

Celebrating 75 Years of Listening to “One Fool at a Time”



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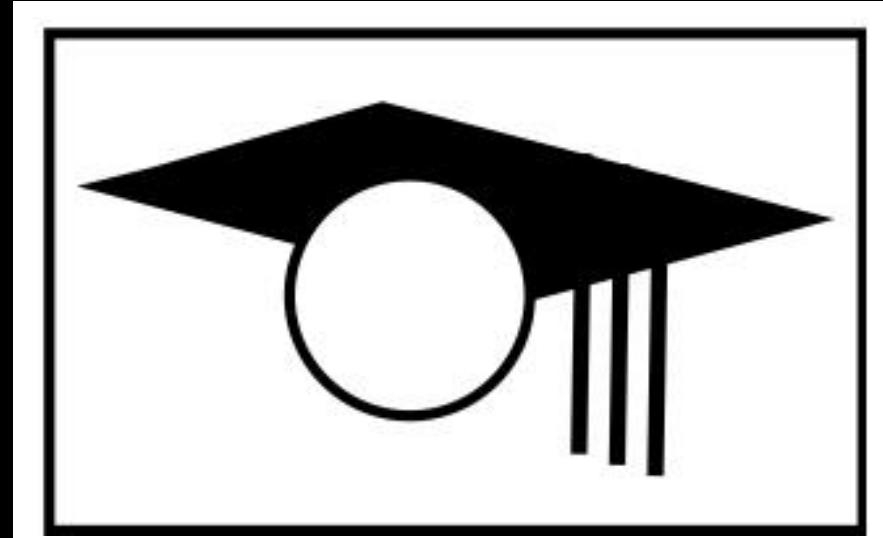
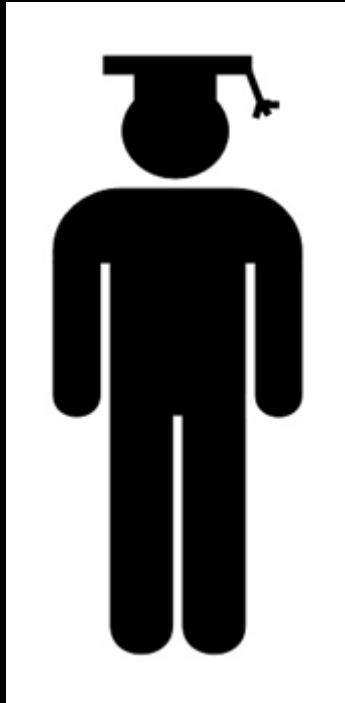
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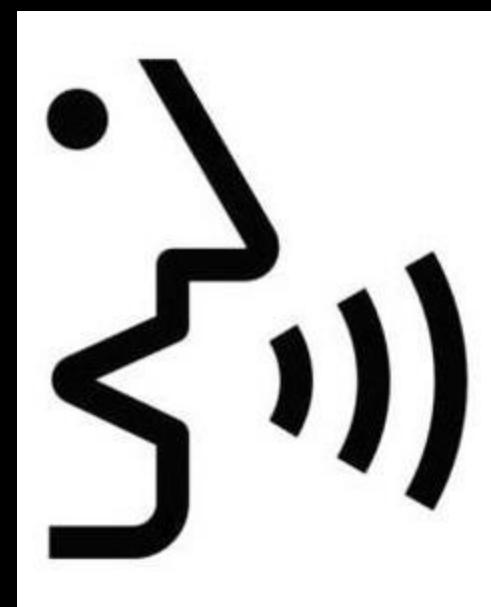
By Charles Paidock

Program Coordinator



Logo
over
the
years







**Next open dates at the College of Complexes
weekly free speech forum
January 15, 29, on Zoom**

Soap Box Tradition



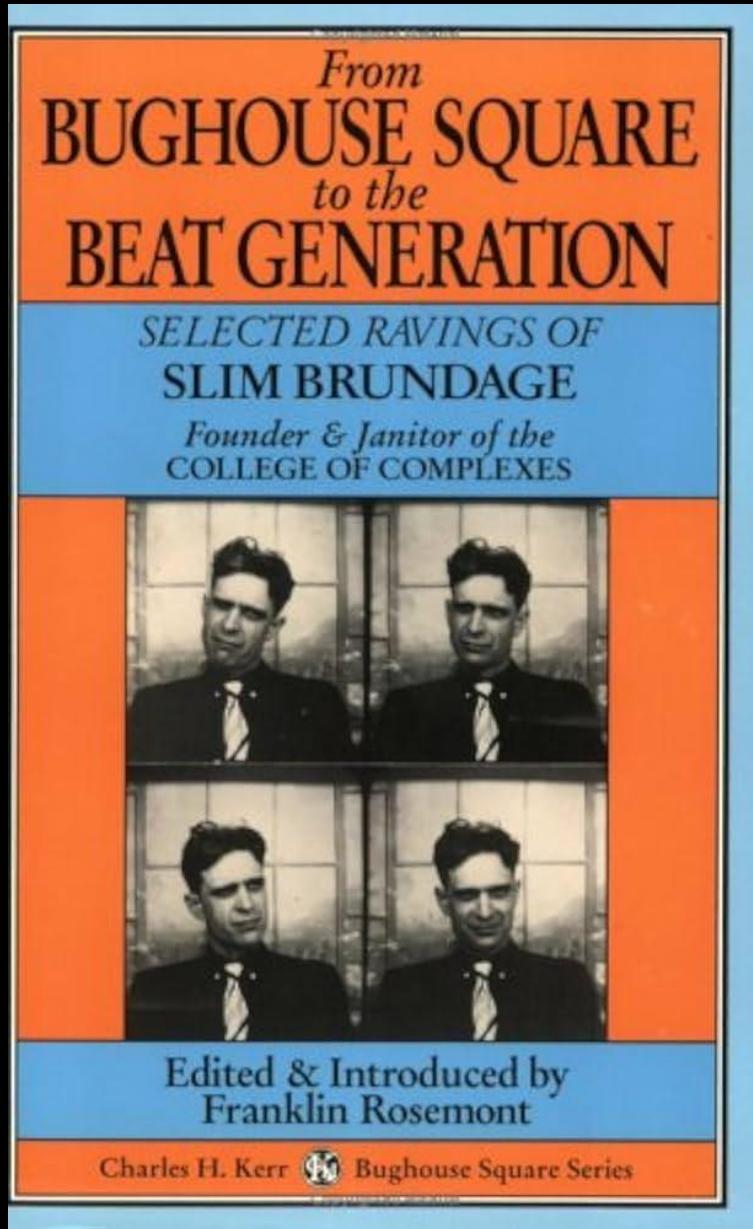
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Presentation
Questions and Answer Period
Rebuttals / Remarks by those in
attendance
Speaker's Final Comments



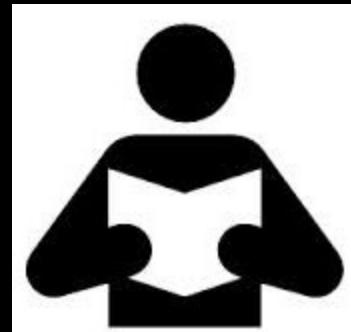
College of Complexes - Statement on Free Speech



