North Eastern Connecticut Chapter

Local chapters are in the works for communities throughout the northeast. For further information about meetings contact Karl (860) 429-1975 Mansfield & surrounding towns or Eric (860) 779-2241 in Danielson.

New London/ Norwich Chapter

The New London Greens are meeting on Monday, March 10 at the New London Public Library. Meetings are held on a weekly basis. To help, contact Glenn Cheney at (800) 822-1270 or Email l17623.355@com- press.com.

Willimantic Chapter

The Willimantic Chapter continues to meet regularly in the Willimantic area. The February 24th meeting focused on town issues and local organizing. It's petition time again!!! Green William, Tony Jack has announced his intention to run for Town Selectman which will make Tony the first CT Green to be elected to office! For further Willi info, contact Max (855) 495-0459.

Litchfield County Chapter

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

Fairfield County Chapter

Contact Paul Basler (203) 846-2909 for more info.

Meriden Area

Contact Aaron (203) 235-5120 in order to find out the times, dates and locations of upcoming meetings in the Meriden area.

Middleton Area Chapter

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

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) 962-5329.

Hartford County Chapter

March 18, 123 Vernon St., Trinity 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. For further information about the Hartford Greens Contact Mary (860) 675-4523 Or email Chris at chris@price.net

Your Town!!!

There are already enough Greens in every town in this state to start up it's own chapter. So take the first step today, contact the Chapter Coordinator, Christina at (860) 846-2909.

Public Funds

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regularly break the law in this country, and are regularly sized and fined for these violations by the E.P.A., OSHA, the Security Exchange Commission and various other federal and state bodies. Fines for wrong doing are merely figured in the price of doing business, and such fines are tax deductible as a business expense. If the state followed it's own guidelines, corporations such as General Electric, ADM ("Supermarket to the World") and many others would be off limits. The guideline also base investment in corporations which are "in stubborn disregard of the social welfare of society," as it would be easy to do this on a face

interface including the many Corporations in Hartford, as well as many other firms which have laid off large numbers of workers while giving massive bonuses to their CEO's. Nor are any of these corporations "taking steps to overcome the situation." This is simply business as usual in this country.

Now take a moment and imagine a Connecticut where such a policy was followed. Imagine a Connecticut where no public funds could be invested in "bad" corporations. Think of all the pension and trust funds in all the towns of Connecticut, as well as the State Government and State Universities. Most of these monies are currently invested on Wall Street; if we could replace our investment of our public money and pollute our air, food & water, steal our hard earned cash through price fixing, lay off our brother's & sisters while profits soar and spend millions of tax deductible dels
er each election on candidates who give out tax breaks and subsidies like they were candy. Now imagine what this state could be like if all that money was reinvested in the communities to which it truly belongs.

Write me and let me know what type of Connecticut you just imagi
ned.

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Welfare Reform = Kids in Poverty cont. from pg.1

The APDC when the fathers paid child support; this extra incentive pro
gram has been eliminated. Childless adults can only on welfare 6 months. Many are mentally ill, alcoholics or drug addicts, not eligible for SSI. Crime continues to rise in this population. It is no surprise. Crime reductions can not recover for new birth unless the baby is a product of rape or incest. Previously, the mother
= had a year before being forced to work. Now she must begin imme
diately.

I work as a child and family advocate I often see families that are not english speaking who have no training, education, transportation or day care facilities in this small england. It is difficult these famil
ies will find and keep work; if they don't, their APDC checks will slowly be cut and they will become homeless. The kids will go into the horror of foster care or a high. It is estimated that millions of children are put to poverty by this "reform," all non
voters. This is a tragedy and crime considering what our government spends on corporate welfare and the military. Before this version of wel
fare reform the federal government spent a total of $50 billion per year on welfare to the poor compared to the approximately $20 billion given away in subsidies and tax breaks. Corporations steal this country and the $350 billion spent on the military in a time of peace.

The Green Party stands against this reform. We advocate a humane policy for basic food, housing, medical, training, education and a liv
able wage. Please join our fight on these issues. The Republicans have never represented the poor in this country while the Democrats have turned their back on the poor for too long. Only the Greens can offer a strong future that represents true reform.

March 15th Founding Convention

The Green Party of Connecticut will hold its Founding State Convention on Saturday, March 15th in Hartford, at the District 1199 Union Hall of the New England Regional Workers Union located at 7 Hayhouse Ave. Consumer advocate and publisher Ralph Nader of Winsted, CT will deliver the key note speech.

The Green Party Convention will be an all day event devoted to ratifying a state platform and by-laws, and developing strategies and goals such as running candidates for local, state, and national office. The convention starts at 8:30 AM and will include a vegetarian lunch and a reception in the evening with Ralph Nader and entertainment by local musicians.

Less than a year ago, citizens came together to form the Green Party of Connecticut and succeeded in placing Ralph Nader's name on the ballot for the President of the United States by gathering over 10,000 signatures from all over the state. The Connecticut Greens successfully garnered more than 25,000 votes. Nationally, Nader came in 4th place receiving 600,000 votes while only 20 in Connecticut.

Last since November, Green Party chapters have formed in Hartford, New Haven, Meriden, Middletown, New London/Norwich and Willimantic as well as Fairfield, Litchfield, and New Haven counties.

The Green Party Convention on March 15, will be a milestone for Connecticut residents who will have an opportunity to organize around issues they feel are either ignored or distorted by the major political parties. A key issue is the weak

ening of our democracy caused by the increasing power of transnational corporations to buy elections and to push corpora

tional and over-consumption as a way of life. State policy and legislation concerning environmental quality, humane welfare restructing, local campaign finance reform, state corporate welfare reform, and a living wage will also be dis-
cussed.

