Green Party to Run in City
By TOM PULEO This story ran in the Hartford Courant August 1, 1997

The internationally known Green Party will run an insurgent campaign in Hartford this fall, trying to topple Mayor Michael P. Peters' bipartisan city council.

Former mayor candidate Elizabeth Horton Sheff heads a slate of three Green Party candidates, all of whom are seeking council seats rather than directly challenging Peters with a mayoral bid.

The Green Party is running for the three Republicans who have worked closely with Peters and council Democrats.

"Democrats are supposed to stand for compassion and justice," Horton Sheff said. "These folks are not Democrats. They're Republicrats. We're not running a third party; we're running a second party."

Her running mates on the Green Party slate are John Mozzicato, a municipal union leader, and David Imonno, a community activist and city library employee.

Peters said Thursday the three Green Party candidates don't appeal to him and he would prefer to continue working with the Republican minority. The Peters administration has portrayed itself as one that is fiscally conservative, but still delivering services.

"Everyone has a right to run, that's fine," Peters said. "But I don't hear anyone complaining out there. There are four people complaining and they got three of 'em."

Connecticut election law reserves three of Hartford's nine council seats for members of the non-majority party.

Those seats have belonged to Republicans since 1993, when Peters swept into office as an independent and quickly forged a bipartisan coalition. In 1995, Peters ran for reelection as a Democrat, handily defeating Horton Sheff, and keeping his bipartisan coalition on the council intact.

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industry and is also a massage therapist. Jack
supports the idea of municipal utility districts
and supports elected zoning boards. He sup-
ports the idea of sustainable development in
Bridgeport with a special emphasis on cooper-
aves and small business creation.
In Fairfield, Adam Shopis is running for city
council under the Green Party banner. Adam
works as a science instructor at the discovery
museum in Bridgeport.
Paul Bassler(a founding member of the CT
Greens) is running as a Green for councilman
at large in Norwalk. Paul wants to acquaint voters
with the Green Party. His campaign will discuss
corporate welfare, and the misuse of govern-
ment funds that could be used to rebuild our
libraries, schools, and parks. Paul will empha-
size the importance of citizen involvement
in government and the need to hold elected offi-
cials accountable to the true needs of the com-

munity. He will also emphasize the need for
campaign finance reform.
Also in Mansfield Amy Vas Nunes is running
for constable, a primarily ceremonial position.
Amy hopes to make this a working position as
mediator and citizen advocate. Amy is a parent
child advocate & worked on the regional quality
& diversity planning process to try to comply
with Sheff V. O'Neill.
In Willimantic, Tony Clark is running as an
independent for town council. The Willimantic
Greens hope to endorse him. Tony is a long
activist stemming from his involvement with
Vietnam Vets against the War. He has also been
in the front line trenches trying to establish
and keep open a clean needle exchange program.
Glenn Cheney has registered to run for First
Selectman and the Board of Education in the
eastern CT town of Sprague. He'll call for five
acre zoning, increased pressure on
International Paper to reduce noise and air pol-
ution, a new town recreation area to be kept
as close to natural as possible, purchase of a
building for a larger town hall and library, a
town "Office of Volunteerism," and exploration
of the possibility of rebuilding the dam that
used to span the Shetucket River. Of the four
candidates for First Selectman, Cheney is the
only one with a college degree - in his case,
three Master's degrees. He currently serves on
several town committees & is chairman of the
library. He also hosts a weekly cable TV public
access show, Sprague Today.
Other individuals throughout the state are
considering running for other offices and we
will keep you posted on their candidacies as
information becomes available.
Now it's time for you to volunteer for any of
these exciting and important candidacies! For
the first time in memory you can work for can-
didates that will vote in your self-interest. You
can vote for candidates who will put the envi-
ronment and people first. So why not give us a

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FEDERAL WATCH

Do We have a Right to Know
what's in our food?

apparently not. Corporations and congress
are working hard on the FDA reform bill H.R.
1411 which will make knowing what's in your
food impossible if not illegal. Section 28 of
the "Drug and Biological Products
Modernization Act of 1997" will outlaw
voluntary labeling of non genetically
engineered products, as well as make it
impossible for state or local legislative
bodies to enact labeling laws relating to
food safety, genetically engineered foods
or "crucify free" cosmetics.

This is despite a 1997 poll finding 93% of
American consumers demanding mandatory
labeling of genetically engineered foods, and
54% desiring organic production methods.
Similar polls have found 80% of consumers
expressing concern about food safety and pes-
icide residues, with 66% opposed to the cloning
of animals.

