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## **Green Party Presidential Debate Watch to be held Wednesday at Caffe Tlazo**

(Algoma) The Ahnapee River Green Party will hold a Green Party Presidential Debate Watch on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM, at Caffe Tlazo in downtown Algoma. Participants will view the Northern California Green Presidential Debate, held in San Francisco's Herbst Theater on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. All four Green Presidential candidates participated.

The Wisconsin Green Party is in the midst of its month long presidential preference voting period, which ends on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Green Party members are marking paper ballots, choosing from four Green presidential candidates: Jesse Johnson, Cynthia McKinney, Kent Mesplay, and Kat Swift.

The Wisconsin Green Party will hold its Spring Gathering and Membership Meeting this coming weekend in Oshkosh. There Wisconsin Green presidential preference ballots will be counted, and Wisconsin delegates to the Chicago Green Party Presidential Nominating Convention in July will be chosen.

The public is welcome to attend Wednesday's Green Debate Watch at Caffe Tlazo this coming Wednesday. Participants may share a meal at Caffe Tlazo at 6:00 PM, and begin viewing the Green Presidential Debate at 7 PM.

For more information, visit <http://www.wisconsinngreenparty.org>

To view "Green Campaign 2008: A Presidential Debate that Matters," visit:

[http://www.gp.org/2008-elections/president/sf\\_debate.php](http://www.gp.org/2008-elections/president/sf_debate.php)

### **Green Party Presidential Candidates**

**Jesse Johnson** is the co-chair of the Mountain Party of West Virginia, which became affiliated with the Green Party of the United States at the national meeting in Reading last July. He produced, directed, and acted in many plays and films, and founded Talkback, Children Respond to Violence in the Media, which uses the arts to teach inner-city elementary school students how to combat violence. He was the Mountain Party's candidate for Governor in 2004 and U.S. Senate in 2006. Website: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mMxgYnmdHfg>

**Cynthia McKinney** was elected to the Georgia state legislature as a Democrat in 1988 and to Congress in 1992. She was the first African-American woman from Georgia in the House of Representatives, serving in Congress from 1993 to 2003 and from 2005 to 2007. She served as an advocate for Hurricane

Katrina victims, and voters disenfranchised in the 2000 and 2004 election. Last year, she left the Democratic Party and registered as a Green.

Website: <http://www.runcynthiarun.org/>

**Kent Mesplay** has been a registered Green since 1995 in California, serving as one of his state's delegates to the Green National Committee since 2004. He has worked as a substitute teacher and an Air Quality Inspector at the Air Pollution Control District, San Diego. He also served as the president of Turtle Island Institute. In 2004, he ran in the Green Presidential primaries and caucuses, and in 2006, in the Green primary for U.S. Senate.

Website: <http://www.mesplay.org/>

**Kat Swift** is a member of the Green Party of Texas, having served on her party's State Executive Committee and as co-Spokesperson for the national party's Women's Caucus. She has served as a facilitator for the Green Party and for several other organizations, groups, and coalitions, including Clean Money San Antonio and SA Democracy Now. She currently works as an accountant. In 2007, she became the first Green to run for the City Council of San Antonio.

Website: <http://www.bexargreens.org/katforprez/>