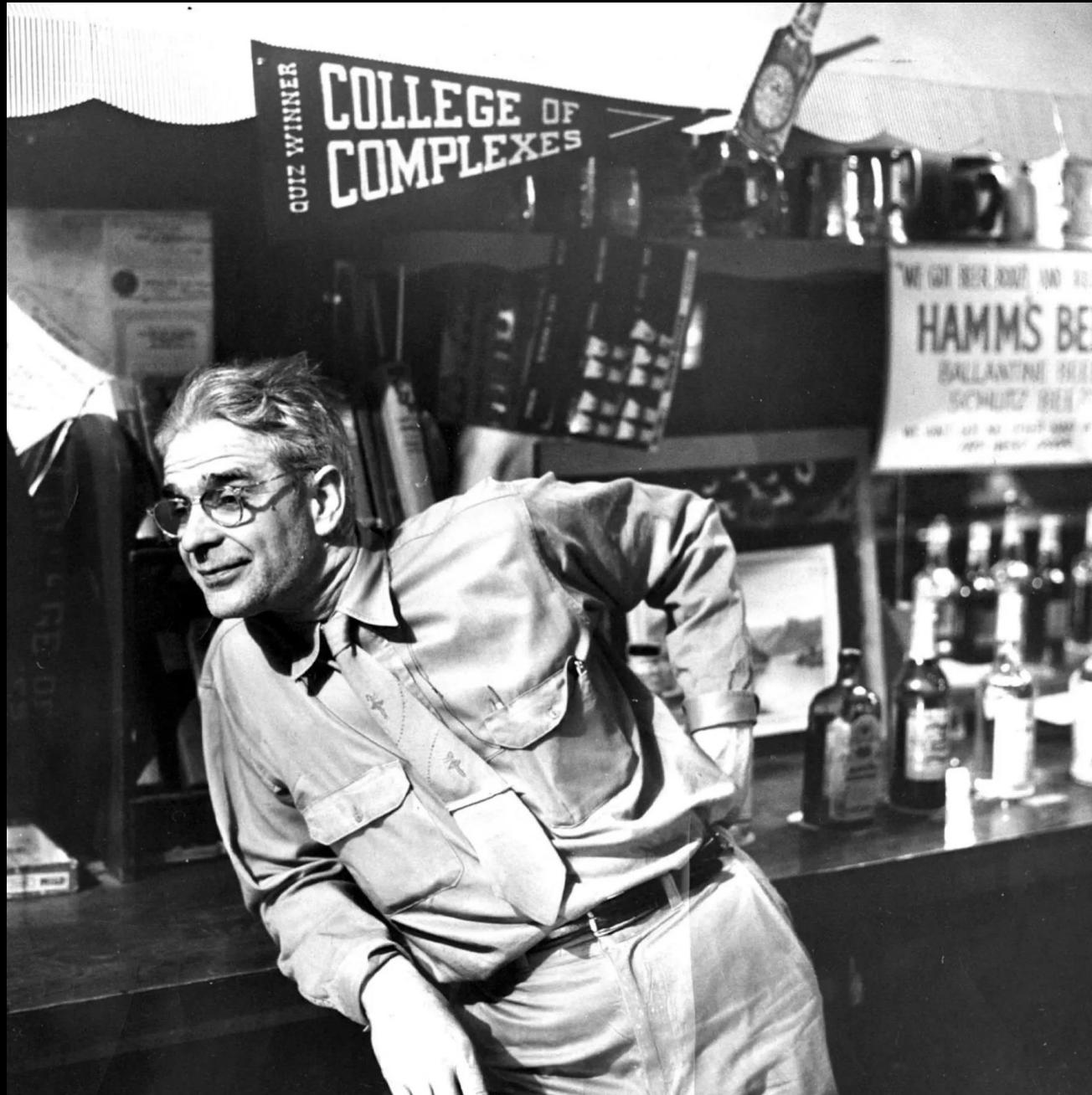
Our constitution and laws encourage the freest possible exchange of opinions, ideas, and information. In part, that recognizes our worth and dignity as human beings. To forbids us to speak our minds demeans us and makes us more like slaves or robots than citizens of a free country. But as important as freedom of expression is for us as individuals, it is perhaps more important to society at large.



History



From Bughouse Square
to the Beat
Generation:
Selected Ravings of
Slim Brundage
Charles H. Kerr
Publishing Company





Media



"The legendary forum for free-thinkers and iconoclasts"

Chicago Tribune

"the entire spectrum of ideas. .to the very far out"

Lerner Newspapers

"always ahead of its time, or completely out of step with it"

Chicago Reader

"People who have strong opinion on every topic under the sun,
or beyond it"

Chicago Sun-Times

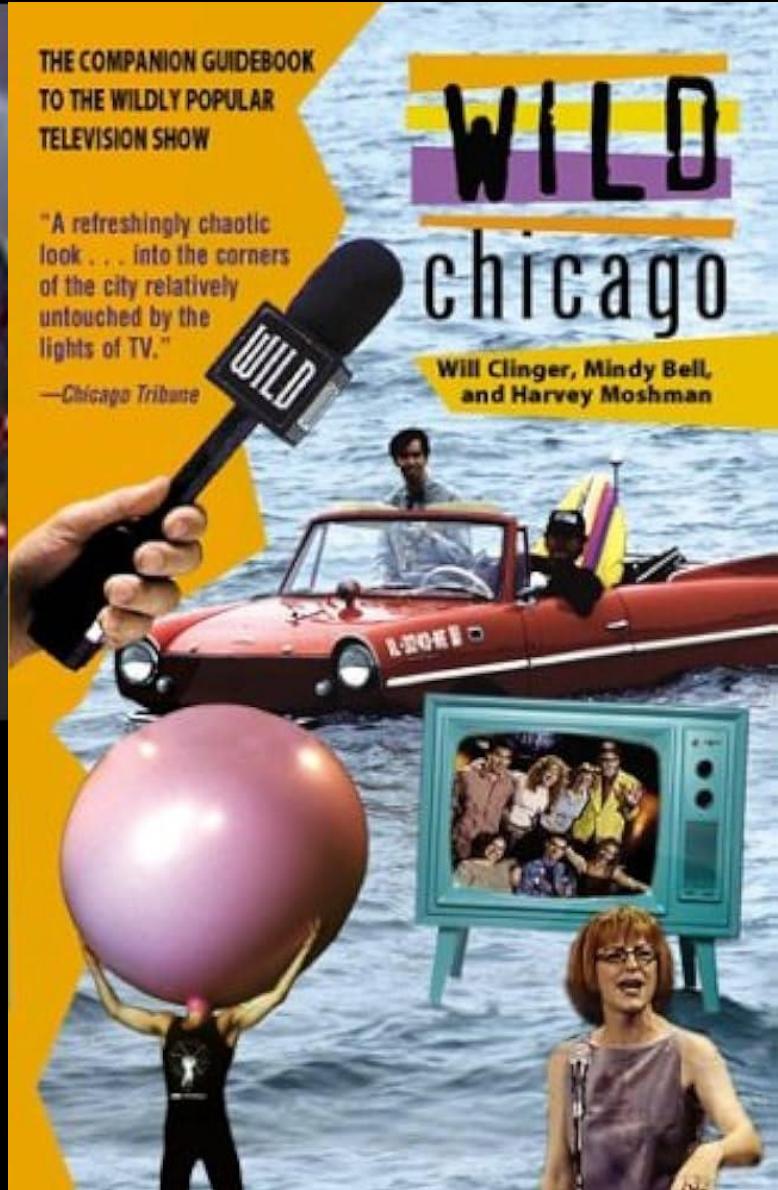
"the topics are guaranteed to encourage spirited discussion"

Hyde Park Herald



Wild Chicago Show

WTTW PBS



One could learn the speaker and topic
by telephone
via an answering machine with a
weekly updated announcement



Printer's Row Book Fair





College regular
arrested by
police in 2005



The underground in Chicago knew him as J.J. Jameson; the Massachusetts penal system knew him as Norman A. Porter Jr., a murderer who escaped in 1985.