If you would like to attend fill out and return the enclosed application form, or contact Karen (860) 429-1976 in order to get one. Reply as soon as possible; the 1199 Hall only holds 175 people.

Connecticut Public Funds & Responsible Corporations

In the late 80's the State of Connecticut adopted several Public Acts governing the investment of public funds into responsible corporations.

"The State not knowingly does business with or invest or maintain holdings in those firms which are in flagrant violation of the law, both federal or state, or in stubborn disregard of the social welfare of society, or do not recognize environmentally responsible policies in their corporate actions, or violate the ethics of corporate governance, and are not taking reasonable steps to overcome the situation."

This State of Connecticut, Office of the Treasurer policy guideline was largely a response to the state of Apartheid in South Africa at the time. Human rights groups and African American groups other than the National Organization for Women (NOW) from the country, and the tactic played a significant role in the downfall of the racist system there.

Beyond S. Africa, though, this broad reaching guideline has been overly interpreted and used as a tool by the state. The guideline bans the investment of state funds in any corporation which is in "flagrant violation of the law, state or federal," or "those who are not environmentally responsible." This alone bars the state, in theory at least, from investing retirement and trust funds in almost any chemical corporation, or most manufacturers. Corporations

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Welfare Reform = Kids in Poverty

Greens Say No!

I've been thinking about the Greens since their inception years ago in Western Europe. In those Green countries the poor live below 57o. In Connecticut it is 64.6%. This drastic difference is due to differing priorities. Western European countries simply place kids higher on the agenda than we do.

I joined the Greens after Clinton passed so-called "Welfare Reform". Some theorized that the law would be "repaired" by a Democratic congress, but guess what? The Republicans won!

Welfare money now goes in block grants to the states with no safety net. After the allotted money is spent, even if a family qualifies they will be rejected when the well is dry. A life time limit of 5 years per family is in effect so matters the circumstance. Recipients will find their benefits cut after 21 months regardless of whether or not they have been able to find a job, regardless of whether or not their are jobs out there to be had. Unemployed families can only receive food stamps for 3 months versus the previous 36 months.

Legal immigrants are being discontinued from Social Security and Food Stamps. Many are disabled or elderly non english speakers. One of four kids on SSI is being cut and most of them have mental and emotional problems.

Previously, mothers received a monthly $400 "pay-check" from
Millstone Update

Northeast Utilities is working quickly to get all three reactors at Millstone Nuclear Power Station, in Waterford, ready for restart. It's likely they'll "see neutrons" by the end of the year.

NU CEO Bernie Fox at last retired, having lied to the public, forced conscientious workers into destitution, endangered half of Connecticut and driven his company to the brink of bankruptcy. He will be dearly missed.

NU nuclear chief Bruce Kenyon has contracted nuclear safety activist Paul Blanch to (in his words) "represent the perspective of some of the members of the general public, to assure the Millstone plants are in compliance with NRC Regulations." While his genuine concern for nuclear safety will undoubtedly contribute to the level of safety at the Millstone, anti-nuclear activists are worried that Blanch might not be as concerned as he used to be. He says to watch his actions and accomplishments.

Bernie Fox isn't the only one to go. Kenyon says that all line management personnel at the plant have been replaced. To seek out any extant personnel who might be under investigation (NU and Millstone are currently the targets of investigations by the Dept. of Justice, Dept. of Environmental Protection, Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Energy, the Office of the Inspector General and the Conn. Environmental Protection Agency), Blanch went to George Galatis, former NU employee, to ask if anyone under investigation might still be working at the plant. Galatis refused to give names, and his attorney took umbrage at the request. Blanch now says he's sorry he asked.

Will Millstone start up again? Probably. All three reactors? Maybe not. What should happen first? Congress should hold hearings on the negligence of the NRC. All investigations should be completed before any restart. Whistleblowers who were fired should be rehired. All NU personnel who failed to report problems, and supervisors who covered up problems or harassed workers, should be held accountable. In all likelihood, felonies were committed at Millstone, and it should not be restarted until we are sure there are no felons anywhere inside the front gate.

Obituary - Judi Bari

Activist, mother, singer-songwriter, labor leader, old growth defender and organizer, FBI plaintiff, EarthFirst'er, victim of an uninvestigated bombing, fiddle player, tree-spiking opponent, anti-corporate warrior succumbed to cancer shortly before 7am PST, Sunday March 2, a little more than two weeks after the FBI's attorney accused her of faking cancer.

William Jefferson Clinton, Janet Reno, Governor Pete Wilson, MAXXAM CEO Charles Hurwitz, the City of Oakland CA Police and City Council, The FBI, especially Agent Held, and the mainstream pack-rat journalists who participated in the FBI's slandering and slander following the May 24, 1990 bombing of Judi Bari, have her civic blood on their hands.

Her death brings to a focus most of the ills people of good will confront today: the destruction of the environment by greedy corporate myopiates; the failure of State and Federal regulating agencies to do their jobs; the raiding of employee pension funds by takeover artists; the participation by law enforcement agencies on all levels--state, local and federal--in criminal activity, especially bombing and incarcerating citizen activists, like Judi, Mumia, Leonard and Gronimso; the selling of the government to the highest bidder; the ignorance of the media and its willing suspension of ethics in favor promoting the governmental and corporate lie; the rewarding of S&L raiders; the inflation of citizen action groups by the American intelligence assets; the demeaning of women's role in activating the citizenry; the damning social engineering of labor and commerce and peace and justice workers by nasty government agents; the lie that pacifists like Judi and the thousands of everyday citizens who have been arrested while working to stop the destruction of the planet are ecoterrorists; and the music that invigorates the folk scene.

All of these came together in Judi's life. She often quoted Joe Hill: "Don't mourn. Organize."