But as we know our elected officials don't
have to listen to us, since we aren't the ones
who write huge checks when it comes around to
election time. Citizens are urged to contact
their State & Federal Legislatures & yell at
them loudly and repeatedly.

Organic-GeneticEngineering
according to USDA

In a further Corporate backdoor power move
the USDA & the legal departments of the top
Bio-Chemical firms are working on a new 600
page legalasle definition of the term "organic".
Once the regulations go into effect local &
regional organic food standards will be forced
to come into line with the federal ruling. While
there will be many surprises in the 600 page
document, the biggest outrage is that the
USDA will consider Genetically
Engineered foods to be organic. The new
standard has not been made public yet, despite
the efforts and demands of Ralph Nader and
other Food Safety activists.

NOTE: The following products already use
genetically engineered products: Coca-Cola,
Quaker Oats Corn Meal, MacGregor's Tomatoes
Fleishmann's Corn Margarine, Frito Lay Fritos,
Karo Corn Syrup, and most Milk producers.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12
PUBLIC MEETING BETWEEN
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RALPH NADER RETURNS TO CONNECTICUT

The Green Party of Connecticut will be hosting a series of old fashioned political rallies throughout the state on August 23. Featured speaker at the rallies will be CT's native son and 1996 Green Party presidential candidate RALPH NADER who will be shuttling from event to event. Those who attend will also be able to hear speakers on a variety of subjects ranging from single-payer health care to environmental issues as well as meet Green Party candidates who will be running in local elections. Music, food and activities for the entire family will also be provided.

Find out for yourself why the Green Party of CT is the fastest growing political party in the state. Join us at one of the sites listed below and learn how you can become part of a movement to tack back your government from the concentrated power, money and greed which threatens the very soul of democracy.

Saturday, August 23, 1997
List of State Picnics

**Litchfield Greens**
- Brunch from 10:00am - 1:00pm
- White Memorial Nature Center
- RT 202 (Can't miss it!)
- Litchfield, CT
- Ralph Nader speaking from 10:30 - 11:30

For Further Litchfield Info
Contact: Tom (860) 693-8344
or Walte (860) 364-5100

**Hartford Greens**
- 11:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.
- Hartford Seminary
- 77 Sherman St (Off Farmington Ave Near UConn Law School)
- Hartford, CT
- Directions: From Hartford Exit 46 off I-84, Turn right onto Sisson Ave follow to end, take right on Farmington then immediate left (next to gas station) to Sherman St
- Ralph Nader speaking from 12:30 - 1:30

For Further Hartford Info
Contact: Mike (860) 956-8170
or Mary (860) 675-4523

**Northeastern Greens**
- Picnic & Rally from 12:00 - 4:00
- Mansfield Hollow Park
- Basset Bridge Rd (Off Rt 195)
- Mansfield, Ct
- Ralph Nader speaking from 2:30p.m. - 3:30p.m.

For Further NE Greens Info
Contact: Amy 860 487-1197 or Karin (860) 429-1976

**Southeastern Greens**
- 3:00 - 7:00
- Neighborhood Park
- Corner of Reed & Coit
- (One Block from Bank Street. Look For the Christopher Columbus Statue.)
- New London, CT
- Ralph Nader speaking from 4:30 - 5:30

For Further SE Greens Info
Contact: George (860) 443-0309

**New Haven Area Greens**
- Party from 4:00 - 8:00
- Christopher & Margarida Clovet's House
- 71 Klaman Dr.
- Hamden, CT
- Ralph Nader from 6:30 - 7:30

For Further New Haven Greens Info
Contact: Paul (203) 846-2909

**Fairfield County Greens**
- Party from 6:00 - 10:00
- Paul's Back Yard
- 577 Beldon Hill Rd
- Norwalk, CT
- Ralph Nader speaking from 8:30 - 9:30

Suggested donation of $15 will go towards electing Greens across the state and building a lasting force for Democracy here in Connecticut.
Official Application Form for The Green Party of Connecticut

1. Please tell us a little about yourself:

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2. How did you first hear about The Green Party of Connecticut?

☐ a) At school (please specify): ___________________________

☐ b) Internet/web page (please specify): ___________________________

☐ c) Newspaper article (please specify): ___________________________

☐ d) Other organization (please specify): ___________________________

☐ e) Poster/leaflet (please specify): ___________________________

☐ f) Radio show (please specify): ___________________________

☐ g) Television (please specify): ___________________________

☐ h) Word of Mouth/friend (please specify): ___________________________

3. The Green Party of Connecticut's membership is its most valued resource. We are developing a confidential database of our member's skills, resources, and experience. Perhaps you are a musician and are willing to play for a fundraising concert, or you are a lawyer with no time but vast expertise, and are willing to be contacted with specific questions. Or you might be a community activist with intimate knowledge of the needs of your neighborhood, or an anti-toxic activist who is widely-read on the chemicals in our environment. Maybe you have no time, but have office space and telephones you're willing to provide after hours for Green Party purposes. Please describe yourself:

Skills
☐ Artistic ☐ Audio/Visual ☐ Computer ☐ Musical ☐ Other

Please Specify: ___________________________

Resources
☐ Computer hardware available ☐ Office space/equipment ☐ Printing/copying services ☐ Other

Please Specify: ___________________________

☐ I have TIME. I can commit: ___ Hours weekly or ___ Hours Monthly.

