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The Green Alternative in the 2004 Elections

At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2004, the Gateway Green Alliance and Universal African People's Organization will co-host a forum on "The Green Alternative in the November 2004 Elections." We will look at problems confronting the St. Louis area and what Green Party candidates have to offer. The forum, to be held at Genesis House, 6018 Delmar, will include:

- Peter Downs, editor & publisher of *St. Louis Schools Watch*, an alternative newsletter about St. Louis schools
- Willie Marshall, Green Party Candidate for City of St. Louis Public Administrator
- Lydia Lewis, Green Party Candidate for State Senator, District 15

- David Henry, Green Party Candidate for State Representative, District 91

St. Louis has severe problems, such as institutional racism, epidemic lead poisoning, polluted air, attempted destruction of public schools, closing of public hospitals, inadequate public transportation, and squandering of public money on sports stadiums.

Willie Marshall: A Champion for the Forgotten

The Green Party of St. Louis/Gateway Green Alliance announces Willie Marshall's candidacy for the office of Public Administrator (PA) for the City of St. Louis in the November 2004 election. The PA is in charge

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Listening Project Findings:

Whose Freedom Are We Fighting For?

by Kalimu Endesha, Organization for Black Struggle

[The article below is based on the presentation by the author at the Black & Green Wednesday forum of September 1, 2004 on "The Listening Project." The Project is a joint effort between the Organization for Black Struggle (OBS) and the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). About 100 black people were interviewed about their opinions concerning terrorism, security, war, and peace.]

The overwhelming responses by the Black community to the questions posed by the listening project interviewers (including me) made several things clear. African Americans in St. Louis have not been duped or hoodwinked by the Bush regime's so-called "war against terror." Too many of us still have vivid memories of the fight against Jim Crow segregation that denied us access to voting rights, quality education, living wage jobs, adequate housing, health care, and equal protection under the law. Also

not forgotten are:

- The assassination of Malcolm X, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Medgar Evers, Fred Hampton, and Mark Clark
- The murder of Emmitt Till
- The civil right workers in Mississippi
- The bombing of the MOVE organization in Philadelphia
- The ethnic cleansing of African Americans in East St. Louis
- The destruction of Black Wall Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma,

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Slay's Raiders Year II: The Dismantling of the St. Louis Public Schools

Commentary by Byron Clemens

Mayor Blames Poverty on St. Louis Public Schools

A recent article regarding St. Louis ranking seventh in the nation in poverty level prompted a response from Mayor Slay and a *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* headline: "Mayor Blames Poverty Level on St. Louis Public Schools." We can't lay the blame on the steps of City Hall or at the feet of the Mayor's friends at Civic Progress or any local corporate board rooms—that would be as unfair as making some shady reference to the Slay family's alleged ties to the Syrian-American Mafia. I would never stoop that low, not with the Mayor touting a major political referendum called "Home Rule" in November (the four Charter Amendments featuring the "strong mayor model," the appointment of formerly elected officials, and gutting the Board of Alderman). I applaud the *Post* for its fair and balanced coverage of all of the Mayor's endeavors. They would never run a headline like "St. Francis the Union Slayer: Mayor Behind \$35 Million Outsourcing of Union Jobs to Sodexho," or something really outrageous like "Mayor Finds Money for Stadiums: Guts Schools and Health Department." Maybe these issues are just too complex for

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Jamala Rogers, Kalimu Endesha, & Lori Reed speak at Black & Green Wednesday, September 1, 2004. Photo by Don Fitz.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Gateway Greens,

I humbly ask, Does your party have a St. Louis mayoral candidate in mind? I grew up mostly in Washington, MO and a few other small cities around the state. I have traveled all over talking to people about issues and made numerous friends around St. Louis City, County and the entire state. A random election worker door-to-door two weeks ago remembered going to the same bus stop with me back in grade school simply by hearing my name again. I guess I can thank my grandmother since she came up with it at my birth.