In 2005, Porter/Jameson was arrested in Chicago. "It's been a good 20-year run," he told the police at the time. Now in his mid-70s, Porter is up for parole in Boston.

College regular Gene Horcher evades police around corner at protest by Jane Addams Senior Caucus





Cell 29

Written by Burr McCloskey

A historical play (edited and abridged by Charles Paidock) incorporating the actual writings and speeches of the principal characters – performed annually at the May 1st meeting of the College of Complexes

Reading of Play on the occasion of the Millennium

The Golden Musician at the Temple of Humanity



College of Complexes

"The Playground for People Who Think"

Free Speech Forum

on social issues and current events



Special Guest Speaker
Every Saturday



6:00 PM

www.collegeofcomplexes.org
Hilltop Restaurant 2800 W. Foster
\$3 Tuition Free Parking dinner optional



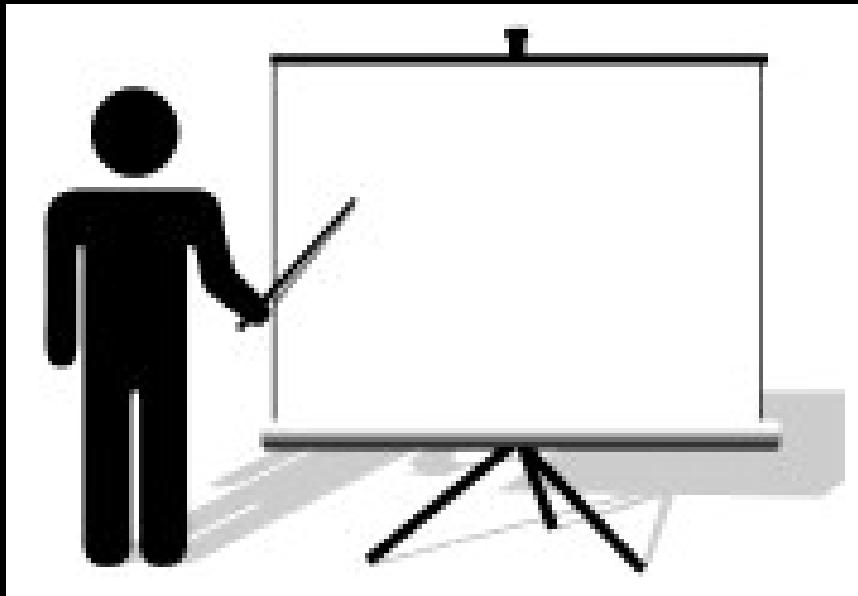
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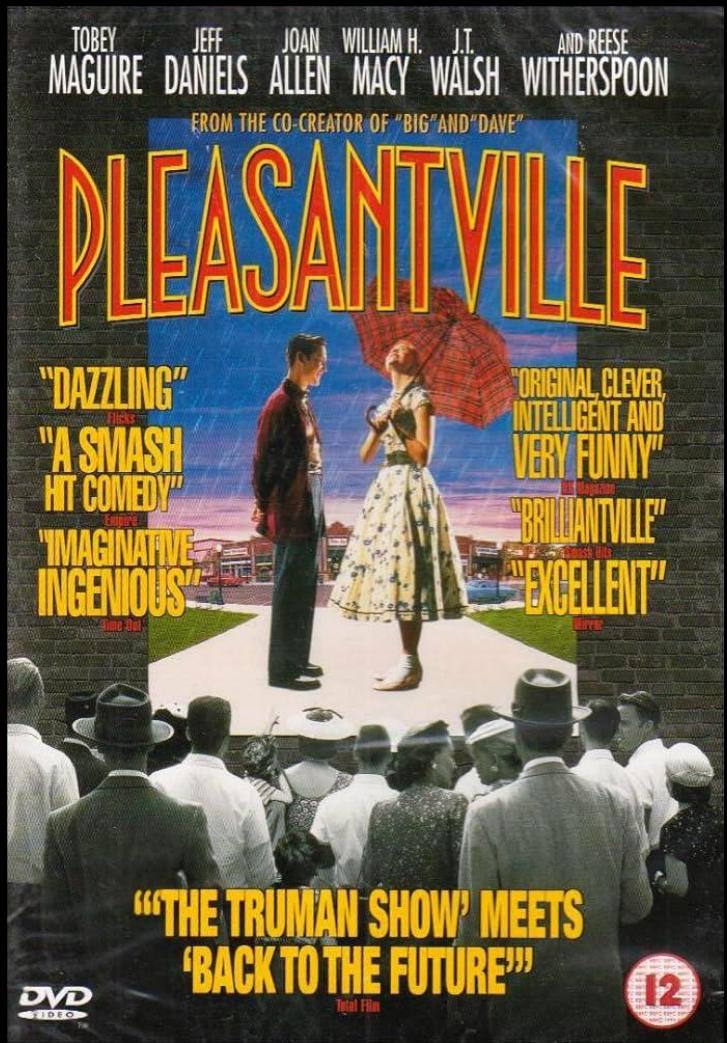


