between Israelis and Palestinians or to improving Palestinian lives. On the contrary, the movement encourages the hopes and goals of those among Palestinian leadership who, out of undisguised Judeophobic animus, refuse to accept the presence of a neighboring

Jewish state (as witness the Hamas founding Charter) and use lethal violence to thwart the existence of such a state.

The content of these letters/diatribes are notable for their ignorant repetition of hateful, libelous propaganda. The editors, who apparently find these submissions perfectly acceptable and within the bounds of respectful writing and entirely within "the spirit of cooperation" (their criterion), have proven themselves over the past six years to be wholly unqualified to apply their guidelines equitably and should not be permitted to continue publish-

ing letters about highly complex issues they clearly aren't adequately in control of. ■

¹ www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_people

² www.unicef.org/oPt/UNICEF_oPt_Children_in_Israeli_Military_Detention_Observations_and_Recommendations_-_6_March_2013.pdf

³ www.unicef.org/oPt/media_7793.html

⁴ www.politicsweb.co.za/politicsweb/view/politicsweb/en/page71639?page71651?oid=1009044&sn=Detail&pid=71651

Editorial Comment

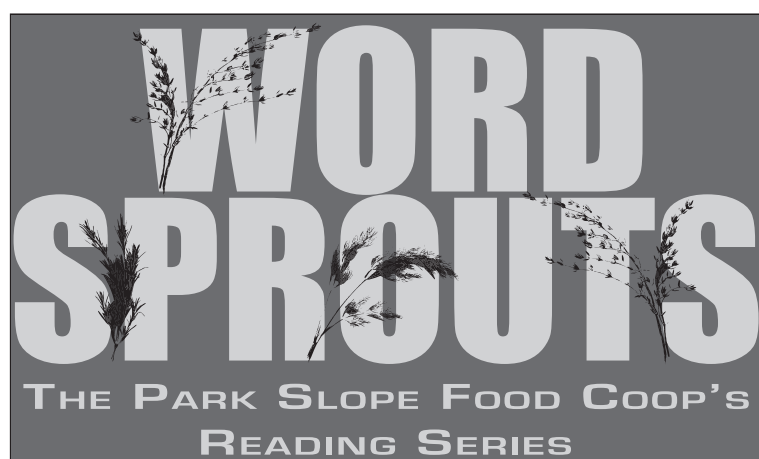
By Erik Lewis and Joan Minieri,
Co-Coordinating Editors

One of the purposes of the *Linewriters' Gazette* Letters Section is to be a free-speech forum where Coop members can express themselves on issues they deem important to the Coop community. The editorial policies governing this section have been developed over time to try to maintain a level of civility and cooperation consistent with the mission of the Coop itself. The rise of the issue of boycotting Israeli food products has proven a difficult test for the Coop and the *Gazette* and its editors. We have striven to maintain a balance between Coop members' rights to express opinions on controversial subjects and the Coop's ideals of respect for one another and community. As the tone of some of the letters has become more shrill, reviewing and editing them has become more difficult, nor do the editors have the resources to fact-check all claims. Some members in letters and elsewhere have called for the banning of letters on such topics as an easy solution. But is the banning of expression something the Coop would embrace among its ideals? Democracy is messy.

We agree with the letter writer that letters containing hyperbolic, inflammatory state-

ments implying that Israeli's in general condone "the massacre of babies" or the "mass rape of Palestinian women" should not have been published. Going forward, editors will be scrutinizing all letters with special attention to inflammatory, hateful or needlessly provocative content and reject them, leaving it up to the letter writer to re-submit a letter more in keeping with constructive, civil discourse and Coop ideals. And the letter writer will have to figure out for themselves how to do that.

We recently called for writers of letters on mid-east topics to chill out, more or less. Tone down the rhetoric and consider not having to respond to every letter you disagree with or write a letter about every development in the middle east. We hope the writers of these letters will continue to consider this. A recent analysis of letters to the *Gazette* for the last year reveals that out of 214 letters written by 99 individual letter writers from March 2014 to March 2015, BDS/Anti-BDS topics accounted for 63% of the content of the Letters Sections, non-BDS/Anti-BDS related topics accounted for 37% of the content. Seven letter writers (representing 7% of the total 99 letter writers) were responsible for 67% of all the BDS/anti-BDS content and 42% of the content of all letters. We again ask especially these seven letter writers to consider what you're doing. ■



Are you a writer?
Do you want FTOP credit?

Wordsprouts, the Food Coop's reading series, is looking for you, for its monthly events in the second-floor meeting room.

Please contact the organizers at wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.

HEARING OFFICER COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS



The Hearing Officer Committee is seeking two new members. The committee conducts and presides over disciplinary hearings, ensures that hearings proceed in an efficient and unbiased manner and, after a randomly selected Deciding Group has decided whether an accused member violated a Coop rule, determines what disciplinary action should be taken against the member.

Applicants should be Coop members in good standing for at least two years, have good attendance records and preferably have judicial, arbitration, mediation or legal backgrounds.

Members of the committee meet and earn workslot credit on an as-needed basis only, that is, when hearings are required. Therefore these members must maintain regular Coop workslots in good standing or be FTOP members in good standing.

The nature of the committee's work requires that all members maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all matters on which they work.