I think a good name is only one part of a strong campaign. A real connection to the issues you're making decisions about is essential. These are things I want to tackle in office and some of my personal connections to each:

- **Health Care:** I believe all people have the right to adequate health care. The elderly have earned the right to be taken care of, low income individuals should not have to go without insulin or other life threatening medications due to outrageous costs. My own dental care has been neglected due to inadequate funds. Or the fact that my grandmother had to return to the emergency room three times in two weeks due to clumsy hospital care.
- **Education:** Every person should be able to get an education for free up to a high school level, with aide readily available for those who choose to continue their education as well as help with job placement after graduation. Put a decent lunch back in city schools. Things like Taco Bell or Lurchables are not nutritious and show kids that less attention that is being shown toward them. Some kids get only that meal in a day. I want my kid well thought of when I decide to have one.
- **Wages:** The price of living increases every year and even quarterly, but the amount of pay everyone earns hardly ever increases. Bring back belief in making a good product and save money on just needing parts rather than creating more waste on stuff easily broken and replaced. A lot of city workers haven't gotten a raise in two years. Well paid workers are happy, diligent workers. I've tried to live on \$7.00 per hour and less than 30 hours a week, it doesn't work. My grandmother still works 40 hours a week for minimum wage at 84 because she cannot afford to quite.
- **Recycling:** Back to basics. Teach kids to throw away their trash. So many people walk down the street and put their trash right on the ground, kids and grown ups too. No wonder our air and water are so polluted if people treat the street like this. Bus stops with no trees for shade. Have you ever been out there baking on a hot day waiting for the bus? If there are fewer and fewer trees, no wonder the air quality



Jamala Rogers, Black Radical Congress, speaks at Black & Green Wednesday. Photo by Don Fitz.

Come to the Green Party Outreach Meeting

The Outreach Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm (at 3026 Cherokee) to develop connections with an ethnically diverse population, work on our own media productions, and get the Green word out to kindred groups and radio, TV, and print media.

is poor, trees make oxygen. Also, more energy conservative means of transportation need to be found and implemented to cut pollution.

- **Minorities:** Maybe a female vice president to ease everyone into the idea the first eight years. Not just addressing women's or blacks issues, but each and every minority to bring their numbers together under a third party. It should have a committee that is diverse ethnically and culturally, as well as age-wise, to hear different point of views. Try to set aside one day every week or two to invite people to talk for 5 to 10 minutes about issues. People like to feel like part of the decision-making process.
- **War:** I am firmly against war. God and personal karma usually do a very good job taking care of people who are acting up or hurting others. I think the conflict in the Middle East has been going on long before we got there and will continue to go on after we leave. I see no reason to add our good people to the number of their dead. A good friend from grade school is now gone thanks to this fight and my little brother is over there now.

Well, that gives you a little idea of the kinds of issues I would like to tackle in my campaign. There are so many it's hard to list them all. Knowing so many people across the area ranging from doctors to the unemployed or disabled gives me a personal obligation to get the best possible living conditions I can for them. We are all one family, not the Democrats versus the Republicans or the rich versus the poor; we all live here and we all deserve the same treatment and right to pursue happiness. This has not been happening lately and it has made me desire to use my popular influence from young to old to turn this back into a country we can be glad to call home, like it used to be, instead of lying to turn people to God, in making this a better place to live, perhaps I can do both.

Thank you for your time and attention. I think my vast circle of diverse family and friends might be what this party needs to unify all undecided voters into a worthy voting entity to shift control from the all Democrat and Republican lock-out.

Sincerely,
Rev Kirby Michael Atkins-Edwards

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Was NY "Disenfranchised?"

by Don Fitz, Green Party of St. Louis

[Note. This is a continuation of the article "GPUSA Congress 2004—Looking at Ourselves," which appeared in the August, 2004 *Compost-Dispatch*.]

One of the ugliest disruptions at the 2004 GPUSA Congress was over credentialing delegates from New York. An individual is not allowed to simply show up, declare, "I am from such-and-such state," and then receive votes for that state. "Credentialing" means that those who are delegates must show evidence that the members of the Green local, state party or state caucus elected them as representatives.

Groups were asked to show evidence of a local or state election by June 14, a week before the Congress. By that date, delegates from Arizona, California, Maine, Pennsylvania, and St. Louis sent documentation that there had been a membership meeting which elected them.

When the Congress began on June 21, Mitchel Cohen presented an undated letter from the Coordinating Committee of New York Greens that it had appointed him and Maria Kuriloff as delegates. He did not have any evidence that members of the New York Green Party had elected him or wished him to represent them. Therefore, the Credentialing Committee recommended that Mitchel receive half of New York's votes: 46 instead of 92. Over Mitchel's interrupting, yelling, and attempting to prevent others from speaking, the Congress agreed with the Credentialing Committee by a vote of 314 to 30.

Part of the reason that over 90% of the votes were for this compromise was that it follows GPUSA precedence. Bylaws require delegations to be gender balanced. At a 2001 meeting, when Wisconsin showed up with an all-male delegation, it received half of its potential votes.

