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SATURDAY,
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ENTERTAINMENT
11:30 AM
Folk, labor, and protest music performed by singers Bucky Halker and Jimmy Tomassello
Allen Ginsberg's "Howl" performed by Devin Kenny, Ariela Rotenberg, Deja Taylor, and Breana Cox, Chicago finalists in the Poetry Foundation's National Poetry Recitation Contest for High School Students

OPENING REMARKS
12:45 PM
Cindy Mitchell, Mayor of Bayhouse Square

JOHN PETER ALTFELD AWARD PRESENTATION TO THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
1:00 PM
Presented by Geoffrey R. Stone, professor of law at the University of Chicago, and author of Berlins Times: Free Speech in Wartime

SOAPBOX SESSIONS
1:30 PM
Soapbox sessions last about fifteen minutes. All three soapboxes run simultaneously.

Soapbox 1
Speaker 1 - Erwin Lutzer, Why the Jews of The Da Vinci Code is Bogus
Speaker 2 - Michael Barone and Josh Douthat, Bring Back the Doctor-—A Homosexual Strategy for Retoring America's Greatness
Speaker 3 - Rob Warden, Rotten Justice-—Corrupting the Innocent
Speaker 4 - J. Quinn Brisben, Hello Youkut, Fill Your Tank with CITGO!

Soapbox 2
Speaker 1 - Gale Atkison, No Human is Illegal! What's Wrong with Immigration Reform
Speaker 2 - Warren Leming as Clarence Darrow, There is No Justice in or Out of Court
Speaker 3 - Rachel Goodstein, Planes and Parks—Bring Back Meigs Field
Speaker 4 - Quentin Young, Health Care for Every Body

Soapbox 3
Speaker 1 - Michael Fenton, Quiet Telling Us What We Can Cook
Speaker 2 - Keith Bolin, How Corporate Agriculture Affects American Farmers and Consumers
Speaker 3 - Alma Washington as Lucy Parsons, The War and the Press
Speaker 4 - Bob Matter, Depopulate Paradise—The High Cost of Free Parking

SOAPBOX SPEAKER DIL PICKLE AWARD PRESENTATION
3:00 PM
Judges: David Anderson, McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum; Ruth Lopez, TimeOut Chicago; and John Williams, WGN Radio 720

MAIN DEBATE
3:30 PM
IS AMERICAN DEMOCRACY EXPORTABLE AS U.S. FOREIGN POLICY?
(CAN IT BE IMPORTED TO COOK COUNTY?)
YES—John Cox
NO—Michael Silverstein

Born on Chicago's South Side and reared in the south suburbs, John H. Cox has run his own businesses since 1991, including an investment advisory firm, a real estate management company, and a venture capital firm. He led the investor group that purchased Jaya Potato Chips. He founded Restoracare, which fights corruption in government. Active in Republican Party politics for thirty years, he is a Republican candidate for President of the United States in 2008.

Michael Silverstein received his pre-college training in soapbox oratory in New York City's Union Square Park—a sister free speech corner to Bayhouse Square—before his and its gentrification. He is Charles F. Grey Distinguished Service Professor in Anthropology, Linguistics, and Psychology at the University of Chicago, where he has taught for 25 years. He has been recognized for his excellence in teaching and honored with MacArthur and Guggenheim fellowships.

OPEN MIC
4:30 PM – 5:15 PM

CLOSING ENTERTAINMENT
5:15 PM – 6:00 PM
Blues music by Johnnie Mae Dunston and Jimi "Prime Time" Smith

JOHN PETER ALTFELD FREEDOM OF SPEECH AWARD

The Altfeld Freedom of Speech Award is dedicated to the former Illinois Governor who pardoned the Haymarket anarchists. Each year the award goes to a courageous defender of free speech and ideas. This year, the Newberry Library and Chicago Defender’s Altfeld Award recipient is the American Library Association for its principled defense over many years of the freedom to read, think, write, and speak.

Johnathan declared that “public access” to “public information” is the foundation of American liberties and self-governance. In 1939 the A.L.A. spoke out against attempts to ban Steinbeck’s Grapes of Wrath from public libraries, and passed the Library Bill of Rights. In 1967, it established the Office of Intellectual Freedom to provide practical assistance and advice to the library, most recently, the A.L.A. and its Freedom to Read Foundation have led the challenge to a provision of the Patriot Act of 2001 that allows the Justice Department to subpoena library circulation records.

SOAPBOX SPEAKERS

Gale Atkison, No Human is Illegal
Gale Atkison has been active in the Chicago Surrsetic Movement for more than 2 years. She learned about socialism right here in Bayhouse Square and joined the movement to seek a world where all live as we subverting markets with art and poetry. A peace and pacifist activist, she lives in Chicago and speaks frequently here and in other cities and has appeared on radio and television.

Keith Bolin, How Corporate Agriculture Affects American Farmers and Consumers
Keith Bolin and his family raise hogs, cows, corn, oats, and alfalfa on the family farm near Mantle, Illinois where he grew up. As President of the American Corn Growers Association, he is a leader in the fight to save the family farm from a predatory marketplace.