The committee seeks an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop membership at large. Those interested, please telephone **Marian Hertz** of the **Hearing Officer Committee** @ 212-440-2743 or e-mail at Marian.Hertz@cna.com.

COOP HOURS

Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shopping Hours:
Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Saturday
6:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Sunday
6:00 a.m. to 7:30* p.m.
**Shoppers must be on a checkout line
15 minutes after closing time.*

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

Telephone:
718-622-0560
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LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

The *Linewaiters' Gazette* is published biweekly by the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc., 782 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215.

Opinions expressed here may be solely the views of the writer. The *Gazette* will not knowingly publish articles that are racist, sexist or otherwise discriminatory.

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. Editors will reject articles that are essentially just advertisements for member businesses and services.

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words.

Editor-Writer Guidelines: Except for letters to the editor, which are published without editing but are subject to the *Gazette* letters policy regarding length, anonymity, respect and fairness, all submissions to the *Linewaiters' Gazette* will be reviewed and, if necessary, edited by the editor. In their review, editors are guided by the *Gazette's* Fairness and Anonymity policies as well as standard editorial practices of grammatical review, separation of fact from opinion, attribution of factual statements, and rudimentary fact checking. Writers are responsible for the factual content of their stories. Editors must make a reasonable effort to contact and communicate with writers regarding any proposed editorial changes. Writers must make a reasonable effort to respond to and be available to editors to confer about their articles. If there is no response after a reasonable effort to contact the writer, an editor, at her or his discretion, may make editorial changes to a submission without conferring with the writer.

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.

Digital Submissions: We welcome digital submissions. The e-mail address for submissions is GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Drop disks in the wallpocket described above. 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").

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Friday, April 17, 8:00 p.m.

The Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture
and the Park Slope Food Coop present:

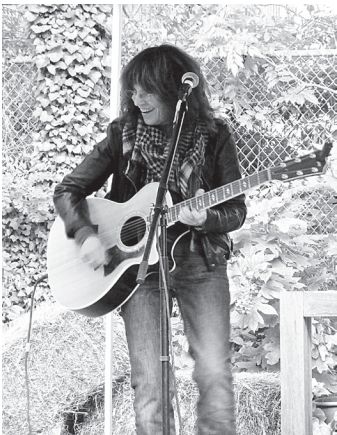


PROSPECT CONCERTS



This!" along with the rest of The Gregory Brothers.

Andrew Rose Gregory grew up in the mountains of Virginia, spending most of his time walking to the library and racing sticks down creeks. He has since settled in Brooklyn. Although he has played hundreds of shows across America as a songwriter and solo artist, he is best known as one of the creators of the viral YouTube sensations "Auto-Tune the News" and "Songify



Bev Grant grew up in Portland, Oregon, singing with her sisters in a trio. She has since settled in Brooklyn where she founded the popular political rock band Bev Grant & the Human Condition, founded and directs the Brooklyn Women's Chorus, tours with her show about women's labor history called "We Were There!" and performs with the duo Wool & Grant. Bev will be joined by Brooklyn musicians Brien Brannigan, guitar; Carolann Solebello, electric bass; and Todd Isler, percussion.

www.facebook.com/ProspectConcerts

53 Prospect Park West [at 2nd Street] • \$10 • 8pm [doors open at 7:45]
Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit.
Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

RETURN POLICY



The Coop strives to keep prices low for our membership. Minimizing the amount of returned merchandise is one way we do this. If you need to make a return, please go to the 2nd Floor Service Desk.

REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

1. The Paid-In-Full receipt MUST be presented.
2. Returns must be handled within 30 days of purchase.

CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

No, we do not "exchange" items. You must return the merchandise and re-purchase what you need.

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

Produce* Bulk* (incl. Coop-bagged bulk)
Cheese* Seasonal Holiday Items
Books Special Orders
Calendars Refrigerated Supplements
Juicers & Oils
Sushi *A buyer is available during the week-days to discuss your concerns.

NEVER
RETURNABLE

Refrigerated Goods (not listed above)
Frozen Goods
Meat & Fish
Bread

RETURNABLE
ONLY IF SPOILED
BEFORE
EXPIRATION DATE
Packaging/label
must be present-
ed for refund.

Items not listed above that are unopened
and unused in re-sellable condition

RETURNABLE

The Coop reserves the right to refuse returns on a case-by-case basis. If you have questions, please contact a staff member in the Membership Office.

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WELCOME!

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

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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

Attending an Orientation is the first step toward Coop membership. Pre-registration is required for all of the three weekly New Member Orientations. To pre-register, visit foodcoop.com or contact the Membership Office. Visit in person or call 718-622-0560 during office hours.

Have questions about Orientation? Please visit www.foodcoop.com and look at the "Join the Coop" page for answers to frequently asked questions.

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside The Park Slope Food Coop
The fourth FRIDAY of the month at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Channels: 56 (Time-Warner), 69 (CableVision), 84 (RCN), 44 (Verizon), and live streaming on the Web: www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network.

General Meeting Info

TUE, APRIL 7
AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the April 28 General Meeting.

TUE, APRIL 28
GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:
Apr. 16 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, April 6
Apr. 30 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, April 20

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:
Apr. 16 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, April 8
Apr. 30 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, April 22

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, April 28, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month.