**Collection of
powerpoint slides
from presentations
- Including this one**

**and
documentaries
or free films
on-line**



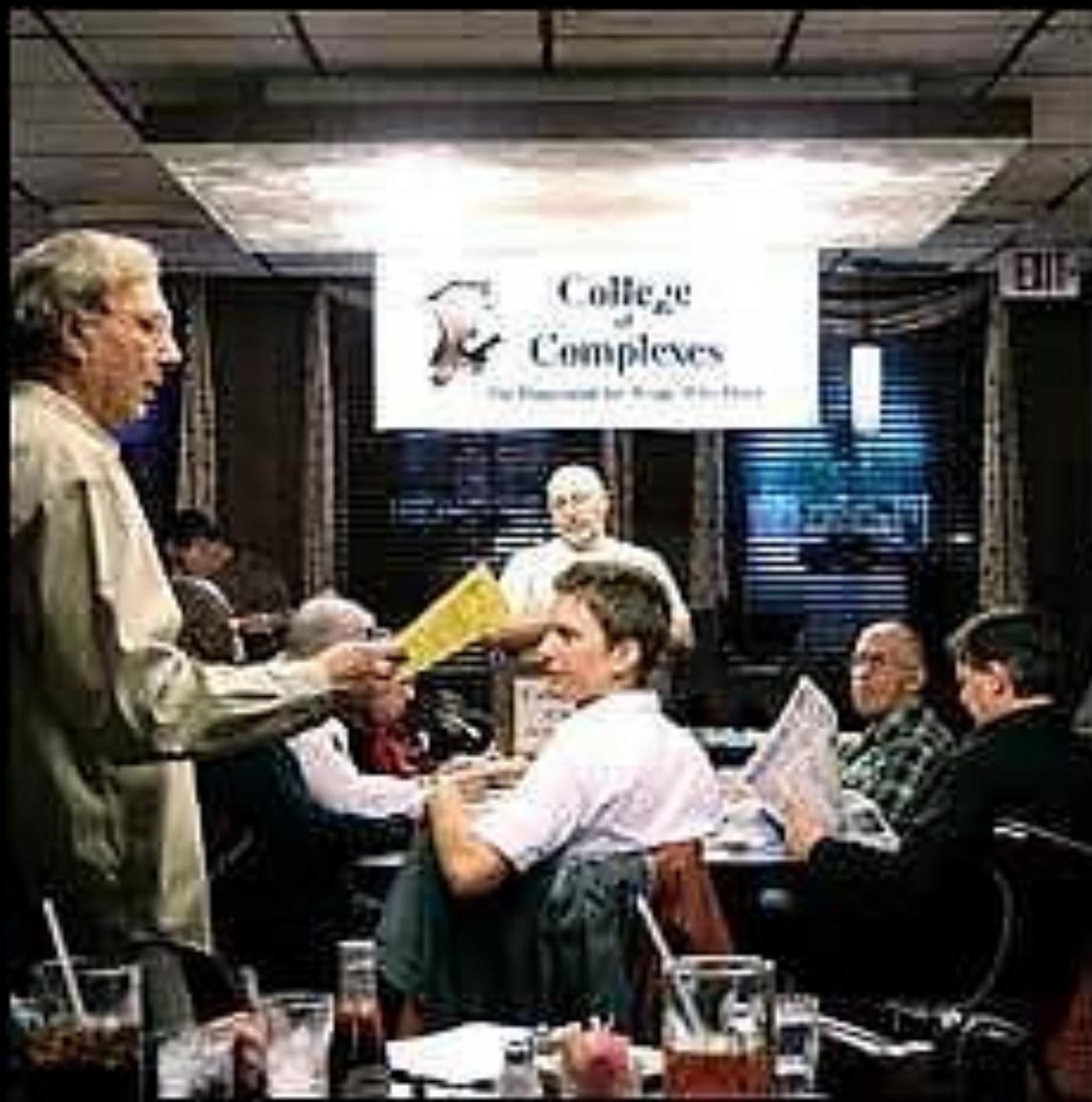
The only movie ever shown
“Pleasantville”
two teenagers are
transported into a 1950s
family TV show





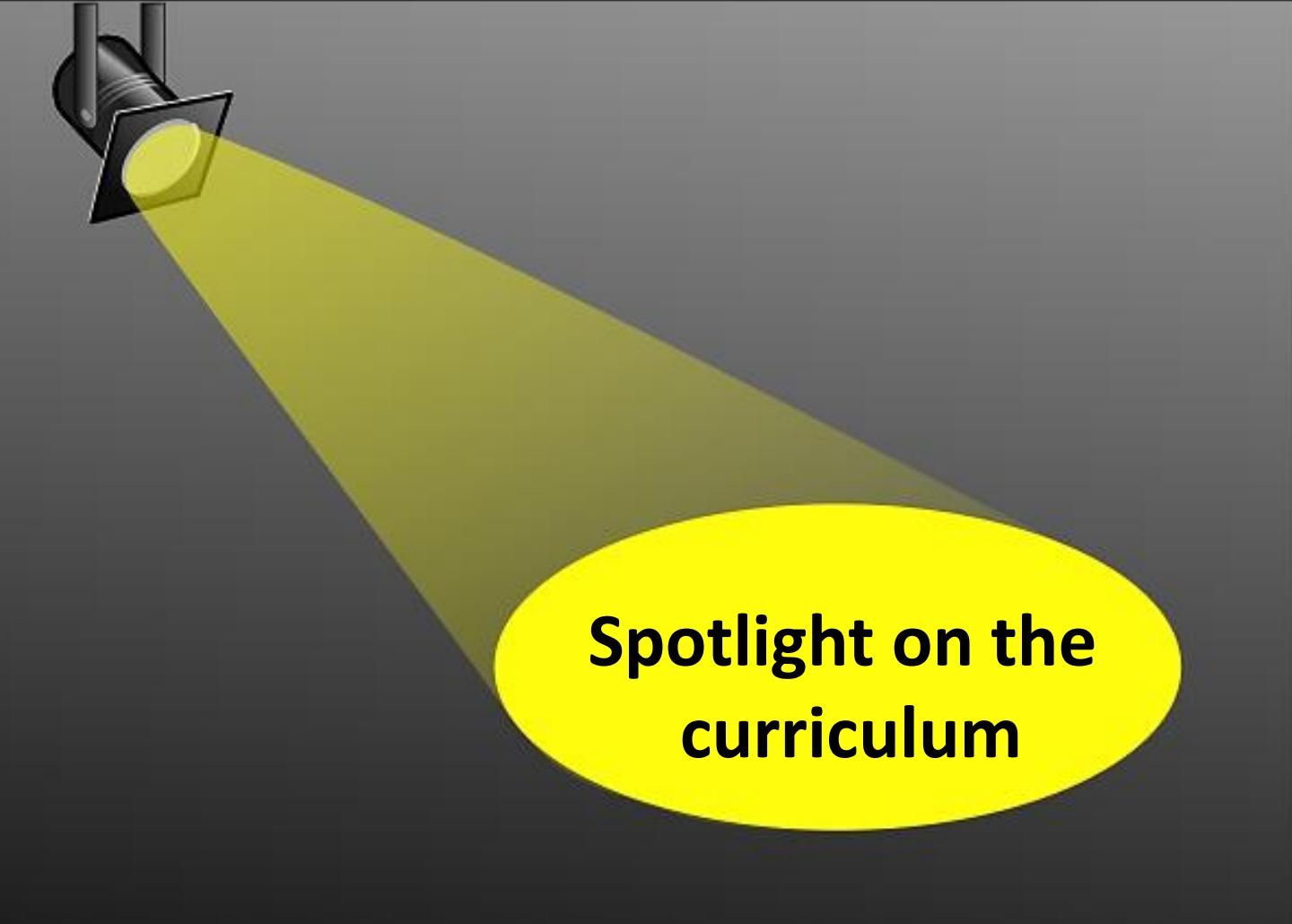
**Presentation and discussion of the movie
“Salt of the Earth”
Please watch in advance / free, on-line
Saturday March 8th at 5:00 PMCT
College of Complexes**