New York was not the only state to receive less than its potential votes at the 2004 GPUSA Congress. Missouri did not elect delegates at a state-wide meeting. Consequently, delegates from Missouri either represented the Gateway Green Alliance (GGA, which did have a membership meeting) or non-GGA members had 1 vote each.

Similarly, Chicago Greens asked if they could represent Illinois. But they acknowledged that they were not elected at a state-wide meeting. Since they did produce documentation that they were elected at a Chicago Greens meeting, they received votes for their local.

During and after the Congress, the Mitchel group thundered that the process "disenfranchised" their state. This is odd,

since Mitchel Cohen's vote went from 1 as an individual to 46 as a (dubious) state delegate. It is ironic that the "disenfranchisement" claim came from New York, which received 46 of a potential 92 votes, while Chicago's representatives, who received 12 votes instead of 60 potential Illinois votes, accepted the rules of the Congress in good faith. If the Congress acted inappropriately in assigning delegate votes, it was in giving Mitchel Cohen 46 votes instead of 1 vote when he presented no evidence that rank and file New York members wished him to vote on their behalf.

A final mention should be made regarding the complaint that the Congress was being "anal retentive" in asking that Mitchel be held to a guideline he may not have understood. During a heated debate on bylaws changes the following day, the facilitator said "I call the question."

Mitchel responded, "According to Roberts Rules of Order, the facilitator cannot call." The facilitator backed down and another delegate called for a vote. Apparently, Mitchel Cohen knows rules of procedure. Since he has been to several national GPUSA meetings, he is well aware that state delegates must be elected by members rather than appointed by a committee.



Kalimu Endesha, Organization for Black Struggle, speaks at Black & Green Wednesday. Photo by Don Fitz.

Join the October 8 Coalition!

October 8, 2004

US Presidential Debate, Washington University

The St. Louis October 8 Coalition is organizing a full day of activities, including workshops, forums, films, food, fun, march and rally. For details and to sign up to help, see <http://www.stlo8.org>

Come to the Green Party Membership Meeting

The Membership Meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm (at 3026 Cherokee) to look at Green finances, membership, fundraising and Green Wednesday educational programs.



Minutes of the July 14, 2004 General Meeting of the Green Party of St. Louis/Gateway Green Alliance

3026 Cherokee, St. Louis MO. Don facilitated, Barbara Chicherio took minutes

Those in attendance: Barbara Chicherio, Don Fitz, Eugene Frison, Paki Mahdee, Willie Marshall, Angelika Mueller, Jason Murphy, Susie Parker, Jeremy Stattman.

1. GGA endorsed Missourians To Abolish the Death Penalty (MADP)'s Resolution which calls on the governor of Missouri and Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly to take the necessary steps to impose a moratorium on executions at least until this state implements legislation, rules, policies and procedures which ensure that death penalty cases are administered fairly and impartially in accordance with basic constitutional guarantees such as the right to due process of law, guarantee competent legal representation to every capital defendant, and eliminates the risks that innocent persons may be executed. Barb will fill out the resolution for the GGA and return it to Margaret Phillips.
2. Central Committee (St. Louis City, Mo Green Party). Jason Murphy gave a brief report. He will resign as the chair of the Central Committee due to gender balance issues. Willie Marshall will take over Jason's position of Chair and a new Vice Chair will need to be elected. The Central Committee is also in need of a secretary.
3. Willie Marshall's campaign for Public Administrator of St. Louis City. We will set up a schedule of events for Aug., Sept., and Oct and will prioritize Wards 20 and 21. Jason will develop a flyer/resolution for a petition to support various issues that Willie and the Greens are endorsing or working on. A tri-fold for Willie's campaign was picked and endorsed by the group. We discussed inserts that will be printed to announce the various rally's. The current focus will be on the August rally. Zaki will confirm the date. *Compost-Dispatch* will announce the rally. Don and Jason and Willie will develop a data base and we discussed a schedule and plan for making phone calls. Don will write a script for phone calling. We also discussed the Sept. Pesto Feast and how to use it to build Willie's campaign as well as other Green candidates endorsed by the Mo Green Party.

Next GGA General Meeting: Aug. 11, 2004 at 7 pm.

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of caring for the financial needs and the general welfare of those who are unable to care for themselves such as the mentally ill.

In addition to individuals who are currently served through the PA office, there are others who are desperately in need of services—groups such as the incarcerated, homeless, victims of racism and discrimination, undocumented workers and the unemployed and underemployed St. Louis citizens who have dropped out of the job market. These often forgotten citizens are in need of a strong advocate. Mr. Marshall's vision is to make sure that this occurs. He would like to expand the number of people served through the Public Administrator's office by implementing an ombudsman-type program.