Location

MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

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 Ann Herpel at the coop.

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. The sign-ups sheet is available all month long, except for the day of the meeting when you have until 5 p.m. to sign up. On the day of the meeting, the sign-up sheet is kept in the Membership Office.
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.
- **Squads eligible for credit:**
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.
- **Signing in at the Meeting:**
After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.
- **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

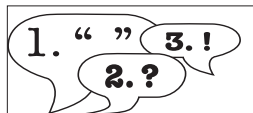
The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values 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 pro-cessed 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.

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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

apr 2
thu 7:30 pm**Food Class: Indian Flavors**

This introduction to Indian flavors and techniques will include a discussion on the health-supportive properties of Indian cuisine. Inspired by friends who appreciated her cooking, **Chef Mukti Banerjee** started her business, Mukti's Kitchen, in order to share her knowledge and passion for Indian cooking. Her popular classes have been featured in *Edible Brooklyn*. A native of Bengali, India, she learned her craft from her extended family including her mother, grandmother and aunts. Her focus is on the health-supportive properties of Indian spices such as fennel, cumin, ginger and saffron, to name a few. She will de-mystify the many seasonings used in Indian cuisine. She will provide information about the foundation of balancing flavors in her plant-based recipes. *Menu includes: chan dahl; mixed vegetable curry; vegetable pulao.* **ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. If you would like to request an ASL interpreter, please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by March 19.** **Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.**

apr 7
tue 8 pm**Agenda Committee Meeting**

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apr 10
fri 7 pm**Wordsprouts: New Poetry by Three Young Poets**

Suzanne Wise is the author of the chapbook *Talking Cure* (Red Glass Books) and the poetry collection *The Kingdom of the Subjunctive* (Alice James Books). Her poetry has also recently appeared in *The Awl*, *Bone Bouquet*, *Bomb Magazine*, *Five Quarterly*, *Ploughshares*, and *Quaint*. **Abigail Welhouse** is the author of *Bad Baby* (dancing girl press, 2015). Her writing has appeared in *The Toast*, *The Morning News*, *The Rumpus*, and *Lyre Lyre*. She holds an MFA from the City College of New York, and sends Secret Poems at tinyletter.com/welhouse. **Pat Smith** was incarnated from hope, joy and confusion in France and raised beneath smokestacks in Ohio. His MFA is from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and his play *Driving Around the House*, produced around the U.S., is published by New Rivers Press. His poetry website is Not in the News Today.com. Pat has always had very vivid dreams and believes it means something, though it doesn't seem to pay very much. He works as a union benefits advisor and lives in Brooklyn. **Bookings: John Donohue, wordsproutspsf@gmail.com.**

apr 11
sat 7-10 pm**What Feeds Love?**

What feeds love? Do you know? Will you tell us? Is it food? Mood? Wine? Music? Let's explore... each other, at the Old Stone House, 336 Third St., in Park Slope. What is your most potent aphrodisiac (food or drink)? Bring it, bring the potion, we'll create the mood: romantic setting, live music to listen and waltz to featuring the Rosinettes String Quartet. Shall we dance? A fireplace.

Let's talk intimately. Let's make love—grow... What to bring to the party: you—dressed flirtatiously; food—lovingly prepared to excite the senses (this is a potluck event); drink—wine, beer, spirits to loosen...whatever. 21 and older please. Please RSVP to psfc.funsters@gmail.com and tell us your gender and what you will bring. There is space for only 50. First come... This is a singles event but couples may also attend. Brought to you by the PSFC's very own FUN Committee.

Event takes place at the Old Stone House, 336 Third St., Park Slope.

apr 11-12
sat-sun 9 am-7 pm**Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen**

CHIPS Soup Kitchen, located at 4th Avenue and Sackett Street, is the recipient of much of our edible but unsaleable perishable food. They also need donations of nonperishable foods. This food will go to CHIPS to help them feed people in the neighborhood who are in need of a nutritious meal. Consider contributing nonperishable foods and commercially packaged foods; canned fish; canned fruits and vegetables; pasta sauce; pasta; pre-packaged rice; pre-packaged beans; canned beans; canned soups; Parmalat milk; dry milk; peanut butter; cooking oil; or boxed raisins. Give donations to the collection table outside the Coop.

apr 14
tue 7 pm**Safe Food Committee Film Night: The Future of Food**

The Future of Food has been a key tool in the American and international anti-GMO grassroots activist movements and played widely in the environmental and activist circuits since its release in 2004. Applauded by technology writers, food policy experts and environmental activists, the film has been shown around the world. Genetic engineering of food crops is as controversial today as ever, as many of the large agro corporations that use this technology position themselves as the answer to the world food crisis and further consolidate the seed supply. *The Future of Food* will be co-presented with Food and Water Watch.

apr 17
fri 8 pm**Andrew Rose Gregory, Bev Grant**

Andrew Rose Gregory grew up in the mountains of Virginia, spending most of his time walking to the library and racing sticks down creeks. He has since settled in Brooklyn. Although he has played hundreds of shows across America as a songwriter and solo artist, he is best known as one of the creators of the viral YouTube sensations "Auto-Tune the News" and "Songify This!" along with the rest of The Gregory Brothers. **Bev Grant** grew up in Portland, Oregon, singing with her sisters in a trio. She has since settled in Brooklyn where she founded the popular political rock band Bev Grant & the Human Condition, founded and directs the Brooklyn Women's Chorus, tours with her show about women's labor history called "We Were There!" and performs with the duo Wool & Grant. Bev will be joined by Brooklyn musicians Brien Brannigan, guitar; Carolann Solebello, electric bass; and Todd Isler, percussion.

Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd St.), \$10, doors open at 7:45. Prospect Concerts is a monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture.



For more information on these and other events, visit the Coop's website: foodcoop.com

All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops. Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.

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apr 19
sun 12 pm

It's Your Funeral

Planning for your own death now (as opposed to later) is a practice that can enable you to live in the moment, face your own mortality with courage—and create an end-of-life service that reflects your values. Join Coop member **Amy Cunningham**, former journalist and graduate of the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service, in a conversation about fascinating advancements within the funeral business. The talk will cover how to plan a low-cost, back-to-basics funeral or memorial service, as well as offer information on green cemeteries near New York City, cremation pros and cons, biodegradable caskets and urns, blended-faith/alternative ceremonies, and more. You'll get a glimmer of what funerals of the future might look like—and leave with planning literature for yourself or for someone you love.

apr 25
sat 11 am

Fertility Prep

Identify the right foods and supplements to conceive a healthy baby. Coop member **Rebecca Curtis**, M.A., M.F.A., HHC, AADP, certified holistic nutritionist and the founder of Green Gem Holistic Health, will show you how to: resolve “mystery infertility”; eliminate toxins that impair fertility; cook meals that help you get pregnant; identify the foods and supplements that improve prenatal health; clear blocked tubes; normalize your cycle and improve egg quality; dissolve fibroids and cysts; prevent miscarriage; and boost men's sperm count and quality. Pre-registration suggested: to register call (646) 483-4571 or e-mail GreenGemHealth@gmail.com.

apr 25
sat 2–4 pm

Public Forum on the Trans-Pacific Partnership

Investor-State Dispute Resolution (ISDR) in “free trade agreements” including NAFTA and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), allows a corporation to sue a government in a private tribunal which may impose a cash penalty if any regulation limits potential corporate profit making. Under NAFTA, according to a recently published study by Canadian Council for Policy Alternatives, “Sixty-three percent of claims against Canada involve challenges to environmental protection or resource management measures.” Information, discussion and action plan offered at the next Public Forum organized by the International Trade Education Squad.

apr 26
sun 12 pm

College Admissions 101

Get your children into their first-choice college. Are you or your child stressed about applying to college? Want to know what goes into writing a winning college essay? If you've been wondering what you can do now to make things easier when application time comes, come to this free workshop. Time for Q&A afterward, and additional resources will be provided. **Steve Schwartz** is a professional college admission counselor in Park Slope with more than a decade of experience. He also writes the popular *Get Into College* blog and is a Coop member.

apr 28
tue 7 pm

PSFC APR General Meeting



Meeting Agenda to be announced. For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office. **Meeting location: MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.**

may 1
fri 7 pm

Film Night: Fighter



Filmmaker **Amir Bar-Lev** follows two Czech Holocaust survivors, Jan Weiner and Arnost Lustig, as they revisit Terezin, a labor camp where Arnost was interned for five years and Jan's mother was murdered. As the two men journey into the past, their dual memories become a thorny, unresolved dialogue between an angry man of action and a warmly cynical sage arguing about the very meaning of history. Peter Travers of *Rolling Stone* called *Fighter*: “One of the great documentaries of this year, or any other.” David Denby of *The New Yorker* labeled the film “brilliant.” Bar-Lev's directorial credits include *Fighter* (2001), *My Kid Could Paint That* (2007), and *The Tillman Story* (2010), for which he won an Emmy. He also directed the music documentaries *Re:Generation* (2011) and *12.12.12* (2013). He co-produced the documentary *Trouble The Water*, 2008 Sundance Grand Jury Prize Winner and 2009 Academy Award Nominee. He is currently directing a documentary on The Grateful Dead.

To book a Film Night, contact Gabriel Rhodes, gabrielrhodes@me.com.

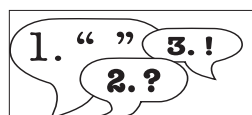
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Is Cohousing For You?

Explore the newest options. Cohousing communities are designed to foster human interaction. People own their own homes but also share common spaces. Share your favorite activities with your neighbors, and a few meals per week (voluntary). Participate in the management of the community. Homes are designed with values of sustainability and energy-efficiency in mind. Child-friendly and desirable school district. Pedestrian-friendly. Many communities receive Affordable Housing grants. There are more than 100 built and occupied cohousing communities in the United States, including four in New York State, 12 in Massachusetts, and a new one slated to open near New Haven, Connecticut, next year. View slides and talk with **Erika Banks**, Coop member, who has lived in and helped create Cohousing in Michigan and is currently involved in establishing the first Cohousing community in Connecticut, and **Elvira Ferrario**, Coop member, and member of a community being built on a 32-acre site with a working farm, two hours from NY.

