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ENTERTAINMENT

12:00 PM

Music by the Mannequin Men -
A Rockin' Tribute to the Industrial Workers of the World, 1905 - 2005
A Tribute by Franklin Rosemont to Carlos Cortez (1923-2005)

OPENING REMARKS

1:00 PM

Cindy Mitchell, *Mayor of Bughouse Square*

JOHN PETER ALTGELD FREE SPEECH AWARD

1:15 PM

Presented to Justice Seymour Simon by Leon Despres

SOAPBOX SESSIONS

(Following Altgeld Award)

1:30 PM

Soapbox sessions last approximately fifteen minutes per speaker.
All three soapboxes run simultaneously.

Soapbox 1

SPEAKER 1 - Bill Savage, *Why Steroids in Pro Sports Don't Bother Me and Shouldn't Bother You*

SPEAKER 2 - Gale Ahrens, *To Heck with Work! Down with the Work Ethic!*

SPEAKER 3 - Bradford Lyttle, *Pacifism or Barbarism? Give Us Peace or Else!*

SPEAKER 4 - Michael Burton and Bob Matter (*two speakers-one soapbox*)
It's Only Fare—Free CTA and Make Cars Pay!

Soapbox 2

SPEAKER 1 - Sir Harris Tocracy, *George W. Bush: Is He the Best President Money Could Buy?*

SPEAKER 2 - Justice R. Eugene Pincham, *Who Says Crime Doesn't Pay? The Privatization of American Prisons*

SPEAKER 3 - Andy Thayer, *Should Mayor Richard M. Daley Be Indicted?*

SPEAKER 4 - Dr. Quentin Young, *When Does Life Begin? And When Does it End? A Physician's Perspective*

Soapbox 3

SPEAKER 1 - Michael Silverstein, *Where's the Corporation for Public Democracy?*

SPEAKER 2 - Kathy Kelly, *Justice Not Vengeance*

SPEAKER 3 - Erwin Lutzer, *Is Christ the Only Way to God?*

SOAPBOX SPEAKER AWARDS - 2:45 PM

MAIN DEBATE

3:00 PM

IS THE US ON THE ROAD TO REAL NATIONAL SECURITY?

YES-Chris Robling

NO-Marilyn Katz

Christopher F. H. Robling is in public relations practice with Jayne Thompson, the former First Lady of Illinois. Before going into public relations, he was a news anchor for WMAQ and a talk show host on WBEZ. He is a strong advocate of America's current national security policy.

Marilyn Katz is founder and president of MK Communications, Inc. In 1982, she worked with a California firm to form the media/press team for the Harold Washington Mayoral Campaign. This experience led her to create a communications firm that identifies organizational strategies for achieving public policy goals. She has been active in the movement against the Iraq War.

JOHN PETER ALTGELD AWARD WINNER

The presentation of the John Peter Altgeld Freedom of Speech Award is one of the most important events of the annual Bughouse Square Debates. Dedicated to the memory of the former Illinois Governor who pardoned the surviving Haymarket anarchists, the award is presented each year to a person the committee feels has distinguished himself or herself as a defender of free speech and ideas.

Today the Altgeld Award will be presented to **The Honorable Seymour Simon**, one of the leading "soap boxers" in Washington Square Park, the home of free speech in Chicago. Justice Simon demonstrated his commitment to justice in his public service career as an alderman, county board president, and appellate judge. He has never been afraid to stand alone, but he also has had the patience to convince others by reasoned argument, particularly on the injustice of capital punishment.

SOAPBOX SPEAKERS

Gale Ahrens, *To Heck With Work! Down with the Work Ethic!*

Gale Ahrens has been active in the Chicago Surrealist Movement for more than six years. She learned about surrealism right here in Bughouse Square, and joined the movement to seek a world worth living in by subverting the miserable with art and poetry. She is a prison and punishment abolitionist.

Michael Burton and Bob Matter, *It's Only Fare—Free CTA and Make Cars Pay!*

Michael and Bob Matter are cycling, walking, and public transit activists active in Chicago Critical Mass. Bob also chairs the 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 Collecting Communities.