Many people within these groups face a variety of social as well as personal problems that make it impossible for them to break the cycle by themselves. There are many St. Louis citizens who do not have family ties upon which they can rely for assistance and support. The Public Administrator's job should be to make sure that people do not slip through the cracks because of a lack of money or understanding of the legal system.

Currently, the PA's main duties involve resolving wills and other probate issues (such as taking charge of the assets of City residents who die without family or wills), and acting as guardian for the mentally ill or developmentally disabled. If elected, Mr. Marshall would seek to expand these duties to include:

- Acting as their ombudsman and mentor
- Assisting or intervening when other institutions fail to perform
- Assessing needs and making sure they are adequately addressed
- Watching over their safety and welfare
- Publicizing cases of deliberate institutional indifference
- Speaking on their behalf in advocating political changes
- Working on their behalf with other organizations and institutions
- Acting as legal guardian, when necessary

Mr. Marshall has a long history of public service and activism in the St. Louis community. Some of his accomplishments include:

- Campaign manager for Zaki Baruti for Governor in 1988
- Organizer with the Universal African People's Organization since 1990
- Involved with the reparations movement for Americans of African descent since 1992
- Member of the Coalition Against Police Crimes and Repression
- Outspoken proponent for Civilian Oversight and Review Boards
- Worked with Health and Environmental

Justice on lead poisoning of St. Louis children

- Long standing activist in Organization for Black Struggle
- Worked to develop a consumers union to pressure banks and other financial institutions to effect positive changes in African American communities
- Vietnam-era veteran, 1959-1965
- Vice-chair of the Yeatman Community Education Center
- Mentor at Elliot School

Elect Willie Marshall

Send your donation to help elect Willie Marshall as Public Administrator of the City of St. Louis to:

Committee to Elect Willie Marshall
Eugene Frison, Treasurer
P.O. Box 6246
St. Louis, MO 63106

Please make checks payable to: "Committee to Elect Willie Marshall." Mr. Marshall can be reached at: 314-385-6906 if you would like to volunteer or just express your support. For more information, visit the Greens' web site: www.gateway-greens.org

Listening Project

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- The jailing and exiling of Black liberation fighters such as Assata Shakur, Robert F. Williams, Huey Newton, H. Rap Brown, and Mumia Abu Jamal
- Black Vietnam veterans suffering from not only the nightmares of fighting in an unjust war for this country but also Agent Orange and the Vietnam Syndrome
- The rich getting richer while we get poorer and poorer

I was talking with one of the senior respondents to the Listening Project the other day. She said she remembered when we were organizing against the Team Four Plan about 30 years ago here in St. Louis. The Plan called for turning North St. Louis—Black North St. Louis—into a wasteland by denying services and money for development and improvements. They closed down Homer G. Phillips City Hospital, bussed thousands of our brightest children to county schools, and most recently, shut down neighborhood schools, creating the educational crisis that we suffered over the last year.

Let us not forget the reign of terror by the racist St. Louis Police Department marked by the reckless murder of young Black mother Marilyn Banks in 1983, the sadistic beating of mentally challenged Gregory Bell, and the 28 shots fired at a Black family while in their car.

Our collective minds are full of the above

horror stories, and I'm not talking about just the activists and avowed Black freedom fighters. I'm talking about the over 100 Black folk we interviewed whose responses made it clear that the PATRIOT Act is the new COINTELPRO. They believe that the so-called "fight against terror" is a modern day McCarthyism that threatens to take away the freedoms in which we have yet to share. They are convinced that Bush was lying when he said that "no child will be left behind." They see that the only jobs created during Bush's four years are sub-minimum wage jobs, 3 or 4 of which are needed just to make ends meet.

Those surveyed have also not failed to notice that the health bill rammed through Congress by the Bush regime does not provide accessible and adequate health care. Instead, it represents a blank check for the legal drug dealers—the pharmaceutical industry. The young Black men and women who are dying to protect our so-called freedom in amerikkka and to establish so-called democracy in Iraq and Afghanistan would not be there if there were living-wage jobs and careers for them here at home. Our young Black sons and daughters are sacrificing and putting their lives in harm's way for the sake of oil and the billions of dollars to be made by the oil companies. The billions of dollars that could fund the fight against the ravaging AIDS epidemic or poverty in Africa and here at home are flowing into the pockets of their US corporate cutbuddies such as Cheney's Halliburton Corporation. Many clearly saw through the facade regarding the US-Israeli unholy alliance against the Palestinian people, and that the billions of dollars given to Israel funds the occupation of Palestine and the murder of its people by chief butcher Ariel Sharon.

