GREAT PARTY RECEIVED
24,179 CT VOTES
IN NOVEMBER ELECTION
Operating on a shoestring budget bolstered by volunteer Public Citizens, the CT Greens and presidential candidate Ralph Nader garnered 24,179 votes in Connecticut on November 5, 1996. While only amounting to 1.7% of the total vote the effort was still a success, considering how the media nearly excluded the Nader effort here in Connecticut and across this country.

The true success of the election is that there is now an active and growing Green Party in Connecticut. There are now locals popping up across the state as well as plans to hold a State Convention on March 22. Further plans include the running of Greens for local offices across the state. The Greens have arrived and we are here to stay!!!

ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS
Top Ten Towns
By Percentage of Total Vote
1. Cornwall 6.87% 57
2. Mansfield 6.84% 446
3. Chaplin 6.35% 60
4. Canaan 5.89% 35
5. Winchester 5.30% 241
6. Norwich 5.07% 44
7. Hampton 5.04% 43
8. Union 4. 74% 18
9. Washington 4.65% 86
10. Ashford 4.40% 85

Top Ten Towns
By Total Numbers
1. New Haven 1,056
2. West Hartford 684
3. Hamden 494
4. Middletown 488
5. Fairfield 477
6. Manchester 456
7. Hartford 449
8. Mansfield 446
9. New Britain 445
10. Norwalk 406

CT NUKES
Yankee Power has been decommissioned. That leaves Millstone 1, 2, & 3. Millstone 1 the reactor with the most damage is still scheduled by NE Utilities to be back on line by the end of the year to be followed soon after by 2 & 3. One down is better than none. (Watch for Millstone article in the next issue).

GREAT VOTE SAID "NO!" TO POLITICS AS USUAL.
"YES!" TO THE FUTURE OF GREEN POLITICS!
Nationwide Ralph Nader received 850,627 votes in his bid for the presidency. Green parties had placed Nader on the ballot in 22 states before the election. Total votes amounted to about 1% of the national turnout. The true effect of his candidacy is that there are over 30 state green parties actively working toward a green future.

TOP TEN STATES
By Percentage of Total Votes
Oregon 4.1% 28,077
Alaska 3.1% 6,178
Hawaii 2.9% 10,386
Washington 2.7% 48,162
D.C. 2.6% 4,592
Maine 2.5% 14,816
California 2.4% 214,392
New Mexico 2.2% 12,276
Vermont 2.1% 5,511
Colorado & Connecticut 1.7% 24,179

MEDIA WATCH
BRITISH MEDIA EXPOSE CIA-COCaine LINKS
By Norman Solomon / Creators Syndicate
Shock waves should have jolted America when the news broke in England a few weeks ago: "The CIA actively encouraged drug-trafficking in order to fund rightwing contra rebels in Nicaragua during the 1980s, and a CIA agent in Nicaragua was employed to ensure the money went to the contras and not into the pockets of drug barons."

That's how a London-based daily newspaper, The Independent, summarized the conclusions of investigative journalists working for Britain's ITV television network. Their findings aired Dec.12 on a highly regarded program called "The Big Story."

It certainly was a big story -- on that side of the Atlantic. But on this side, it was no story at all.

The British news reports included statements by Carlos Cabezas, who was a pilot for the Nicaraguan Air Force before the Sandinistas came to power in 1979. During the early 1980s, Cabezas transported cocaine

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ORGANIC FARMING
ATTACKED!!!
With little fanfare and no national press coverage, chemical corporations have launched an all out assault on organic farming in this nation and abroad. While chemical corporations have been poisoning our earth for most of the last fifty years with ever stronger pesticides and insecticides, a new ecologically devastating era has begun with the widespread marketing of genetically engineered products.

Leading the attack is the mega chemical corporation Monsanto, headquartered in St. Louis but with manufacturing facilities and subsidiaries in every state and dozens of countries around the globe. For those of you up to date on your corporate crimes, you may remember Monsanto as the ones who brought us PCB's, Agent Orange, and dioxins in baby cleaning products among a long host of other horrors. Their recent energies have been spent entering the genetic engineering market or more correctly put, creating the genetic engineering market. Since the FDA approval of their Cow Milk stimulant Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone in 1993, they have successfully sought and received approval for a wide range of genetically engineered crops including corn, rice, potatoes and assorted fruits.

