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ENTERTAINMENT

12:00 PM

MAIN STAGE

Folk Music by Allen Schwartz

Poetry by Carlos Cortez

OPENING REMARKS

1:00 PM

MAIN STAGE

Cindy Mitchell, *Mayor of Bughouse Square*

ALTGELD AWARD

1:15 PM

MAIN STAGE

Presented to former Governor George Ryan

SOAPBOX SESSIONS

(Following Altgeld Award)

1:30 PM

Soapbox sessions last approximately twenty minutes per speaker.

All three soapboxes run simultaneously.

Soapbox 1

SPEAKER 1 - Jay Miller, *Are the Patriot Acts Unpatriotic?*

SPEAKER 2 - Tamara Smith, *Why GMO Foods Should NOT Be Labeled*

SPEAKER 3 - William Wendt, *King George W: Executive Branch Abuse
Then and Now*

SPEAKER 4 - Kathy Kelly, *Operation Shock & Awe: Terrorists Attack Iraq*

Soapbox 2

SPEAKER 1 - Gale Ahrens, *The Super Predator Punishing Class...*

SPEAKER 2 - Bob Matter, *An Enviro-nomic Recovery Plan*

SPEAKER 3 - Joseph Morris, *Do We Have a Constitution?*

SPEAKER 4 - Rust Gilbert, *You Can't Scare Me, I'm Sticking with the Union*

Soapbox 3

SPEAKER 1 - Tom Grey, *Gambling in Illinois is a Bad Bet*

SPEAKER 2 - Quentin Young, *The Great Corporate Medical Rip-Off*

SPEAKER 3 - Eugene Pincham, *TBD*

SPEAKER 4 - Andy Thayer, *President Bush Lied ... And People Died*

SOAPBOX SPEAKER AWARDS - 3:00 PM

MAIN DEBATE

3:15 PM

ARE WE SAFER WITH FEWER CIVIL LIBERTIES?

YES-John McNeal

NO-Michael Silverstein

John E. McNeal resumed private practice this year, after serving as the Assistant Illinois Attorney General, enforcing state law in the areas of charitable fraud, financial crime, consumer fraud, and environmental protection. In prior government service he acted as a Special Assistant in the U.S. Department of Labor enforcing the Occupational Safety and Health Act and as Commissioner of the Illinois Industrial Commission deciding Workers' Compensation injury appeals. He has been a conservative Republican party activist in every election since the 1964 Goldwater presidential campaign. He presently serves as Vice President and member of the Board of the United Republican Fund, the "Conservative Conscience of the Republican Party." Formerly he was elected Republican Committeeman for Chicago's 48th Ward and for the Ninth Congressional District and served as Vice Chair of the Illinois Republican Party.

Michael Silverstein did his pre-collegiate training in New York City's Union Square Park, sister site to Bughouse Square, before its and his gentrification. He is the F. Grey Distinguished Service Professor in Anthropology, Linguistics, and Psychology at the University of Chicago, where he has been teaching since 1971. He does research on mind, communication, and culture. His honors include both MacArthur and Guggenheim fellowships and a faculty award for excellence in graduate teaching.

ALTGELD AWARD WINNER

Former Governor George Ryan held elected office in Illinois for almost 30 years. During his last term as Illinois governor he declared a moratorium on the state death penalty and appointed a commission to investigate the system. Following the commission's report, Ryan found that the state's death penalty was "haunted by demon error." He commuted the sentences of all death row inmates before his term ended and he was subsequently nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

SOAPBOX SPEAKERS

Gale Ahrens a.k.a. Jane Doe

The Super Predator Punishing Class and What to Do About These Really Bad Horrible People

Gale Ahrens has been active for over three years in the Chicago Surrealist Movement, where members seek a better world through use of the unfettered imagination and through subversion by means of art and poetry. Ahrens is also a prison abolitionist and speaks frequently here in Chicago and other cities and has done some radio and television appearances.

Reverend Tom Grey

Gambling in Illinois is a Bad Bet

Tom Grey is the Executive Director and full-time organizer and national spokesman for the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling and the National Coalition Against Gambling Expansion. A graduate of Dartmouth College and Garrett Theological Seminary, Tom's efforts have been profiled in *Time* and *People* magazines, *U.S. News and World Report*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Philadelphia Enquirer*, PBS's *Frontline*, *60 Minutes*, and on A&E's special on gambling "You Want to Bet."

Kathy Kelly

Operation Shock & Awe: Terrorists Attack Iraq

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.

Bob Matter

An Enviro-nomic Recovery Plan

Bob Matter is a bicycling, walking, and public transit activist. He chairs Chicago Bike Winter, and is a member of the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, Break the Gridlock, Campaign for a Free and Clear Lakefront, and Calumet Citizens for Connecting Communities, as well as being an active participant in Chicago Critical Mass.

Jay Miller

Are the Patriot Acts Unpatriotic?

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. From 1975 to 1978 he served as associate director of the ACLU's Washington, D.C. Legislative office. He was the director of the Illinois ACLU from 1978-2002. In recent years, Miller has worked on civil rights issues ranging from prayer in schools to legal services for the poor.

Joseph A. Morris

Do We Have a Constitution?

Joseph A. Morris serves pro bono publico as President of The Lincoln Legal Foundation, a non-profit, nonpartisan, public-interest law office, and legal research center. He is a partner in the law firm of Morris, Rathnau & De La Rosa, where he maintains an active practice conducting trials and appeals, particularly in the areas of constitutional, business, labor, and international law. Mr. Morris served under President Reagan as the General Counsel of the United States Office of Personnel Management; the General Counsel of the United States Information Agency; and Director of the Office of Liaison Services of the United States Department of Justice. He has also been an American delegate to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva. Mr. Morris is President of the United Republican Fund of Illinois, a director of the American Conservative Union, and a leader in other Republican Party and conservative political organizations.

Justice R. Eugene Pincham

TBD

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 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.

Rust Gilbert

You Can't Scare Me, I'm Sticking with the Union

Tamara Smith

Why GMO Foods Should NOT Be Labeled

Tamara Smith is a graduate student in Sociology and Anthropology at Loyola University, where she also serves as Secretary for the Loyola Campus Greens. She is involved with several progressive organizations and radical left groups including Genewise, the Organic Consumers Association, and the Marxist Section of the American Sociological Association.

Andy Thayer

President Bush Lied ... And People Died

A grass roots activist for over 25 years, Andy Thayer is co-founder of the Chicago Anti-Bashing Network, a Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender direct action organization which has been a leader in spreading the anti-war/anti-racist message in the gay community. He spoke at the April 20, 2002 national March on Washington and is co-founder of the Chicago Coalition Against War and Racism.

William Wendt

King George W: Executive Branch Abuse Then and Now

Dr. Quentin Young

The Great Corporate Medical Rip-Off

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 1953. In 1980, Dr. Young founded the Chicago-based Health and Medicine Policy Research Group and is the national coordinator of the Physicians for a National Health Program.