Experience
☐ Legal ☐ Fund-raising ☐ Media-relations ☐ Community/Issues Organizing ☐ Other

Please Specify: ___________________________

Membership dues structure:
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☐ Student/Elderly Membership - $15.00 ☐ Sustainer of the Greens - $120.00
☐ Working Membership (4 hours monthly) ☐ ___________________________

Mail & make payable to: Green Party of Connecticut
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Mansfield, CT 06268
Milestone Update
by GLENN CHENEY
Milestone has been moving quickly toward restarting unit 3. At a recent meeting in Waterford, the NRC told the public how carefully it was being, but the public did not sound convinced. The NRC admitted that it was using the same methods of verification that it always used and that by necessity it was still depending on the utility to monitor itself. The process for verifying whether all systems are "Go" involves the inspection of only 5 of the 88 risk and safety-related systems, and the NRC will be looking at only one or two systems.

Connecticut Yankee, of course, is permanently shut down. The problem now, however, is that more radiation leaked out into the soil than anyone knew. Estimates are in the hundreds of millions of dollars. At this late date, the NRC has found that plant negligent in its control of radiation.

In the good-news department, the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control refused to even hear NU's argument that ratepayers should reimburse the company for some of the costs of the shutdown. The DPUC said that there was no question that NU had been negligent in its operation of the Milestone plant. The company has lost over $1 billion.

NU reported no brown-outs in Connecticut this summer despite the heat wave and four nuclear reactors shut down. After two summers and a winter without nuclear energy, the company had no comment as to the actual purpose of its nuclear reactors.

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G R E E N E ' S C O N C E R N
"Government of the people, by the people and for the people"
-Lincoln 1863
You have all hear these famous words, spoken by a man who is today considered the greatest President this country has produced. Were the words true in 1863? The words are definitely not true today. Professional politicians, corporations, lobbyists and the ever narrowing media have replaced the people in shaping our government.

The new Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse have two things in common, power and money. The concept of those with power and money controlling a county is not new, but the United States set out to be different, this was to be a true democracy. We broke away from an aristocracy because we saw the injustice and waste in a system where all the power is concentrated in the hands of a few. If we really have a democracy, why is the U.S. Senate often referred to as the House of Lords? And what kind of a democracy allows a candidate to win when 75% of the people eligible to vote, do not vote for that candidate?

In the early years of this country, when citizens had something to say they could go to the town square and voice their opinions. Today's town square is television. What a great tool for a democracy! Ideas and information could now be spread quickly, over the "Public Airwaves". Well not exactly, although the airwaves belong to the people, the "system" is set up so the politicians sell licenses to the media and the media charges the politicians for "ads". The ads are very expensive, as much as 70% of all the money spent by the candidates is for TV ads. This high cost effectively keeps the people out of the process and perpetuates the two party stranglehold. Other modern democracies are open to parties not of the ruling elite. Let's wake up. This fund raising/spending scheme seems like such a waste (I am not talking about the lack of quality or content in the ads) so much money wasted, so much time, so many temptations, so many opportunities for special interests to seek special favors, so many convoluted rules, so many foreign exchange calculations, etc.

The solution seems obvious: build free citizen / political time into the leases. The details can be worked out. If a network says no, withdraw the license. This would work except, "The Four" don't like it. It would open things up for new political voices, we would have a real democracy! As it is now you need a lot of money to get in the game (Aristocracy). All they talk about in this country when running for office is money. "The Four" like the power they have and will continue to stall change. The reason nothing will come of the current hearings is all the members are part of the problem! So enough about money, open the airwaves and let the Democracy begin!

-Think N. Greene

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Ralph Nader Returns

Saturday August 23rd

Where:  
- Litchfield
- Hartford
- Mansfield
- New London
- New Haven
- Norwalk

What:  
The Green Party invites you to a fund raising/awareness raising picnic featuring guest speaker, former presidential candidate & consumer activist, Ralph Nader, as well as music, food & other speakers including local CT candidates.

Support your local Greens.