Since WWII farmers on this planet have increasingly used pesticides & herbicides to kill off harmful bugs and encroaching weeds. But they offer only a temporary solution. The chemicals kill off the weak pests leaving the resilient pests to multiply. This in turn requires ever heavier doses of pesticides. Season after season the cycle has been repeated. After fifty years of this we have reached the point where the pesticides and herbicides needed to kill off the pests and fight off other plantlife are so strong they kill the crop itself. Monsanto has solved this problem by engineering crops which are resistant to the pesticides they sell. If this wasn't scary enough, there is a new chapter in this tale. The new chapter in this scary tale is the engineering of crops themselves which are resistant to pests.

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The Ten Key Values

1. **Ecological Wisdom** - We must operate human societies with the understanding that we are part of nature, not on top of it. This means we must live within the ecological and resource limits of the planet, applying technological knowledge to the challenge of an energy efficient and sustainable economy.

2. **Grassroots Democracy** - We must develop systems that allow us to control the decisions that affect our lives. We must ensure that representatives will be fully accountable to the people who elected them. Citizens must take responsibility for their society by becoming active Public Citizens.

3. **Social Justice** - We must respond to human suffering in ways that promote dignity. We must encourage people to commit themselves to lifestyles that promote their own health. We must have a community controlled education system that effectively teaches our children academic skills, ecological wisdom, social responsibility and personal growth. We must resolve personal and intergroup conflicts without just turning them over to lawyers and judges. We must take responsibility for reducing the crime rate in our neighborhoods. We must encourage such values as simplicity and moderation.

4. **Nonviolence** - We must develop effective alternatives to our current patterns of violence at all levels from the family and the street, to nations and the world.

5. **Decentralization** - We must reduce power and responsibility to individuals, institutions, communities and regions. We must have a decentralized democratic society with our political, economic and social institutions locating power on the smallest scale (closest to home) that is efficient and practical.

6. **Community Based Economics** - We must design our work structures to encourage employee ownership and workplace democracy. We must develop new economic activities and institutions that will allow us to use our new technologies in ways that are humane, freeing, ecological and accountable and responsive to communities. We must establish some form of basic economic security, open to all. We must restrict the size and concentrated power of corporations without discouraging superior efficiency or technological innovation.

7. **Feminism** - We must replace the cultural ethos of dominance and control with more cooperative ways of interacting. We must promote the building of respectful, positive and responsible relationships across the lines of gender and other divisions.

8. **Respect for Diversity** - We must honor cultural, ethnic, racial, sexual, religious and spiritual diversity within the context of individual responsibility to all beings. We must reclaim our country's finest shared ideals: the dignity of the individual, democratic participation, and liberty and justice for all.

9. **Personal and Global Responsibility** - We must be of genuine assistance to grassroots groups in the third world. We must help other countries make the transition to self-sufficiency in food and other basic necessities. We must cut our defense budget while maintaining an adequate defense. We must promote these ten GREEN values in the reshaping of our global order. We must reshape world order without creating just another enormous nation-state.

10. **Future Focus** - We must induce people and institutions to think in terms of the long range future, and not just in terms of their short range selfish interest. We must look to the socially and ecologically sustainable future when judging new technologies or shaping economic or social policies. We must make the quality of life, rather than open ended economic growth, the focus of our future thinking.

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from Central America to California. He ended up spending six years in prison after the 1983 seizure of 430 pounds of cocaine in the San Francisco Bay.

Interviewed for the ITV documentary, Cabezas said that he delivered cocaine proceeds to contra leaders in Miami and Costa Rica. Cabezas told the journalists that in Costa Rica he met CIA agent Ivan Gomez, who was responsible for overseeing the transfer of drug proceeds to the contras.

You might think that news media in the United States would be quick to report on ITV's scoop. No such luck.

The new year began with Americans still unaware of information that became common knowledge in Britain weeks ago. Our country's most influential big-city dailies -- The Washington Post, The New York Times and the Los Angeles Times -- haven't even mentioned the ITV story.

In sharp contrast, last fall those papers devoted enormous resources and much newspaper to attacking a series in the San Jose Mercury News that linked the CIA-backed contras to the spread of crack cocaine in urban America. Those "debunking" efforts were quite shoddy.

For instance, all three papers presented the CIA as a touchstone for veracity. They relied heavily on official sources while straining to downplay the ties between the CIA and the contras -- and between the contras and cocaine trafficking.