We are fighting for are basic human rights: the right to a job, education, housing, health care, recreation, peace, and prosperity. The so-called war against terror is an attempt to put reparations to African Americans on the back burner—or even into the trash bin of history. The Establishment wants us to swallow the red, white, and blue designer drug of patriotism and hallucinate that we are fighting for our freedom. They want us to be so afraid of the terrorists-in-the-closet that we forget that they—the government and the ruling class—still have their racist feet on our necks and exploitive knives in our backs. They want us to forget that, as Brother Malcolm said, "we are in prison and just don't know it."

The Listening Project message is: No, we are not going for the okey-dokey. Our plight is the same as the Iraqi people. We are fighting against a common enemy, the bloody and brutal Bush regime and his war machine. Hell no, we won't go! No justice, no peace in America or the Middle East.

Slay's Raiders

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us common folk to understand.

School Board Hires Chief Academic Officer

Slay's Raiders (the original gang of four school board members led by former Mayor Vince Schoemehl and joined by Insurance Agent Veronica O'Brien) have publicly announced that it is time to move past the turmoil of last year and look to the future. The future of the St. Louis Public Schools looks all too familiar. The new school session began with newly shuttered buildings, displaced staff, 30 replacement principals, and buildings that were not ready for the first day of school. Behind the scenes are familiar themes of six-figure salaries for mid-level bureaucrats and CAOs, CFOs, COOs, and a new glut of highly paid Assistant-Deputy Something-or-Others (makes you wonder what the new Superintendent Floyd Crues, with his substantial salary, actually does). We also have a Public Relations firm that featured students from out of state for a "Back to School" campaign (see, they have figured out a way to outsource students). There is little or no money for salaries, supplies, and education, but plenty of bucks for bureaucrats and multi-million dollar contracts for multinational corporations like SODEXHO and ARAMARK (the food service that sent students to local hospitals with food poisoning).

For Whom the Bell Tolls: Public Schools Represent Our Future

Recent headlines, from the *New York Times* to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, have sounded the death knell for Charter Schools. Charter School scores across the nation, and in categories across the board, ranked significantly behind public school "No Child Left Behind" test scores. Charter Schools that funnel taxpayer dollars away from public schools to privately managed hands were supposed to be the Republicans' solution to our public school problems. After years of lax financial accountability and oversight problems, these headlines have sent Charter Schools the way of the dinosaurs. Former Mayor Schoemehl was unsuccessful when he asked for ten new Charter Schools but that dead horse may not yet be thoroughly beaten. Mayor Slay has bet his political future on tearing up the public schools and on so-called charter reform. He may find temporary political gain from this plan, but temporary gain is not the answer. Fully funded public education is an investment in our future and in future generations. If Civic Progress and the Mayor fail to recognize this basic fact, if they continue tax abatements and failed corporate models for privatizing public education, they will bankrupt the future of St. Louis and the

MO Cannabis Coalition 4th Annual State Conference

Saturday, October 23, 2004 Roger Wilson Building, Courthouse Square 8th St. & Ash, Columbia, MO

10am-11am Welcome and assembly. Coffee and donuts.

11:00-11:45 am Missouri Cannabis Activism. Panelists: Terri, Amber, Amanda, Sterling, Elyse, David. Local Missouri Cannabis groups discuss activities, issues and laws.

12:00-12:45 pm Industrial Hemp and Missouri. Panelists: Terri/David, Dan, Fred. A hemp-based, bio-diesel demonstration for the Missouri hemp-mobiles. Discussions on the history of hemp in Missouri, and the possibilities of industrial hemp as an economic and environmental resource.

1:00-1:30 pm Perspectives of a Federal Medical Marijuana Patient. Irv Rosenfeld, a stockbroker from Ft. Lauderdale, FL, is one of eight medical marijuana patients legally recognized by the US government. While maintaining a relatively normal work schedule, Mr. Rosenfeld is prescribed up to 12 marijuana cigarettes daily. Mr. Rosenfeld was recently successful in a suit against Delta Airlines, in which he was prohibited from flying while carrying his legal medicine.