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may 10 Focus On Breath

may 12 Safe Food Committee Film Night

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



COOP (PART 4)

TO THE EDITOR,

As of today, 3/21/2015, another bicycle rack in front of the Park Slope Food Coop is damaged. I meant to mention this in my last letter, because I reported this to DOT, cityrack@dot.nyc.gov, on 3/9/2015, and I remember seeing this rack damaged at least a week before that time. So that means two damaged bicycle racks, the first one noted on 1/24/2015, in front of the Park Slope Food Coop in little more than a month!

Stephen Arthur

PAYING FOR ROLL BAGS

TO THE EDITOR,

At the last General Meeting the Environmental Committee restarted the discussion of the Coop's giving away unlimited roll bags for free. This time they want to simply eliminate them.

One of the committee's comments was that the 20¢ charge they tried before was a small amount. Not really. That is a huge amount for an item that costs around 1¢. It was not at all in line with the Coop's regular 21% markup.

Currently there is a voluntary system in place. At the cashier's station you can deposit small change for the roll bags you use—at 1¢ per bag. Not many members do. To start, most members use a debit card at checkout and never get to the cashiers. Then some of us no longer carry coin.

Why not expand this voluntary system? Add a 1¢ bag charge to the registers. After checking all items the checker could ask "How many roll bags would you like to pay for?" Or have signage at the registers. It would still be voluntary. And in line with the Coop's 21% markup.

Don Wiss

BIKE RACKS MAINTENANCE LETTER PUBLISHED 3/5/15

TO THE EDITOR,

I disagree with the author of the above letter on a number of points. The spirit of the Coop is to do what is needed as we all work for the same purpose. While members may have job preferences, at times the GC needs to assign work. No work is more or less important, and as long as a person is capable they should be flexible in doing what is needed. Just because one works in the Office doesn't preclude that person from working elsewhere as needed. My wife works in the office and at times is tasked with taking lost clothes to the donation station in the Farmers market. As a Walker I have swept garbage outside the Coop, stocked shelves, pulled items in the basement and due to my current end-of-the-day shift, worked as a co-counter and helped with inside mopping and sweeping. If it is slow and help is needed stocking or elsewhere, Walkers and I assume others get pulled as required.

If the author needed assistance, or felt the assignment was unfair, he should have talked to a Coordinator or asked one of the Walkers for help.

In Cooperation,
Stewart Pravda

ARE ORGANIC FARMS SUSTAINABLE IN NEW YORK STATE?

TO THE EDITORS,

I have been surprised the past two years to rarely be able to purchase loose, organic apples in the Coop—occasionally there were large bags of about 25 apples. There were other items—not produce—that I had grown accustomed to purchasing at the Coop that I also had to order online or shop elsewhere. Twice I mentioned not being able to buy something to members and I learned they had had the same problem. When I read that the Coop had sold significantly less last year than the year before, I wondered to what degree our loss was due to members not being able to purchase items.

In the Gazette's February 19th issue, Hayley Gorenberg wrote that retiring General Coordinator and Chief Produce Buyer, Allen Zimmerman, "pointed out that growing fruit organically in the Northeast is not sustainable....it would be good if we could demonstrate in real numbers what it means to be minimally treated." Apparently, a decision had been made for the Coop to reduce offer-

ing organic apples because it was assumed their source was either not local or not sustainable, and instead to expand minimally processed apples. I went online and immediately found "Westwind Orchard," located in Ulster County, Hudson River Valley, Accord, New York, about 107.6 miles from NYC. As the Coop is using 500 miles as the radius for "local," Westwind Orchard qualifies.

But is Westwind also "sustainable" and organic? Well, let's see. We learn on



Westwind Orchard's website www.westwindorchard.com/our-philosophy/ that: "When we first came to this land, the orchard was totally overgrown....last year we actually made our biggest accomplishment and achieved our goal of having Westwind become a Certified Organic farm!!!!... Step by step, we are becoming a Holistic Community Orchard. We are moving away from traditional organic farming techniques and introducing materials like neem oil, Effective Microbes (EM), seaweed, kelp and compost teas to help us grow healthier soil, trees, fruits and vegetables. We strongly believe in LOCAL

FOOD and in OUR COMMUNITY. Everyone needs farms (and farmers!), but more importantly they need good, wholesome, health food—what better place to get it than right here.

The Chizzola family hopes you'll come visit Westwind Orchard soon. Come see what we're doing, how we're doing it, and mostly enjoy the fruits of our labor, from us to you.... Westwind Orchard is open for Pick-Your-Own every Saturday and Sunday (September and October only)....You can pick Apples, Raspberries, Blackberries and Pumpkins...."

Our support could contribute to Westwind's sustainability as well as our health.

Elizabeth Shanklin

COORDINATOR'S RESPONSE

DEAR MEMBERS,

Organic farms are sustainable in New York State. The Coop is buying increasing amounts of organic produce from NYS farms every year. The point I was making concerns growing fruit (not vegetables) organically. I should have qualified my original statement to state for the most part..."growing fruit organically in the Northeast is not sustainable." In my 20+ years as the Coop producer buyer, I have encountered—very occasionally—tiny amounts of certified organic, New York State-grown tree fruit available to purchase. In the past the Coop has sourced small crops of organically grown apples and pears from

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.

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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.

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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.