New York Times reporting was so eager to distance the CIA from the contras that it ventured into absurdity. On Oct. 21, the Times noted that pro-contra cocaine traffickers Norvin Meneses and Danilo Blandon "traveled once to Honduras to see the (contra) military commander, Enrique Bermudez." But the Times quickly added: "Although Mr. Bermudez, like other contra leaders, was often paid by the CIA, he was not a CIA agent."

The Washington Post's newsroom culture of denial got so bad that one news article referred to "the supposed CIA-contra connection." It didn't seem to matter that the contra army was formed at the instigation of the CIA, its leaders were selected by -- and received salaries from -- the agency, and CIA officers controlled day-to-day battlefield strategies.

Last October, the Los Angeles Times joined the other two dailies in belittling the importance of crack dealer Ricky Ross. Yet on Dec. 20, 1994 -- before publicity about his partnership with Meneses and Blandon -- a long news article in the L.A. Times had described Ross as the "king of crack" whose "coast-to-coast conglomerate" was responsible for "a staggering turnover that put the drug within reach of anyone with a few dollars."

George Orwell had such mental gymnastics in mind when he described doublespeak as willingness "to forget any fact that has become inconvenient, and then, when it becomes necessary again, to draw it back from oblivion for just so long as it is needed."

Ironically, the evidence that surfaced in British media last month indicates that the Mercury News series actually understated the extent of CIA involvement in the cocaine trade. But American media powerhouses that have done their best to discredit the Mercury News series are now ignoring the unpleasant news from overseas.

The Atlantic Ocean has never seemed wider.
CHAPTER UPDATES

**Eastern Connecticut Chapter Meeting Regularly**
On December 4, the Eastern Connecticut Chapter met in Willimantic to hear author and registered Green Party of Connecticut member Glenn Alan Cheney talk about his book, "Journey to Chernobyl: Encounters in a Radioactive Zone" and his work with the situation at Millstone Nuclear Power Station. Glenn is also a member of the Citizens' Regulatory Commission, which is active in calling for technical improvements and accountability at Connecticut's nuclear plants. Fueled with organic brownies and cider, he drew scrawy parallels between what happened at Chernobyl and has happened at Millstone.

Willimantic Green Party member Tony Clark says that at least a dozen people attended the December meeting, including several newcomers, and he considered it to be very successful. He wants Greens to know that nuclear issues aren't the only thing on the table for Eastern Connecticut Greens. Prior to the election, Willimantic had the only Green headquarters in the state, located during mid-day hours outside in a public plaza (for free rent and lots of attention). Tony says that chapter Greens are anxious to continue building the Green party in town, and at least two local members have stated privately their intention to run for city council on the Green platform in 1997, "as long as the state Greens have their act together so we can form as a Town committee by then". He emphasizes that Chapter Greens, while excited about doing electoral work, still stress the importance of community building throughout the area on local issues. For example, the Willimantic Greens held work parties on three different weekends after the election, cleaning up litter on local roadways in Windham. Local youth pitched in to help, and the Town was very cooperative in picking up the bagged litter. All above events received media coverage.

Green Max Wentworth attended the Regulatory Commission hearing in Waterford on December 17, and wants all Greens to know how much S-E CT Greens need our support. Meetings are held on a weekly basis. To help, contact Glenn Cheney @ (860) 822-1270 or E-mail <71762.355@compuserve.com> or Max at (860) 450-0929.

The NE CT/Willimantic Chapters continue to meet regularly in the Willimantic area. As mentioned earlier, Willimantic/Windham will likely have the first Green Town Committee in Connecticut, and during the February 4th meeting, planning progressed towards this goal. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 24th, at 7 p.m., at the West End Community Center in Willimantic. All Greens (and anyone curious) living in NE CT are urged to attend this pre-convention meeting, which will include time for participants to meet in small groups and discuss local town issues. In Willimantic, contact Max (860) 455-0459. In Storrs or parts east, contact Karin (860) 429-1976 or Eric (860) 779-3241 in Danielson.

**S.E. CT Chapter Formed.**
A Southeast Connecticut Chapter formed after the election, when four concerned citizens met in Hanover and decided, in principle, to form a chapter. Encompassing towns throughout the southern end of Congressional District 2, members are now mostly from shoreline towns, and the Norwich/New London area. Due to Christmas and plague of sniffles, the chapter has not met since, but with the normalization of the season, the chapter hopes to get busy. Contact Glenn Cheney @ (860) 822-1270

**Litchfield County Chapter**
Join the Litchfield Greens in creating an agenda for turning apathy into action and helplessness into a powerful grassroots organization. Bring your input and energy to carry out the goals of creating a meaningful CT Green Party by addressing the problems not being attended to by the Democratic/Republican Party. The time is now.