1:30-1:45 pm Medical Marijuana: A Doctor's Perspective

2:00-2:45 pm Why Medical Marijuana? (Panel Session)

3:00-3:45 pm Cops Want to Legalize Pot: Ask

Me Why. Howard Wooldridge of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) Mr. Howard Wooldridge spent over 25 years serving various duties for police departments in three Texas townships. Howard is one of the founding members of LEAP and currently spends much of his retired time speaking to civic groups across the country about the inherent problems with drug prohibition. Howard recently traveled across the country on his horse, wearing a t-shirt that says "Cops want to legalize pot: Ask me why," and speaking to public groups.

4:00-4:45 pm Marijuana Law and You. (Panel Session). Panelists: Howard Wooldridge, Keith Stroup, Dan Viets. Laws, knowing your rights, and what you can do to make a change.

5:00-5:45 pm It's NORML to Smoke Pot! Words from the Founder. R. Keith Stroup, Esq., Founder and Executive Director of NORML Keith Stroup, originally from neighboring Carbondale, IL, founded the National Organization of Marijuana Laws in 1970. Mr. Stroup served as the National Director of NORML from its founding through 1979, when marijuana was decriminalized in 11 states. He rejoined the board in 1994, and currently is serving his last year as the executive director before retirement.



Lori Reed, American Friends Service Committee, speaks at Black & Green Wednesday. Photo by Don Fitz.

surrounding area for generations to come.

Byron Clemens is a Gateway Green, a Union Activist (AFT LOCAL 420, AFL-CIO), and a journalism teacher in the St. Louis Public Schools

Green Time

St. Louis' only environmental public access TV show is produced by the Gateway Greens in conjunction with DHTV Ch. 21 and the cable system in St. Louis.

City of St. Louis:

Double Helix Channel 21

Sun. & Wed evenings, 7:00 p.m.

Fri. afternoons, 2:30 p.m.

Sat. afternoons, 12:30 p.m.

St. Louis County:

Charter Classic Area: Ch 18

Sat. evenings, 6:00 p.m.

St. Charles County, Channel 18

Saturday evenings, 6:00 pm

Sunday afternoons, 2:00 pm

Monday evenings, 7:00 pm

Metro East (Illinois), Channel 12

Mon-Sat, 2:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Sunday afternoons, 12:00 pm

Green TV in the St. Louis Area

Green Time episodes:

“Against the Grain”

How has the way we grow food changed during the last century? How does that affect human health? How does it affect ecosystems? What are monocultures and what is wrong with them? Will genetic engineering really help feed the world? These are some of the questions that host Don Fitz and guest Kriss Avery of Rainbow Sound cover while discussing her experiences growing up on a Kansas farm. This episode of Green Time begins with “Against the Grain: Biotechnology & the Corporate Takeover of Your Food,” a 13 minute video exploring changes in farming brought about by genetic engineering.

Double Helix Channel 21 in the City of St. Louis:

7:00 pm, Wed, Sept 29, 2004,
2:30 pm, Sat, Oct 2, 2004,
12:30 pm, Fri, Oct 8, 2004,
7:00 pm, Sun, Oct 10, 2004.

St. Louis County, Charter Classic Channel 18:

6:00 pm, Saturday, Oct 2, 2004
6:00 pm, Saturday, Oct 9, 2004

“Against the Grain: Biotechnology & the Corporate Takeover of Your Food” is shown with permission co-producer Britt Bailey. To order a copy contact www.videoproject.org

“Let There Be Weeds”

In her May 2004 presentation at Midwest Biodevastation 8 in St. Louis, Dr. Marti Crouch looked at interconnections between technology, health and the environment. In this episode of Green Time, she explores modern agriculture and its war against any organism in its landscape. Dr. Crouch maintains that the goal of keeping agriculture and nature separate is neither possible nor desirable. She discusses the value of weeds as a source of food and for the health of agriculture and ecosystems. The dandelion is an example of a useful and vigorous plant that some would risk poisoning their children to exterminate.

Double Helix Channel 21 in the City of St. Louis:

7:00 pm, Wed, Oct 13, 2004,
2:30 pm, Sat, Oct 16, 2004,
12:30 pm, Fri, Oct 22, 2004,
7:00 pm, Sun, Oct 24, 2004.

St. Louis County, Charter Classic Channel 18:

6:00 pm, Saturday, Oct 16, 2004
6:00 pm, Saturday, Oct 23, 2004

For more information about Green Time productions, please call Don Fitz at 314-727-8554. To order a particular show, send \$23 (+\$5 for next day delivery) to “Double Helix” at 625 N. Euclid, Suite 460, St. Louis MO 63108.