Meeting at Lincoln Restaurant









**Spotlight on the
curriculum**

Conspiracies



The
Deep State /
New World
Order

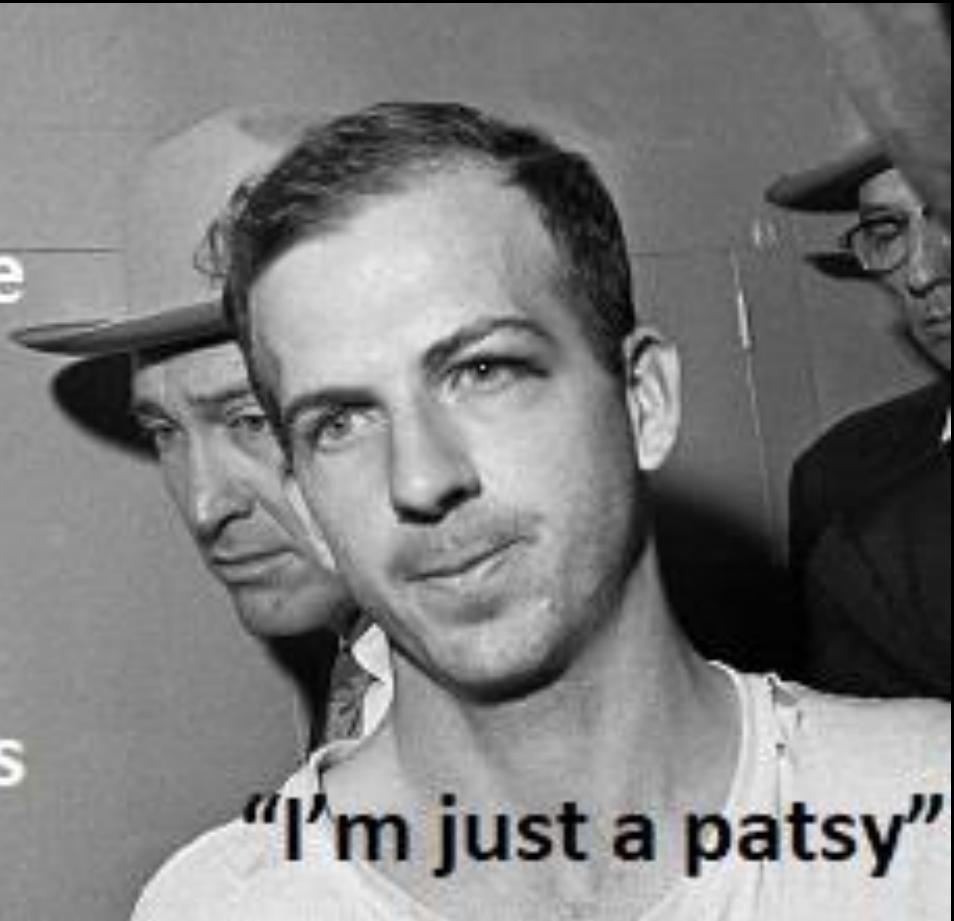




Program on Saturday Sept 11th
at 6:00 PM CT, Zoom
College of Complexes
weekly free speech forum

Kennedy assassination

Nov 22 to date:
82 shooters have
been identified,
belonging to 28
groups, from 2
dozen firing sites



“I’m just a patsy”



WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE

Upcoming Peace Programs at College of Complexes on Saturday at 5:00 PM CT
Sept 9th The Oracle Institute for a Culture of Peace

Sept 16th Re-Directing Military Spending towards Programs that will Help Americans in America



Presentation on Saturday Feb 8th at 5:00 PM CT: "Waging Peace in an Era of Perpetual War"



Presentation on
American Aggression in
Yemen
by Chicago Area Peace
Action
Saturday March 27th at
6:00 PM CT, Zoom

War and
Peace
Disarmament



Open Microphone on March 10th
Seeking 3 or 4 keynote speakers
20 minutes each, for upcoming
on the Israel-Palestine conflict
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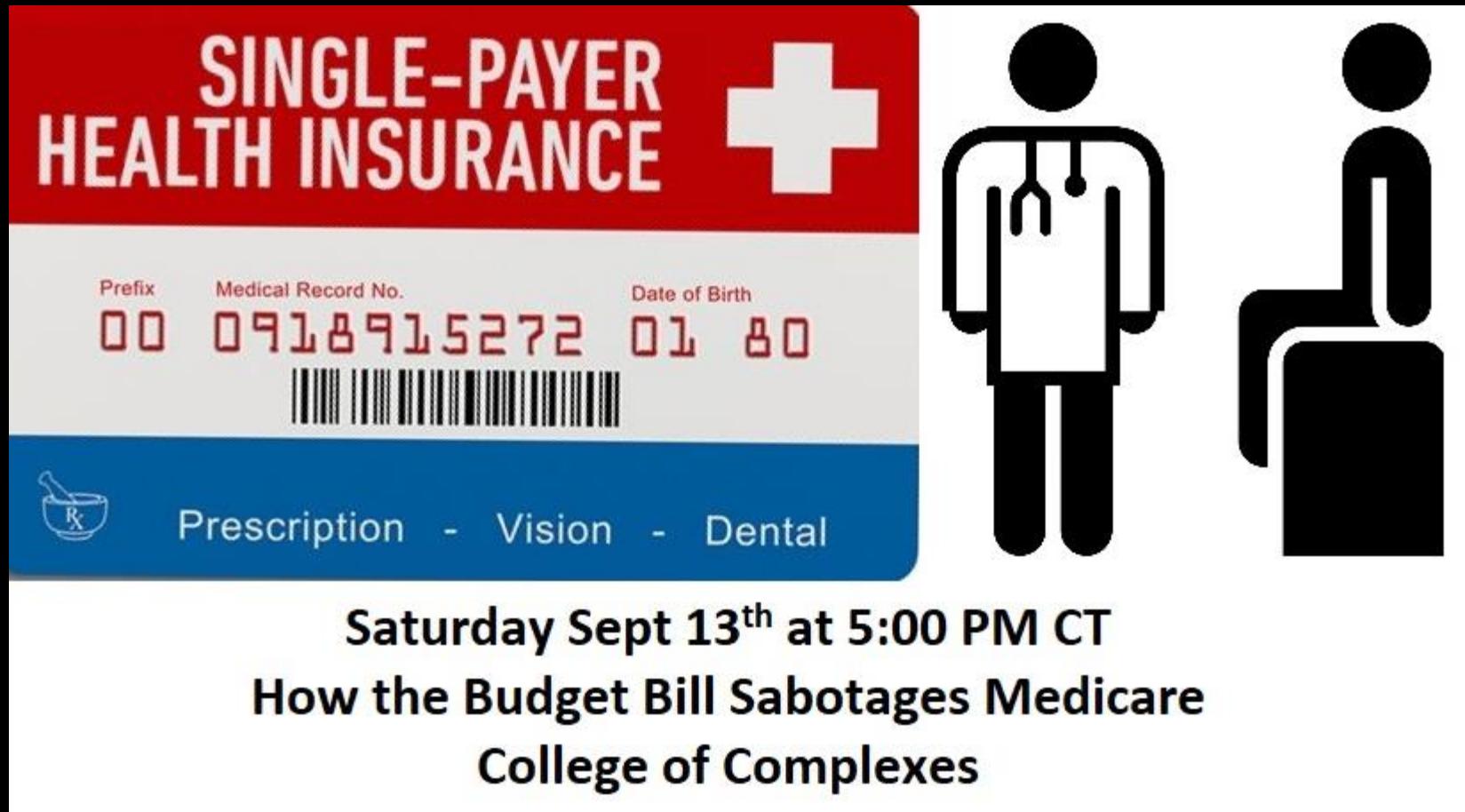
Current conflicts

Saturday Nov 30th at 5:00 PM
College of Complexes
Israel and Gaza - When is “Over the Top”
Over the Top?