Contact: Ken Cornel or Joe Mustich @ 860 868-7355 or fax (860) 868-7356. Meetings are currently held every other Thursday evening @ 7:30 in Washington, CT. Please call for dates, directions, etc. A chapter in Northern Litchfield County is planned.

**Fairfield County Chapter**
Upcoming meetings are planned for Sunday, January 26 at 2:00pm & Sunday, February 23 at 2:00pm at South Bridgeport, 85 Ferris St. Bridgeport. Contact Paul Bassler (203) 846-2909 for more info.

**Meriden Area and Middleton Area Chapter Mtgs.**
Contact Aaron (203) 235-5120 in order to find out the times, dates and locations of upcoming meetings in the Meriden area. For information about Middletown area meetings, contact Adam at (860) 685-4734.

**Winsted Area Chapter**
Contact Tom at 860 693-8344 in order to find out the times, dates and locations of upcoming meetings.

**New Haven County Chapter**
New Haven Greens are now up and running and they are holding regular meetings. The city that once ran a Green Mayoral candidate will, no doubt, do it again. Contact Mike 203 432-8522 or Pete 203 562-5329.

**Hartford County Chapter**
Hartford will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday Feb. 18 at the Smith Alumni Fac ulty house, 123 Vernon St, Trinity College. Contact Mary 860 675-4523 in order to find out more or email Chris at cpr@snet.net

**Your Town!!!**
It's about time there was a Green chapter in your town too, so get to it. 24,179 people in Connecticut voted Green in November, and less than 50% of the people actually participated in the election. Who knows how many closet greens there are? There are easily enough Greens in every town in this state to start up its own chapter. So take the first step today, contact the Chapter Development Coordinator. Paul at 203 846-2909.

"If you care about the future your children will face, or the state of the environment, or inequality, or social injustice, you are a concerned citizen. If you decide to do something about it, you are a GREEN."
CONVENTION MARCH 15th!!!
Former Presidential Candidate & Connecticut Green
Ralph Nader to attend.

The Green Party of Connecticut will be holding its state convention on Saturday, March 15, 1997 at the 1199 Union Hall in Hartford, Connecticut. The all day event will be devoted to ratifying our state platform and by-laws as well as strategies and goals. Greens of Connecticut will be gathering for one of the most important events in the short history of our party, so if you are interested in the future of the Green movement plan on attending.

Ralph Nader will be attending the convention as a member of the Green Party of Connecticut and will without doubt share his wisdom and vision with us at this momentous event.

Plans include a vegetarian catered lunch as well as evening reception with entertainment by local musicians.

The Union Hall holds only 175 people, so use the form to the right to reserve your place today!!! Use the complete form if one is enclosed.

If you have any questions contact Amy Vas Nunes at 860-487-1197.

http://www.ntplx.net/droberts/ctgreens.html

Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the Green Times. It’s publication has been long overdue. The time has come for Public Citizens to reclaim their media sources from the corporations which have come to dominate them. The Green Times is just the first small step towards that goal.

The goal of the Green Times is to become a self sustaining production fueled by subscriptions. Our future plans include enlarging the paper, increasing circulation and switching to recycled newsprint and soybased inks. Each subscription pays for 6 issues mailed to your home and many, many more distributed freely on the street. Our purpose is to get the word out so please donate for a subscription.

As of yet we have no print schedule, but we will publish at least monthly, hopefully more often. This section will be devoted to your letters and comments in the future so please write to the CT Green Times c/o Eric DeVos, 262B Broad Street, Danielson, CT 06239

The Official (brutally honest) We Desperately Need Your Money Section

The Green Party of Connecticut needs you and whatever money you can afford to donate. This money goes directly to party building and getting the word out. We are a completely volunteer group of concerned Public Citizens & we need your help!

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P.O. Box 874
Storrs, CT 06268

Let us know if you are interested in attending by filling out this short form. The complete reservation form will be mailed to you. Use the complete form if one is enclosed.

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE FORM

☐ Yes, I plan on attending the Connecticut Convention

☐ Yes, I would also like to attend the reception afterwards.

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Address:____________________

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Phone:____________________

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