ADDITIONAL NEW POLICIES ON LETTERS AND MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

In the interest of promoting civil discourse and upholding the main purpose of letter and member submissions to the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, the Editorial Board of the Gazette has created additional policies for "Letters to the Editor" and member submissions:

Letters and member submissions cannot contain gratuitous personalization—that is, needlessly identifying a Coop member and directing the substance of the letter/article to him or her, as in a polemical debate. Letters and articles should deal mainly with ideas and not persons. Letter/article writers will be asked to reword their submissions in accordance with this guideline.

Letters and member submissions must be mainly (that is 75% or more) original writing, and the opinion of the writer. Submissions that are essentially cut-and-paste, pass-along writing from other publications will be rejected, and the writer asked to re-submit with original writing.

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—The Editors, *Linewaiters' Gazette*

L E T T E R S T O T H E E D I T O R

Finger Lakes Organic Growers Cooperative or Macintosh apples from Ricker Orchard in Maine.

Many factors, such as member input, logistics of distribution, price, quality, sales history, go into our decision to buy particular produce items. We weigh all these factors and try to source high quality products satisfying the majority of members at prices fair and accessible.

The Coop has historically been a huge supporter of local farms. Supporting the minimally treated program of Hepworth Farms helps to sustain our largest source of small family local organic vegetables and berries. When we buy from the whole farm (the 195-year-old orchards and the 20-year-old certified organic farms) we help to support our source for a substantial



portion of our very local certified organic vegetables. As we have supported them, Hepworth has supported us with favorable pricing, sometimes exclusive supply of limited commodities, growing crops that we request and producing to our specifications. Our support for their organic production has directly helped us to increase our offerings of

local, organic produce.

No decision was made to reduce offering of organic apples as stated in the letter. At the request of members, we have attempted these past several months to source more organic apples, both loose and bagged. The response from members has been unenthusiastic. The Lady Alice met with moderate success but good quality, low price loose organic Fuji apples barely sold. The organic Red Delicious has been a poor seller though we continue to offer it in order to satisfy the needs of some members for organic apples. When we switched from a three-pound bag of organic Gala apples to loose, sales actually decreased and their sales are currently 50% or more below the level I would have forecasted. The demand for local,

IPM apples far exceeds that for organic apples. Therefore the Coop devotes more selling space to the apples for which there is a much higher member demand.

What would member response be to offerings of loose organic local apples if we were able to source them? We await reply from Westwind Orchards. I have been aware of Westwind Orchard for some time now. When in September 2011, they announced that they were open to visits and visitor fruit picking, they became the farm I recommended to members to visit. I did learn of their conversion to organic fruit growing at that time but was not informed in my communication with them that they were offering to sell wholesale or to deliver, nor did I ask.

I wrote to them today and asked them if they sell wholesale, if they have distribution to Brooklyn and their prices. We would then test the quality.

The Coop did not sell significantly less anything last year than the year before. I don't know the source of that misunderstanding.

Allen Zimmerman
General Coordinator and
Produce Buyer

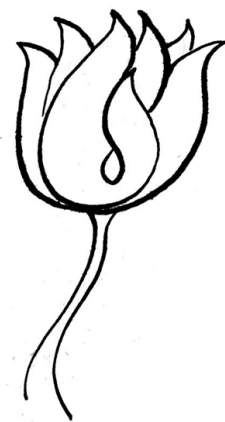


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BDS/MIDDLE EAST

GAZETTE SHOULD COVER EFFECT OF BDS ON COOP MEMBERSHIP

DEAR GAZETTE EDITORS,

We are informed there will be another effort to get the Coop to support the BDS movement by specifically boycotting SodaStream. I want to suggest a few items for *Gazette* coverage. I believe this to be part of the *Gazette's* mission to keep the Coop membership informed.

How much did the March 2012 vote on holding a BDS referendum cost the Coop? There was the rental of space at BTHS. Did the Coop also rent or purchase special equipment for this epic meeting? How much additional printing was required for it? Did staff have to spend additional hours? Was there overtime pay? How many FTOP slots were given out for conducting this meeting? How much of staff's valuable time was consumed dealing with the media coverage generated by this vote? What do they think about BDS coming around again?

In spite of all the media coverage, 90% of the Coop did not come to the vote at BTHS. Who are the 90%? What does that mean that they did not attend? How did the BDS hoopla affect them? Were they unaware of the vote? Do they read the *Gazette*? Do they care about the *Gazette's* special BDS section?

This is a Coop of all its members. When any cause is promoted in and through the Coop, there will be an effect on the entire Coop community. This is worthy of reportage in the *Gazette*.

Barbara Mazor

SUPPORT BOYCOTT TO OPPOSE SETTLEMENTS

MEMBERS,

The aftermath of Israel's election is clear. Netanyahu, already dubbed a Prime Minister for settlements, will continue settlement construction and expansion at an accelerated pace in the West Bank and East Jerusalem to fulfill his election promise of no Palestinian state on his watch. His quest for a Greater Israel undermines the Palestinian right to self-determination. The certainty of even greater loss of Palestinian land is guaranteed.

The impossibility of creating a viable Palestinian economy in both agriculture and industry will continue to be handicapped by the expansion of settlements. It is the prime reason that tens of thousands of Palestinian are forced to work in settlements as their only available employment option. Challenging the viability of Israel's settlement policies requires undermining the profitability of the settlements.