The US, Nato and War in the Ukraine
Saturday, March 12th 6:00 PM CT, Zoom
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nonprofit organizations, associations



The image contains a graphic on the left and text on the right. The graphic on the left is a 'Single-Payer Health Insurance' card. It has a red top section with the text 'SINGLE-PAYER' and 'HEALTH INSURANCE' in white, and a white cross symbol. Below this is a grey section with 'Prefix' (00), 'Medical Record No.' (0918915272), and 'Date of Birth' (01 80). A barcode is also in this section. The bottom section is blue with a small icon of a mortarboard and the letters 'RX', followed by the text 'Prescription - Vision - Dental'. To the right of the graphic is text in a white box.

Saturday Sept 13th at 5:00 PM CT

How the Budget Bill Sabotages Medicare

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**Young
World
Federalists
Saturday
Aug 7th**

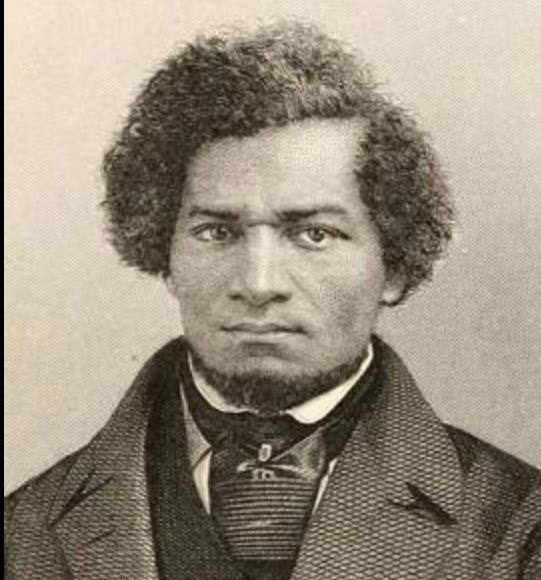
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**Presentation on Saturday July 12th at 5:00 PM CT
in-person and on zoom
American Indian Association of Illinois**



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Assorted topics



Recording of / Open Microphone discussion of Frederick Douglass' Letter to his Former Slave Master Thomas Auld
Saturday July 15th
at 5:00 PM CT
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*Making Meaning:
Seeking the Most
Meaningful Life*



BOB LICHTENBERT

Author speaks on suggestions or "tips" for a person to make the most meaning in her or his life

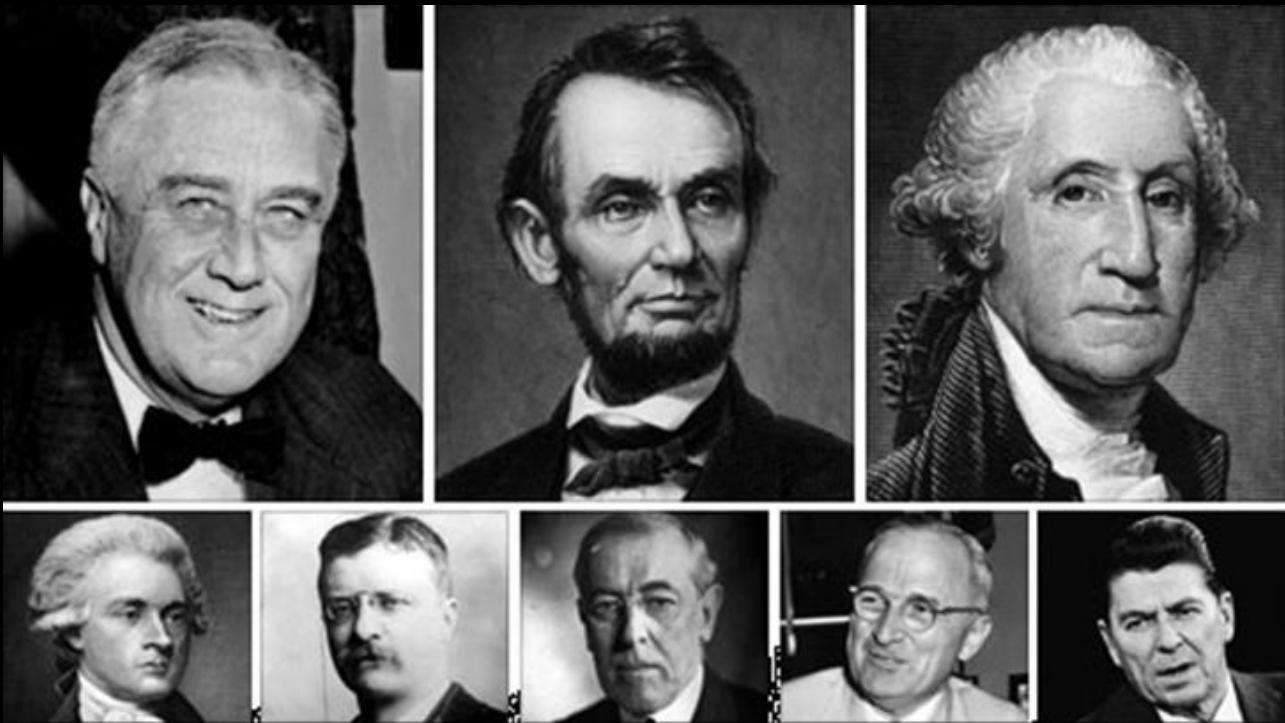
Saturday, June 4th
at 6:00 PM CT, Zoom
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National College of Complexes Day
in January at the start of the year
for discussing the direction of social
progress



February



**Presentation on
Saturday Feb 22nd at 5:00 PM CT
Special Presidents' Day Speaker
What is the National Character of the
U.S.? If Character is Destiny - what is
America's Destiny?**



**Presentation on Saturday, March 6th
at 6:00 PM**

**Celebrate Women
International Women's Day is
Celebrated the World Over in Style:
Why Not Here?**

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**Seeking Spea
Int'l Women'
Program on :
March 6th, Z
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weekly free :
forum**



**Special May Day Sp
Saturday May 4th at 5:**

Annual Earth Day Programs

Chicago Greens



Special Earth Day Speakers

Saturday, April 23 + 30 at 6:00 PM

April

Contrasting Ecological Worldviews of the Neo-Malthusians vs the
Cornucopians

**Are the Earth's Resources Finite,
or Are There No Limits to Growth?**

Meeting # 3,371

**Climate Change: How Much Time is Left Before It Takes Effect,
and Some Things We Must Do**

Meeting # 3,372

at the

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A Big Think from the
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It is
predicted
that:



**due to climate change, all
of the snow that falls in a
season will come down in
one storm**



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**If there is
excessive sunlight
on the earth, the
color of all leaves
on plants will turn
to dark green, and
perhaps shades of
black**



**Proof there is a Primitive Species Living in the Forests of
the US - and The Need to Preserve / Restore Their Habitat
Saturday April 30th 6:00 PM CT, Zoom**



**Trump orders logging forest habitat of
relic hominoid species**

Special May Day Speakers

Saturday

April 27th

6:00 PM

IWW, Industrial Workers of the World



Meetings # 3,526

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the means of production, abolish the wage system, and live in harmony with the Earth.