Labor Beat episodes:

City of St. Louis: Double Helix Channel 21

Sundays, 3:30 pm
Saturdays, 6:00 pm

St. Louis County, Charter Classic Channel 18

Tuesdays, 10:00 pm

St. Charles County, Ch 18

Saturdays, 6:30 pm
Sundays, 2:30 pm
Mondays, 7:30 pm

Maryville IL, Ch 18

Wednesdays, 2:30 pm

Working in America:

St. Louis County, Charter Classic Channel 18

Tuesdays, 10:30 pm

St. Charles County, Ch 18

Saturdays, 5:30 pm
Sundays, 3:00 pm
Mondays, 8:00 pm



Million Worker March

Over 1,000 soldiers dead and counting along with tens of thousands of Iraqi dead and many more wounded. This war must end now.

On October 17, 2004 in Washington, DC you will have a historic opportunity to unite the anti war movement with the vitality of working people speaking out. This call to action was initiated by the International Longshoremen & Warehouse Local 10. Unions along with anti war groups have responded to the call knowing that this is a crucial moment for the labor movement and the progressive community.

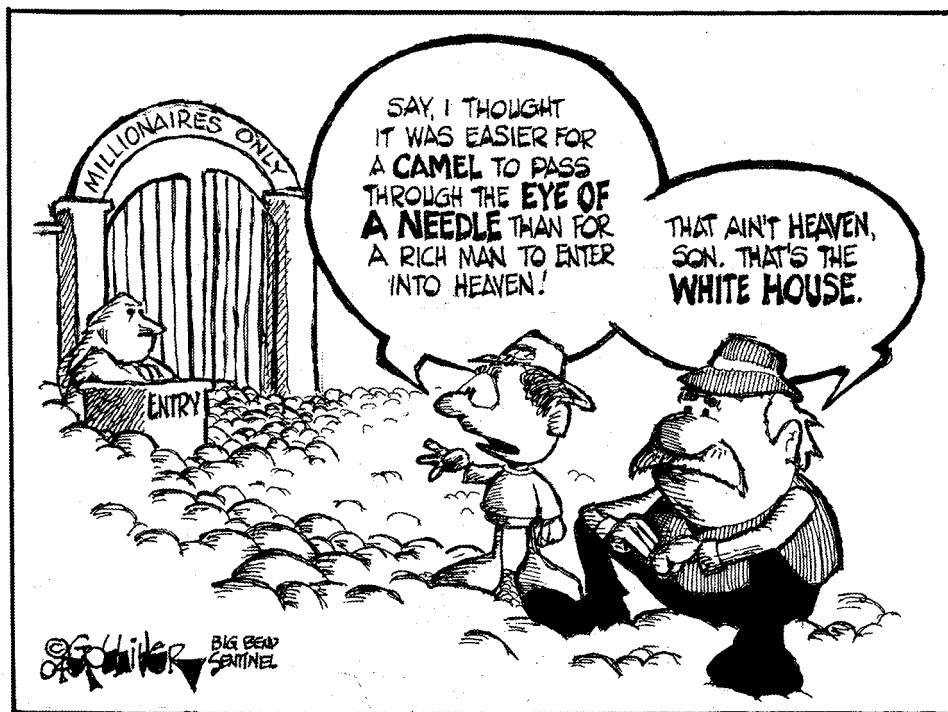
We know that regardless of the outcome of the elections, the war machine, and the corporations that support them will seek to impose their plans for death and devastation. Advances in trade unionism, peace and justice, and civil rights have only come through mass mobilization of the working class to action. We cannot and must not rely on elections in November to stop the war. We must raise our voices loud, not after the elections, but right now.

We need your support.

Join the Million Worker March.

<http://www.millionworker-march.org/>

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**Minutes of the August 11, 2004
General Meeting of the Green
Party of St. Louis/Gateway
Green Alliance**

3026 Cherokee, St. Louis, MO. Don facilitated, Barb took minutes.

Those in attendance: Barbara Chicherio, Eugene Frison, Don Fitz, Willie Marshall, Paki Mahdee, Susie Parker.

