



The Fifty-fifth Annual

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"The Power of an Idea"

Molly Ivins' Plenary Address

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55th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD AFFAIRS **ANNOUNCES MOLLY IVINS' PLENARY:**

"Don't Despair, America is Still Out There"

BOULDER, March 12 – Molly Ivins will bring her celebrated, razor-sharp wit to bear on the current disconnect between the American people and their government—providing outrageously funny and poignant insights about the State of the Union. Her plenary address at this year's Conference on World Affairs will be at 12 noon in Macky Auditorium on Wednesday, April 9, 2003. As always, CWA events are free and open to the public.

A nationally syndicated columnist for *The Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Ivins writes about the politics of her home state of Texas, the Bush family, national politics and other bizarre happenings. A three-time Pulitzer Prize nominee and the author of three bestselling books, she spent a decade reporting for *The New York Times* before returning to Texas in 1982.

Her work has also appeared in *Esquire*, *GQ*, *Atlantic*, *The Nation*, *Harper's* and other publications. Ivins' voice is often heard on National Public Radio (NPR). Ivins counts as her two greatest honors that the Minneapolis police force named its mascot pig after her and that she was once banned from the campus of Texas A&M.

Every year in April approximately 100 participants representing a wide range of backgrounds gather on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus for the Conference on World Affairs. The *New York Times* refers to the CWA as "a week-long extravaganza of discussion and debate" with over 200 non-academic, cross-disciplinary panels, plenary sessions and performances attended by a audience of about 40,000.

For further information, feel free to contact Ramsay Thurber at 303.492.2526, or e-mail the Conference on World Affairs at cwa@colorado.edu . The full CWA

schedule will be posted on the Conference web site by March 23:
www.colorado.edu/cwa .

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