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SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1-5 PM

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ENTERTAINMENT
12:00 PM
MAIN STAGE
Music by The Viper and His Famous Orchestra
Accordian Music by Tim Yeager
Poetry by Carlos Cortez

OPENING REMARKS
1:15 PM
MAIN STAGE
Studs Terkel, Former Mayor of Baghouse Square
Studs Terkel is America's preeminent oral historian and author of over two dozen books, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning The Good War. Recently "retired" from his WFMT radio show, Studs continues to chronicle the stories and histories of the anonymous millions who work, cook, and clean for everyone else.

SOAPBOX SESSIONS
(Following Opening Remarks)
1:30 PM
Soapbox sessions last approximately twenty minutes per speaker. All three soapboxes run simultaneously.

Soapbox 1
Gale Ahearn - The Human Rights Problem in the World Today - Is Right Here in the USA
Paul Fehribach - Food Irradiation: Health Food or Frankenfood?
Robert Rubins - Coaxing the Line with Americraft
Kathy Kelly - Smart Solutions: Tiding the Noose Around the Necks of Ordinary Iniquity

Soapbox 2
Matt Galloway - Is the Right to Vote Enough?
Jim Reold - Taking it to the Streets: The Drive for a Gun-Free Chicago
Daryl Gordon - Arresting the Police State
Eugene Pincham - (Mystery Topic)

Soapbox 3
Jay Miller - Living the War on Drugs
Pam Alfonso - Is a House No Longer a Home?
Quentin Young - Health Care: A Business or a Right?
Bob Rudner - Can the Green Party Take Seed in the US?

SOAPBOX SPEAKER AWARDS - 3:00 PM
ALTGELD AWARD - 3:05 PM

MAIN DEBATE
3:15 PM
Is There a God?
YES: Reverend Eugene Winkler
NO: Kenan Heise

Reverend Eugene Winkler is serving his twelfth year as Senior Pastor of The Chicago Temple/First United Methodist Church, the city's oldest congregation housed in the world's tallest church. Dr. Winkler has done graduate work at Yale Divinity School and Princeton Theological Seminary. Sabbatical leaves have given him the opportunity to study in Israel, France, Poland, the former Czechoslovakia, and Austria. He has also worked and studied in Thailand, Vietnam, and Cuba. Dr. Winkler serves on several boards in Chicago, including the American Civil Liberties Union, Protestants for the Common Good, the Better Government Association, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless, and Inspired Partnerships.

Kenan Heise, Kenan Heise spent eleven years studying to be a priest before opting to pursue a career as a writer. A retired award-winning journalist at the Chicago Tribune for 34 years, he is also a playwright and author of more than a dozen books. "My pursuit," he says, "is not of God, but of personal freedom and responsibility."

SOAPBOX SPEAKERS
Gale Ahearn, a.k.a. Jane Doe
The Human Rights Problem in the World Today - Is Right Here in the USA
Jane Doe has been an activist since 1985, when her husband disappeared in America's Gulag system because of his politics. She writes, speaks, performs, and creates art and videos about the struggle for legal resolution and considers prison abolition stage two in the struggle to end slavery and free the oppressed.

Pamela Alfonso
Is a House No Longer a Home?
Pamela Alfonso, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Tenants Organization, is deeply concerned about Chicago's neighborhoods. She believes speculative buy, rebel, and re sell houses at much higher prices, which drives up property values to the point where lower and middle class families cannot afford to stay in the houses they have owned for years.

Paul Fehribach
Food Irradiation: Health Food or Frankenfood?
Paul Fehribach founded the Illinois Food Safety Coalition in February, 2001, to fight food irradiation in Illinois. He has been a food and environmental activist since 1992, when he became the first chef in Indiana to begin working with farmers to get food grown without pesticides, herbicides, or chemical fertilizers. Paul helped launch the Laughing Planet Café, the country's first organic food-oriented quick-service restaurant in 1995 in Bloomington, Indiana. He has publicly debated food irradiation with officials from both the USDA and FDA.

Matt Galloway
Is the Right to Vote Enough?
Matt Galloway is an advocate for the Midwest Democracy Center, which was founded in 1999 and is dedicated to documenting and disseminating the best practices of democracy. The MDC has identified reforms that will improve the way we elect our representatives and the diversity of voices heard in government.

Daryl Gordon
Arresting the Police State
Daryl Gordon is a member of the Autonomous Zone, the October 22 Coalition (a march to stop police brutality), and the Chicago Anti-Racism Network.
Kathy Kelly

Smart Sanctions: Tightening the Noose Around the Neck of Ordinary Iraqis.

Kathy Kelly, a 2000 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, helps coordinate Voices in the Wilderness, a campaign to end the UN/US sanctions against Iraq. Members of the campaign are committed to non-violent resistance to injustice and oppose the development, storage, sale, and use of all weapons of mass destruction, including economic sanctions imposed on innocent civilians.

Jay Miller

Living the War on Drugs

Jay Miller has served as a newspaper reporter, labor union organizer, and education director. From 1960 to 1965, he acted as Peace Education Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) for Illinois and Wisconsin. He is the former director of the Illinois ACLU. In recent years, Miller has worked on civil rights issues ranging from prayer in schools to legal services for the poor.

Justice R. Eugene Pincham

(Mystery Spot)

Justice R. Eugene Pincham has served as a lawyer, as Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, and as Justice of the Appellate Court of Illinois. In 1991, he ran against Richard M. Daley for Mayor, carrying 19 of the city’s 50 wards. He is the former leader of the Justice Party and was one of the founders of the original Harold Washington Party. He continues to serve as a community advocate and activist, encouraging greater participation by members of our society to stem the tide of corruption and make government operate for the benefit of the people.

Jim Reckl

Taking it to the Streets: The Drive for a Car-Free Chicago

Jim Reckl is a representative of Critical Mass, a worldwide movement to promote the use of bicycles as a viable means of transportation. Critical Mass grew in response to what many call the "car-culture," an overdependence on the private automobile. It is, more than anything else, a reclamation of space and a demonstration to show that the city belongs to people and not machines.

Robert Rubin

Coming the Line with America

Robert Rubin has been described as the Citizen’s Utility Board’s Jack of All Trades. Officially titled "Administrative Assistant," Robert’s duties include processing all gifts made to CUB, answering the phones, and helping the staff to fight for better service and lower utility rates. He has previously worked as a file clerk at Winston & Strawn, a Chicago law firm.

Bob Rudner

Can the Green Party Take Root in the US?

Bob Rudner is a College of Complexes regular and Green Party organizer. He has been active with the Greens since the 1980s and has worked on numerous campaigns. He was the Green Party’s candidate for Senate in 1996.

Dr. Quentin Young

Health Care: A Business or a Right?

Dr. Quentin Young is the past president of the American Public Health Association. He has been a clinical professor of preventative medicine at the University of Illinois Medical Center since 1987 and attending physician at the Michael Reese Hospital since 1954. He is the founder and chairman of the board of the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group and its the national coordinator of the Physicians for a National Health Program.

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