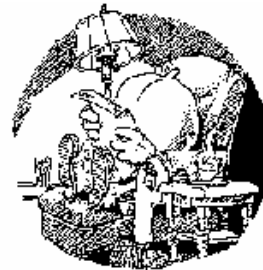


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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

WE LOVE YOU MARTIN!!!!!!!!!!!!

COORDINATOR SHUFFLE

From Martin, the substitute coordinator:

Many of you know I have been trying to quit coordinating for 7 or 8 months now. Several of you have resisted my attempts to "train" you to replace me. Finally someone with the required experience, responsibility and friendliness has agreed to act as coordinator (until such time some process may officially select her for that shift, and hopefully for years into the future). Newanna has been a marketer for only a couple years, but she has spent most of that time dealing with dry goods hassles. I think she is very able to deal with the multitude of questions all of you will begin pelting her with as soon as you figure out who she is. She will be ably assisted by her partner, Steve. After 5 and a-half years, I'm as sad as relieved to quit coordinating. I have no time for anything outside of school, but Growers is still important to me. I will cashier sometimes, work on training Thursday cashiers, and work on simplifying a couple co-op "systems". Actually, I'll be luck to have time to shop. Well, see you on the flip side.

love, Martin

RED AGAVE

The Growers board has decided to try to open negotiations with Red Agave over their proposed expansion, which would take up part of the space now occupied by the co-op. Talking with the restaurant owners does not commit Growers to accepting the proposal. We are also not sure if Red Agave will still wish to pursue the idea.

NEW STOREFRONT FOOD COOP MEETING

Tues, February 3rd, 6.

Roundtable upstairs in the Growers building. Share your energy and network. Ruby -343-6165

CO-OP EFFICIENCY

The committee considering ways to make the co-op more efficient has set up a sub-committee that will be trying to come up with plans for a one-line checkout system, which will hopefully create more space. The committee wishes to consult with coordinators, strawbosses, etc. about the idea.

GROWERS SEWER

The Growers meeting (board meeting) on Wednesday heard a report that Growers is facing a big expense for a new sewer line. We will be cooperating with the owners of the Morning Glory Building and the Lane Building. If we need a new bank loan, ShoreBank Pacific will almost surely require that we raise rents. At the time of the loan for the wheelchair lift, the bank suggested a small rent increase. --Milton Takei

WEATHER UNDERGROUND FILM

Folks, I have scheduled another showing of the Weather Underground film on Thursday Feb 4 at 7:30 at Tsunami books for folks who missed it last time. We will have a video projector, a screen and a capable techie to set it up so it works pronto. If somebody would like to volunteer to facilitate a discussion afterwards please step forward since I am not really the one to do this. Scott at Tsunami would like a head count, so please let me know if you are coming and how many others. Email me at:

gnagle2000@yahoo.com.

We will ask for a couple of bucks from each person to compensate for use of the space. Since this was agreed to be a "private" rental I can't do advertising per se but blast it out to whomever you want. Mary Obrien and I are working on bringing Mark Rudd to town in early April for a formal film showing and a day long talk with young and old activists. Film was just nominated for an Oscar for best documentary. See ya, greg

CROP THE INSANITY

USDA to Revisit Rules Governing GM Crops

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced on Thursday that it will begin revising rules governing genetically modified crops. Several of the proposed revisions sounded like good news to wary enviros. One proposed a wide-ranging environmental impact statement assessing the ecological impact of current regulations, something environmental and consumer groups have been calling for for years. Another proposed broadening the authority of the USDA to regulate several GM plants and insects not covered under current rules. While enviros expressed concern that the new process may not result in the stricter regulations they've been fighting for, they viewed this announcement as a positive step. A biotech trade group joined enviros in expressing qualified approval of the proposals, hoping that increased scrutiny of regulations would improve public trust of GM organisms. Members of the two groups could be seen nervously shifting from foot to foot, glancing shyly at each other. straight to the source: The Washington Post, Griff Witte, 23 Jan 2004

http://www.gristmagazine.com/cgi-bin/forward.pl?forward_id=1921

WHERE WAS THE BANZO LAST WEEK?

I apologize to everyone for forgetting the banzo last week. Yup, I just spaced it. Today I put in everything that was submitted for the past two weeks, but if something didn't make it, just let me know. – Julie

MORNING GLORY "GRAND OPENING" SATURDAY

Growers shopper Roy Brewer will be playing jazz with his group, the Cafe Ramblers, at the new Morning Glory's "grand opening" this Saturday, starting at around 11 am. They will play for an hour or so .

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