Boycotting products grown or manufactured in the settlements remains an essential goal for the global boycott movement. Will the Coop members add their voices and support opposing Israel's illegal settlements by de-shelving SodaStream? In a recent article by Patrick Strickland, 'SodaStream Controversy Continues to Bubble,'

(2.11.14, Al Jazeera), the legal coordinator of the General Palestinian Union in Jericho said the majority of Palestinian employees at SodaStream work renewable seasonal contracts that last three months each. We can surmise, therefore, that the Palestinian workers are not unionized. Their jobs are hardly secure. Soda-Stream

is not a fair-traded product. Let us put fairness and justice ahead of profit here at the Coop and support boycott to oppose settlements.

Mary Buchwald
Brooklyn For Peace
PSFC members for BDS
www.psfcbds.wordpress.com

WE CAN STAND TOGETHER BEHIND A GOAL OF HARMONY

TO THE EDITOR,

It's been three years since we, as a community, soundly voted down a referendum to vote on a boycott of Israeli products. Since that time, in almost every issue, the *Linewaiters' Gazette* has published letters that demonize Israel, distort facts, and call for a boycott of Israeli products.

This letter is not to explain why such letters don't belong in a publication about food, Coop issues,

and the community. Those reasons are self-evident. Nor is this letter to the people who continue to call for a boycott of Israel. I do not imagine I can change their minds. It is instead to the editors of the *Gazette*, the management of the Coop and to the rest of the Coop community, to let you know what it feels like, as a supporter of Israel, to see these letters every week.

I feel we are being sent a very clear message that this Coop is not for supporters of Israel. What possible reason could there be if not to send the message that the Coop is not for everyone? Imagine how one might feel if, instead of Israeli products, these letters called for a boycott of any company that was pro-choice. How would it feel to see only that issue addressed each week in letter after letter? Would those of us who are pro-choice feel justified in assuming a message was being sent directly to us?

I don't know if the editors and Coop management don't see the distress and divisiveness that these letters cause, or that they just don't care. I hope and trust it's the former. If so, please understand that the use of the Coop paper for personal political attacks is harming the community that we are so fortunate to have.

I ask the management, the editors of the *Gazette*, and the Coop community to end this ongoing misuse of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. It's divisive and harmful to the community we hold so dear. Whether or not you support Israel, surely we can stand together behind the goal of harmony, and the end of letters that divide and pit us against each other.

Sincerely,
Elie Venezky



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THANK YOU!

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop.

Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

MON, APR 13

7 p.m. Building a Nuclear-Free World. U.S. plans \$1 Trillion "upgrade" of nuclear arsenal. Nuclear power billed as "clean, green" energy. Speakers: Marilyn Elie, Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition; Joseph Gerson, author, *Empire and the Bomb*. Brooklyn Friends Meetinghouse, 110 Schermerhorn St. Info: 718-624-5921 or climateaction@brooklynpeace.org.



SAT, APR 18

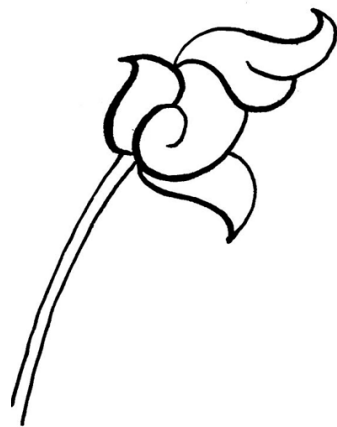
8 p.m. Ray Korona !Presente! produced by Ivce, with the Ray Korona Band and others. At The Community Church of NY Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. For info call 212-787-3903 or see www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation \$18, member \$10.

SUN, APR 19

4 p.m. BPL Chamber Players present: Scott Ballantyne, cello; Hiroko Sasaki, piano at the Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture Central Library, 10 Grand Army Plaza BKLYN. Admission Free.

TUE, APR 28

12 p.m. Label GMOs Now! Rally and Lobby Day in Albany. Speak out in support of legislation to label genetically engineered



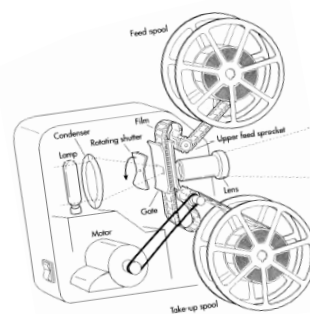
(GMO) foods in New York. Buses will be available from Manhattan. For more information, contact Eric Weltman with Food & Water Watch: eweltman@fwwatch.org.



ARE YOU A BROOKLYN-BASED FILMMAKER?

Would you like to screen your work at the Coop?

Then submit your film for possible inclusion in the Coop's Friday Film Night Screening Series.



If you're a Coop member you'll receive one FTOP credit for screening and offering a Q+A with your film. If you're not a member, it's still a chance to spread the word about your work and build your fan base by screening for a local audience.

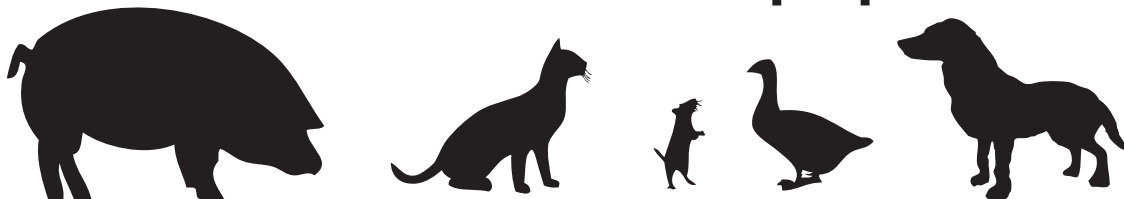
We accept documentary and fiction, both features and shorts (we program shorts as a group).