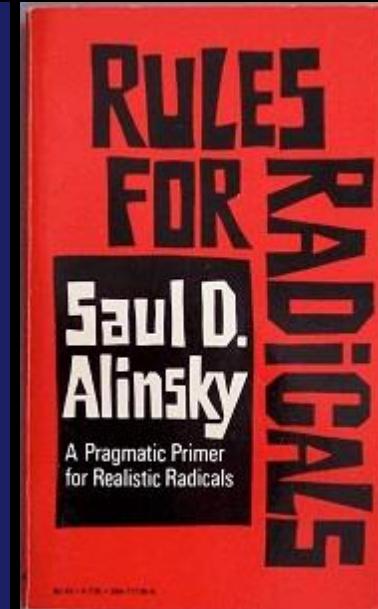
Saturday May 6th at 5:00 PM CT
Special May Day Speaker
"A Communist Celebration of May Day"
College of Complexes



Three Questions for the Nation
Program at the College of Complexes
Saturday, July 3rd at 6:00 PM CT, Zoom



Special Independence Day
Speaker
Saturday July 8th at 5:00
PM CT
George Washington Visits
the College of Complexes
– on Zoom



Special May
Speaker
May 3rd
What Can Li
Learn from
Alinsky's "R
Radicals?"
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Program Open to All
Who Wish to Speak on
their Choice for President

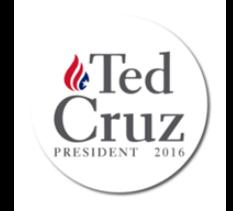
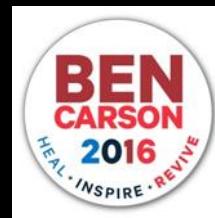


Special Presidential Election Program With Voter's Guide

Saturday

March 5th

6:00 PM





**A Comprehensive Summary of
the Republican Criminals who
are Plotting to Steal the 2024
Election**

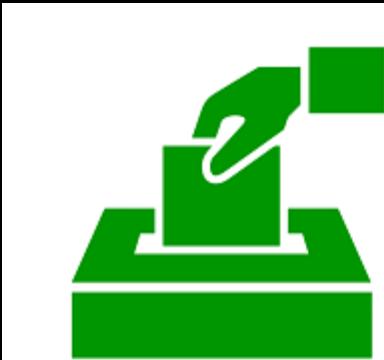
**Saturday May 25th
at 5:00 PM CT**





Saturday Nov 2nd at 5:00 PM

Special Election Series of Presentations
College of Complexes



Illinois Green Party Candidate for Congress
Brad Ahrens for CD-17
Says "Can poverty be solved?
Easier than you think, and I have a
solution no one has ever implemented
before."

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Saturday, Oct 9th at 6:00 PM, Zoom



**Saturday, June 25th at 6:00 PM CT, Zoom
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**How to Be an Informed Voter
presentation by the
Independent Voters of Illinois,
IVI
Saturday Oct 22nd at 6:00 PM
On Zoom
College of Complexes**

Foreign Affairs



**Program on Saturday July 5th at 5:00 PM
The Feasibility of Invasion and Annexation
of Canada as a US Territory**

Assorted Topics



Saturday Jan 27th at 5:00 PM CT
Disability Accessibility in the City,
with a focus on public transit
College of Complexes



Saturday April 22nd at 5:00 PM CT
An Eco-Plan to Re-configure the Use of a Car
in Chicago, and the Country, and
Achieve Equity among Travel Modes
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Saturday April 22nd at 5:00 PM CT
An Eco-Plan to Re-configure the Use of a Car
in Chicago, and the Country
College of Complexes

September



Special Labor Day
Speaker 2021
Our
Accomplishments
and Challenges –
Past to Present
Saturday Sept 4th
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at 6:00 PM CT
Zoom

The youngest U.S. workers have injected organized labor with renewed energy: more than 75% of the net new union members added to the ranks were under the age of 35



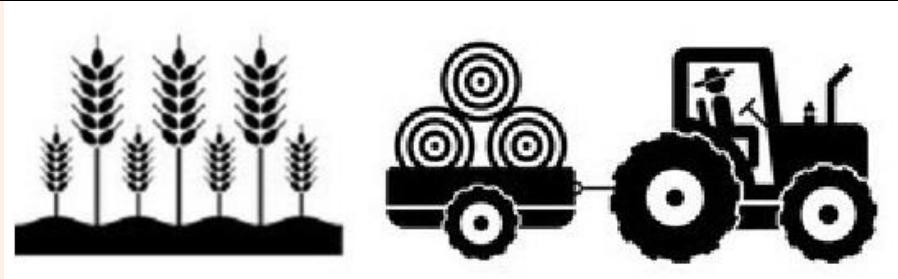
Special Labor Day Speaker 2021

Our Accomplishments and Challenges – Past to Present

Saturday Sept 4th College of Complexes at 6:00 PM CT, Zoom



**Discussion and Debate on
Why We Need to Nationalize All US
Food Production and Distribution in order
to Provide a Thanksgiving Dinner for
Everyone**



Saturday April 15th at 5:00 PM CT
**“Soil is a natural resource that might disappear
if practices stay the same”**
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November December

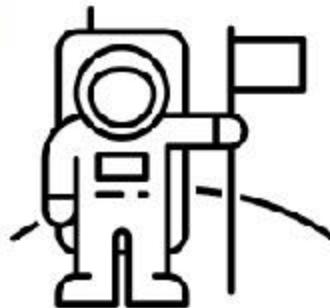


**Don't Toy with
Santa**
**Saturday Dec 17th
at 5:00 PM CT**
**College of
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A Big Think from the
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The US military is
considering building a
base on the moon to
house up to 20 astronaut
soldiers

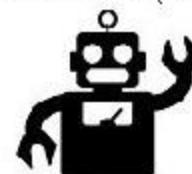
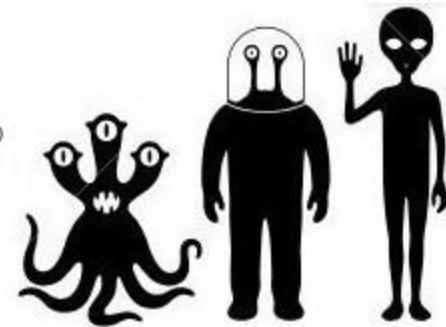
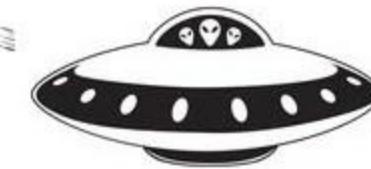


Assortment



A Big Think from the
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If a signal is
detected from
outer space, we should not respond and
maintain radio silence





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You have more than
5,000 thoughts
each day,
with a median rate
of about 6.5
thought transitions
per minute, when
one thought ends
and the next begins



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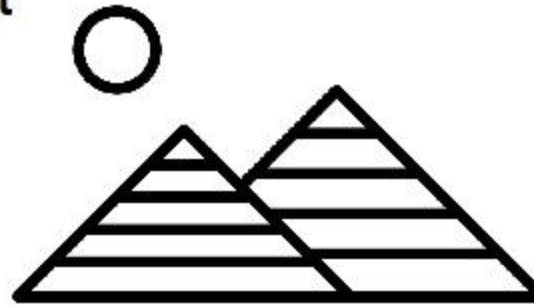