J. Quinn Brisben, Hello Youkut, Fill Your Tank with CITGO
J. Quinn Brisben taught high school history and social studies in the Chicago Public School system for 35 years before retiring in 1999. He joined the Socialist Party in 1979 and was the party’s candidate as a candidate in 1992—a speaker at the College of Complexes, he actively participated in civil rights, anti-war, labor, and disability rights struggles for more than 40 years. He has traveled widely in South America.
Michael Burton and Josh Deth
Bring Back the Dragque
Michael Burton has spoken frequently at Baghouse Square for Chicago's World's Fair. Today, he appears with Josh Deth on behalf of the Logon, Square Dragque Beer Preservation Society, which seeks to save classic porports to the local taverns for healthy social interaction and an "American past." Josh Deth is the proprietor of Hazelbar bar & Grill, which caters to cyclists and vegetarians.

Rachel Goodstein
Flies and Parks - Bring Back the Parks!
On the night of March 10-11, 2005, the City of Chicago publishedโห� in the Park. Rachel Goodstein is now director of the Executive Director and President of the Parks Alliance Coalition, a coalition of business and community groups. Launched in 2005, and now President of the Friends of Parks Field, 2007-2008. Both groups seek to restore, preserve, and impress Chicago's downtown airport, and they hope to have a plan by 2010.

Warren Leming (Clarence Darrow)
There is No Justice for One of Four
Warren Leming has written, directed, and starred in theater and video for over 25 years. He co-founded the musical group Wilderness Road, the Cold Chicago Company, the original by the Theatre Company and the New York Actors Company. His website, DiscountCaste.com, is devoted to social satire. He is the author of Cold Chicago's a Hamlet of the Arts (Charles River Publishing).

Lewie Luster
My Life After The Da's Last Cac at Lago
Author of the Monkey Church Stroll, 1950, Dr. Lewie W. Luster is the author of more than 20 books, a celebrated international conference speaker, and a featured speaker on radio and television programs. He was born and raised near Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. One of his most recent books is The Italian Chefs.

Bob Matter
Super Pedestrians - The High Cost of Free Parking
"They paid parking and put up a parking lot," sang Jim Mitchell. But, names of the Campaign for Free and Careful parking still talk about what "free parking" actually costs. He is a walking, talking, and public transit activist. He is a founder of the Chicago Folding Bike Society, former boarder of Chicago Bike, and member of the Chicago Bicycle Federation. Break the night, and Cabaret Citizens for Connecting Communities.

Michael Toussaint, Jr.
Ask Sydney: Why We Can't Cook?
Michael Toussaint, Jr., Chicago Coach for Cette, a chapter of the Illinois Restaurant Association, Chicago is the first American city to have the sale of food, a deli, a delivery made from the layers of smiles and greens. For Cats for Choice, free greens is a consumer choice not a matter of legislation. What's the next level the City Council will ban?

Quasimodo, Young, True Health Care for Four Bob
In 1981, Dr. Quasimodo Young founded the Chicago-based Health and Medicine Policy Research Group and is a national coordinator of Physicians for a National Health Program. Since 1979, he has been an attending physician at Michael Reese Hospital. Since 1987, he has been a clinical professor of preventive medicine at the University of Illinois Medical Center. He is a homeless advocate for health care reform.

Rob Warden, Rain Justice - Celebrating the homeless
Rob Warden is the executive director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions, Northwestern University School of Law. He is an award winning legal affairs journalist, who was an investigating reporter, foreign correspondent and editor at the Chicago Daily News. In 1974, he founded Chicago Lawyer and in the 1980s exposed many wrongful convictions in Illinois. Among his many publications are two books about wrongful convictions that he co-authored with David Protess, The Night and The Promise of Justice.

Alma Washington (Lucy Parsons).
To the Poor.
Alma Washington is a member of the Women's Art Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. After receiving a theater degree from Chicago's Roosevelt University in 1979, Washington auditioned for the role of Lucy Parsons in a play about the Haymarket Trial. Since then, she has kept alive the legacy of the militant labor, with performances at the Chicago Historical Society, the Prairie Chautauqua in Jacksonville, Illinois, and at the University of Chicago's Theaters.

PERFORMERS

Balloons (Jimmy Tomsaivellas) leads a guitar at the Old Town School of Folk Music. He has been "hanging out" at the Old Town School since May 1979, when he was a senior at Rice Park School. He is a self-taught "star-struck kid," he volun-

ted to work at the Old Town School. Rockey Walker is a labor protest singer and songwriter who grew up in Adelphi, Wisconsin. He has recorded two albums, and toured in Europe as well as in the US. He earned a Ph.D. in American history at the University of Minnesota, and is currently a research project on Illinois's labor song heritage.

For the centennial anniversary of the publication of Illinois Ginsburg's landmark poem, "Theodore," which was arrested by US Customs for "obscenity," the Poetry Foundation presents a reading by four fearless young poets, at the Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest. Deivis Kemery, Ariela Rotenberg, Deja Taylor, and Bucana Cox will perform on stage, and in the first amendment. The national contest is supported by The Poetry Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Johnnie Mae Dunson left Alabama in 1942 and came to Chicago where she learned poems from former medicine show singer Eddie "The Blackbird" at the Maxwell Street. She became an accompanist and songwriter for Jimmy Reed and recorded a few sides in the 1950s. In 2000, she released "Big Done Lady" with her son, Jimmy "Prince-Timmy" Smith, and old Maxwell Street friends including Jimmy Lee Robinson and Frank Scott.