1. Prepared Agendas for meetings. Proposed agendas should be prepared one week in advance for Wed. meetings. Barb will post the agenda for the business meetings. Don will prepare the agendas for the political meeting and Willie will prepare the agenda for the outreach meeting.
2. Welcome Wagon Committee. Susie and Barb will discuss how to greet new members, devise a plan and implement the plan.
3. Black and Green Wednesdays. Sept will be the Listening Project. Oct. will be Green Campaigns (Willie, Lydia and David Henry). Nov. will be the Coke Boycott. Dec. will be lead.
4. Pesto Feast. The Pesto Feast Program will be lead featuring Dr. Blount and a speaker from the rural lead belt (first choice). The second choice for the program is "Building A Black/Green Alliance in St. Louis."
5. Willie's campaign. There will be a rally at Legacy for Willie on Aug. 21 from 10 am-12 pm (outside) and 12 pm -1 pm (inside). We are planning another Rally for Oct. 16 (Day of Atonement). We would also like to leaflet at the Black Expo. (Aug 20-22).

Next Business Meeting: Wed. September 8, 2004 at the Randall Building (7 pm).



Montague Simmons comments during September 1 Black & Green Wednesday forum. Photo by Don Fitz.



Vincent Terrell comments during Black & Green Wednesday forum on "The Listening Project." Photo by Don Fitz.

**Financial Report
4th Quarter 2003
10/01/03 - 12/31/03**

by Jason Murphy, Treasurer,
Gateway Green Alliance

Opening Balance	\$7,102.86
Income	
Membership dues	\$390.00
Donations	\$103.00
Fundraiser (Biodev/pesto)	\$170.00
Lit and t-shirt sales	\$147.00
Total Income	\$810.00
Expenses	
Salary (MA)	\$1220.08
Jobs with Justice	\$35.00
MOGP	\$10.00
GPUSA	\$60.00
Printing	\$979.56
Copying	\$113.07
Postage	\$460.74
Phone	\$153.05
Eden rent	\$75.00
Webster rent	\$20.00
CAMP rent	\$800.00
CAMP utilities	\$124.05
Bank charges	\$4.50
T-shirt printing	\$475.24
Videotape purchase	\$59.13
Website (Omnis Network)	\$92.35
Air purifier (office)	\$120.35
Office supplies	\$112.14
IRS (MA)	\$220.32
Biodev UAPO Power Hour	\$170.00
Biodev transportation	\$93.00
Biodev consultant (VD)	\$500.00
Biodev supplies reimburse	\$31.68
Biodev food purchases	\$84.35
Dragonfly reimburse (MA)	\$35.00
Dragonfly office supplies	\$11.75
Total Expenses	\$6050.36
Ending Balance	\$1862.50

Progressive Calenders on the Web

- Jobs With Justice Solidarity Calendar:
<http://www.stl-jwj.org/calendar.html>
- Instead Of War Calendar:
<http://www.insteadofwar.org/site/calendar/index.php>
- St. Louis Indy Media Calendar:
<http://www.stlimc.org/stlouis/calendar/index.cgi>
- Missouri NORML Calendar: <http://www.gstlnorml.org/>

**Come to the Green Party
Political Meeting**

The Political Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm (at 3026 Cherokee) to discuss political issues and plan for electoral campaigns.



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What do Green Party candidates have to offer in confronting severe problems in the St. Louis area?



• **WILLIE MARSHALL**, Green Party Candidate for City of St. Louis PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

• **LYDIA LEWIS**, Green Party Candidate for STATE SENATOR, District 15

• **DAVID HENRY**, Green Party Candidate for STATE REPRESENTATIVE, District 91

• **PETER DOWNS**, Editor & Publisher of ST. LOUIS SCHOOL WATCH, an alternative newsletter

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Ecological Wisdom • Grassroots Democracy • Nonviolence
Global Responsibility • Decentralization • Feminism
Future focus/Sustainability • Community-based Economics
Respect for Diversity • Personal & Social Responsibility

The Green Party of St. Louis announced Willie Marshall's candidacy for the office of Public Administrator (PA) for the City of St. Louis in the November 2004 election. This PA is in charge of a range of the financial needs, and day-to-day operations of those who are unable to care for themselves, such as the mentally ill. There are others who are dependent on state of emergency services such as the homeless, jobless, and disabled. In addition, victims of assault and sexual harassment, and other workers, and the unemployed and underemployed in St. Louis are in need of job training and job placement services. The Green Party will support and be the job creator. These are the most vulnerable citizens. We will support Willie Marshall's bid to make these services available to all.

Come to the meeting of the **Missouri Green Party!**

1:00 pm, Sunday, October 3, 2004

Randall Bldg, 3026 Cherokee (at Minnesota), St. Louis, Missouri.

For more information, call MOGP Coordinator Barbara Chicherio at 314-727-8554.



10 Key Green Values

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