Kathy Kelly, *Justice Not Vengeance*

Kathy Kelly has been compared to Dorothy Day, the founder of the Catholic Worker movement. She helps coordinate Voices in the Wilderness, which was founded to end US/UN sanctions, war, and occupation of Iraq. The first winner of the Altgeld Free Speech Award, she spoke at Bughouse last year just after her release from Pekin Federal Prison, having served her sentence for entering the U.S. Army School of the Americas at Ft. Benning, GA. Her new book, *Other Lands Have Other Dreams: From Baghdad to Pekin Prison*, is available for purchase at the Newberry Library's A.C. McClurg Bookstore.

Erwin Lutzer, *Is Christ the Only Way to God?*

Senior Pastor of the Moody Church since 1980, Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer is author of more than twenty books, a celebrated international conference speaker, and the featured speaker on three radio programs. He was born and reared near Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. His most recent books include *After You've Blown It: Reconnecting with God and Others* and *The Da Vinci Deception*.

Brad Lyttle, *Pacifism or Barbarism? Give Us Peace or Else!*

Brad Lyttle has actively opposed wars in Vietnam, Bosnia, and Iraq. He has traveled to these countries to support local peace movements and has been arrested for his non-violent actions. Bradford Lyttle founded the US Pacifist Party in 1983, and was the Party's candidate for President of the United States in 1984, 1996, and 2000.

Brent Mesick, *Is George W. Bush the Best President Money Could Buy?*

Sir Harris Totcarcy is played by Brent Mesick, a community activist and civil rights advocate. He is founder of the Chicago Chapter of Billionaires for Bush.

The Honorable R. Eugene Pincham, *Who Says Crime Doesn't Pay? The Privatization of American Prisons*
Expelled twice from college for bad behavior and bad grades, Justice Pincham is an inspiration to anyone who believes in the possibility of reform. He went on to earn a law degree and has practiced law since 1951. In 1976, he was appointed Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and in 1984 to the Illinois Supreme Court (elected in 1986). He has spoken at Bughouse Square on capital punishment and the Ryan Harris case.

Quentin Young, *When Does Life Begin? And When Does It End? A Physician's Perspective*

In 1980 Dr. Quentin Young founded the Chicago-based Health and Medicine Policy Research Group and is national coordinator of Physicians for a National Health Program. Since 1953, he has been attending physician at Michael Reese Hospital. Since 1987, he has been clinical professor of preventive medicine at the University of Illinois Medical Center. He has been a tireless advocate for healthcare reform.

Bill Savage, *Why Steroids in Pro Sports Don't Bother Me and Shouldn't Bother You*

Bill Savage teaches English at Northwestern University and Baseball, Chicago Authors, and the Lost Generation at the Newberry Library's Seminars program. Nelson Algren and other "non-canonical" American writers is his area of professional expertise, and he recently contributed to a new book, *Leaving Springfield: The Simpsons and the Possibility of Oppositional Culture*. He comes from a very distinguished family.

Michael Silverstein, *Where's the Corporation for Public Democracy?*

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

Andy Thayer, *Should Mayor Richard M. Daley Be Indicted?*

Andy Thayer has been a leader in the local anti-war movement as part of the Chicago Coalition Against War & Racism. He helped organize most of the city's largest anti-war protests, including the dramatic March 20, 2003 demonstration when 15,000 marched down Lake Shore Drive to protest the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Most recently, he was arrested on March 19, 2005 on Michigan Avenue for protesting without a permit.

MUSICIANS

The Mannequin Men (Kevin Kujawa on vocals, Ethan D'Ercole on guitar, Rick Berger on bass, and Seth Bonn on drums) are performing rock covers of classic I.W.W. songs in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the I.W.W. in Chicago. They claim to have been conceived and raised under the streets we walk down daily, reared in desperation in our very own sewers! Look at the despair in their eyes, the irreverence of their posture! We must gather as a city united, to pledge, here, today and forever on out, that no one, ever again, will be forced to grow up in Chicago's underground network of dingy tunnels and filthy spillways. With the right attention any mannequin can look desirable and fit for action.

MEET THE AUTHOR

BEGINNING AT 1:30 PM

Leon Despres's *Challenging the Daley Machine: A Chicago Alderman's Memoir*, will be available for purchase in the Newberry Library's A. C. McClurg Bookstore.

Len will sign books in Washington Square Park.