Over the next 1,000 years
human brains will get smaller as
computers take over more of the
computational, factual, and social
dimensions of living



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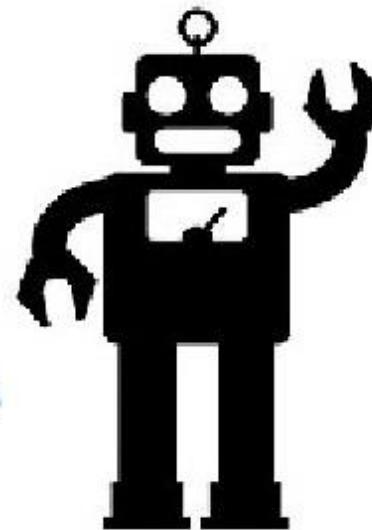
More stone was quarried for
the cathedrals of France than
the pyramids and temples of
Egypt

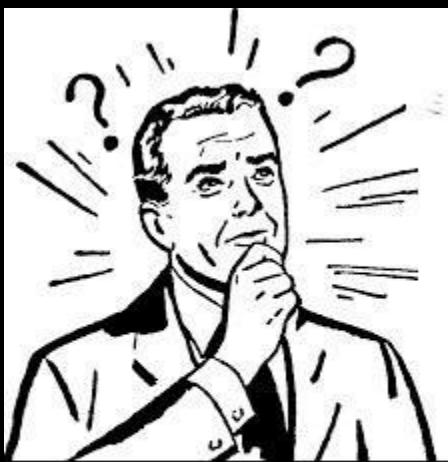


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A robot is for sale at
\$1,500 each to teach
emotional and social skills
to children ages 5-10





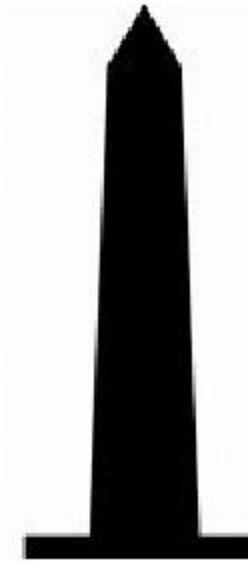
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Prehistoric
dragons
produced
hydrogen gas
in their
stomachs,
which enabled
them to fly and
breathe fire



A Big Think from the
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The Washington
Monument,
an obelisk, is
designed to get
you to look up,
and points to
the planet of
our origin

Wicca, Witcraft, and Goddess-Worship
Universal Law and the Code of Humanity
Why I Refuse to Confirm or Deny Anything
Welfare Truth Squad
50 Years Is Enough! Campaign
Revolutionary Party for a Reactionary Period
Dracula and the Persistence of Nationalism
My Synopsis of Society
Crypto-Zoology
Africans in American Court System
Coalition for New Priorities
Senior Citizens Bill of Rights
The Selfishness System
Evolving Concept of Wilderness
Facts for Democracy with Perspectives International
The Manifesto of Resistance
Global Governance in the 21st Century
How to Become a Millionaire in a Few Days
Bill Clinton's Most Censored Scandal
The 3rd Millennium: Road to Revolution 4.5



Why the Radical Right is Wrong

If No God, Then What?

Immigration: Open the Doors!

Transylvanian Travelog

Legal Game and Lawyer Bullshit

How to Photograph a Spirit

A New History of the World

Time - Defining the Nonspatial Continuum

Archology and Life in an Eco-Village

Fraudulent and Deceitful Federal Reserve Act

Is the Democratic Party Over?

Failure of the Progressive Agenda

Institutionalized Salvation Belief Systems

Chicago's Recycling Sucks - Here's Why

Astrology / Horoscope of the United States

Discovery of 45 Prehistoric Structures in Chicago

Reactive vs. Proactive Social Programs

Why We Need an International Criminal Court

Libertarianism - The Road to A Civil Society

Radical Philosophy Association



Lessons of the Russian Revolution

Why Peace is Neither Necessary Nor Desirable

Hidden Themes of the Bible

Living in Marijuana Consciousness

Fundamentalist Christianity: The Mind of the Believer

The Conspiracy Against Reality and Warfare Against Humanity

How Belief Systems Work

US Fake News Since 1776

Chemtrails: The Final Impetus to Revolution?

Intellectual Sovereignty vs The Thought Police

Global Capitalism and the Crisis of Democracy

The Hiroshima Bombing Was Right and Necessary

Issues the Candidates Don't Discuss or Debate

The Actual Nature of Human Nature

America's Toughest Questions on Race, Inequality & More

Why Political Campaign Financing Should Be Unrestricted and Anonymous

Who Makes Our Christmas Gifts, and Who Sells Them to Us

9/11 and Revolution: The Political Implications

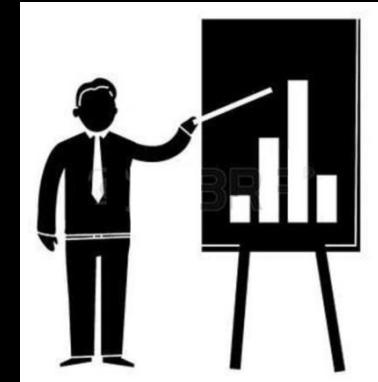
Cyber Privacy Project (CPP)

South Korea: Cutting - Edge Competitor or Cold War Captive?

Mayor 1%: Rahm Emanuel and the Rise of Chicago's 99%

Cult-Like Mythology in America

Are Can Drugs help? Does Big Pharma Tell the Truth?



Debate: Are All Religions the Same?

The Truth Commission on Segregation and It's Effects

Fraudulent "Cold War" - Prelude to Bogus "War on Terror"

The Homeless Encampments of Chicago

President Trump's Report Card: 1st 100 of 2,923 days

How False Perceptions Harm Us

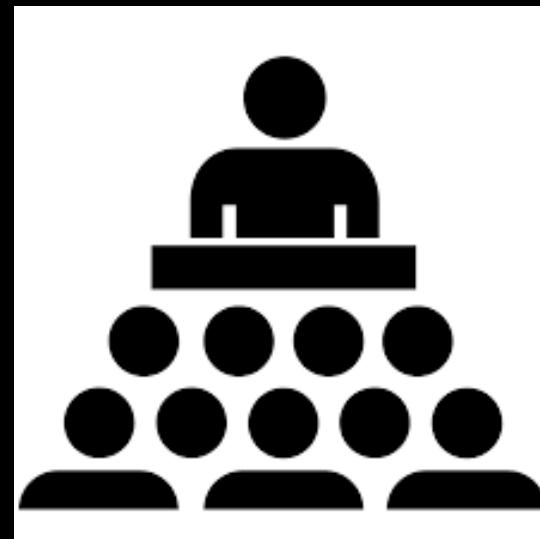
Was the 2016 Election Stolen?

Centrist Project: America's First Unparty, 2 Parties, Zero Results

200th Birthday of Our Special Guest Henry David Thoreau

What is Happening in America?

Solutions for Economic Security and Social Stability



Thank You for Coming!