Please e-mail Gabriel Rhodes for details at gabrielrhodes@me.com.



Did you ever wonder exactly what those humane claims on product labels at the Coop mean? Or want to confirm which items we carry are not tested on animals?

The Animal Welfare Committee provides transparent animal welfare information about the Coop's products.



We work with staff, the Coop's vendors and external research resources to provide species- and issue-specific information for YOU, the Coop member. You can find us online at our blog and twitter account and you can find our guides all around the Coop, next to their relevant products!

Find us here!

Blog: www.psfcanimals.blogspot.com

Twitter: @psfcanimals

Current Guides:

Eggs (next to egg case)

Milk (next to milk case)

Animal Testing

(aisle 5, closest to the back of the aisle)



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Crossword Answers

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★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

RECEIVING PRODUCE**Monday-Friday,
5 to 7:30 a.m.**

The Coop is looking for members to work in the produce area. Responsibilities include: lifting boxes, unloading deliveries, stacking boxes in the basement. You should be willing to get or have wet hands while you are working. Boxes usually weigh between 2–20 lbs., a few may weigh up to 50 lbs.

**ENTRANCE DESK****Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday,
5:45 to 8 a.m.**

Supervised by Membership Coordinators, you will be staffing the Entrance desk in hours of the week-day before the Coop is open to shoppers. Primarily you will be checking in working members, informing them of their member and household status, and handing out entrance desk slips to members who need them. Entrance workers provide an essential member service and must be welcoming, polite, able to read and interpret information on the entrance desk screen, able to clearly convey information about member status directly to members. Entrance workers also provide a key security function, and must remain alert throughout the shift, which may have slow periods. Therefore reading, writing, talking on the phone, texting, etc. are not allowed. Punctuality and good attendance will be essential, as you will be the only Entrance worker scheduled at this time of day. Paid Membership Coordinators will be present to train you on your first (and second) shift, and then to support you and answer questions going forward.

OFFICE SET-UP**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
6 to 8:30 a.m.**

Need an early riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Adriana or Cynthia in the Membership Office for more information.

**STORE EQUIPMENT
CLEANING****Monday, 6 to 8 a.m.**

The Coop is looking for members to clean the checkout area of the store. It entails cleaning the scales at each checkout and vacuuming around the base of the checkout station as well as sweeping and occasionally mopping. You will work under the supervision of a staff person.

BATHROOM CLEANING**Tuesday, Friday, 12 to 2 p.m.**

Work with a partner to deep clean the Coop's bathrooms. Tasks include scrubbing floor tiles, cleaning toilets, mopping floors and stocking the bathrooms. You will work with only natural cleaning products. This job is perfect for members who like to clean and are conscientious about doing a thorough job.

**OFFICE CLEANING****Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

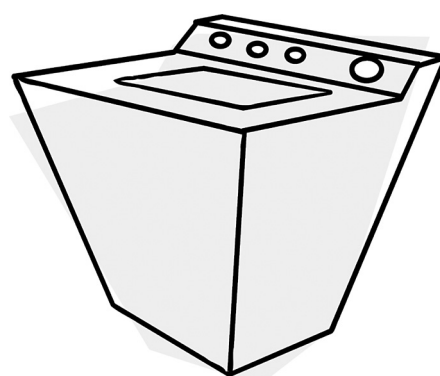
The Coop is looking for members to clean the office. This entails cleaning the desktops, phones, keyboards, etc. This job is ideal for someone who is pro-active, meticulous and likes working independently, if interested please speak to Mary in the Membership Office for further information.

OFFICE DATA ENTRY**Friday, 3:30 to 6:15 p.m.**

Must have been a member for at least one year with excellent attendance. Are you a stickler for details and accurate on the computer? Do you like working independently? If this sounds like you, then Office Data Entry will be your perfect shift. Please speak to Ginger Jung in the membership office (or put a note in her mailbox) prior to the first shift for more information and schedule training. Must make a six-month commitment to the workslot.

**LAUNDRY AND TOY
CLEANING****Sunday, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.**

This workslot has two responsibilities. You will load laundry into dryer, fold it and redistribute it around the Coop. While the laundry is washing/drying, you will clean toys in the childcare room. You will be working with a partner on these tasks. Please contact Annette or Jana in the Membership Office for further information.

**GENERAL MEETING
SET-UP****Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.**

Adaptable, physically energetic, team workers with excellent attendance needed to help set up and break down the space where the General Meeting is held. Contact Adriana Becerra, Membership Coordinator, adriana_becerra@psfc.coop.

WIN A BRAND NEW BIKE!

Purchase a \$5 raffle ticket in the Membership Office for a chance to win one of the bikes hanging above the express checkouts. Proceeds will be used to support start-up Coops using our member-labor model through the Fund for New Food Coops.

Raffle winners will be announced at the April 28 General Meeting.

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