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## CKCPJ Annual Peace Fair & Dinner Saturday, March 8, 5:00 PM

### “Stopping Hate” This Year’s Theme

“Stopping Hate” sounds easy enough. We are taught that all beings are created equal and difference doesn’t or rather shouldn’t matter. Reality is not so simple.

Now is an exciting yet confusing time. How Americans view difference has changed. At the same moment we see monumental progress in some areas we see continuing challenges in others.

We cannot ignore that difference exists in a complex web of power and opportunity. We must talk about our differences in a manner that truly encourages acceptance.

We have selected “Stopping Hate” as the theme of the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice’s Annual Dinner & Resource Fair.

William Wharton, Executive Director of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission, will address our local climate and offer ways that we can “stop hating” in our community.

We will also be listening to student insights as we hear Jenisha Watts, a University of Kentucky senior journalism major and Lexington native, speak about her own experiences as an African American in Lexington.

And SCAPA (School for the Creative and Performing Arts) students, Abigail Grise and Chungyen Chang, will provide us with a window into the world of schools and bullying, through performance art.

**This year’s Dinner and Fair will be 5 – 8:30 p.m. Saturday March 8th at Bracktown Baptist Church (3217 Bracktown Road in Lexington).**

Join us from 5 – 6 p.m. for the Resource Fair, where over 40 central Kentucky organizations share their information.

Dinner follows the Fair at 6 with the program following at 7 p.m. The fair and program are free and open to all. Tickets for the dinner are \$12. Student tickets are \$7.

**The deadline for dinner reservations is Wednesday February 27.** To reserve dinner tickets or a space at the Fair (there is no charge to exhibit at the Fair) call or

email Richard Mitchell [(859) 327-6277; [richard.mitchell@insight.com](mailto:richard.mitchell@insight.com) or, in Madison County, contact Mary Ann Ghosal [(859) 626-7495 [maryann.ghosal@eku.edu](mailto:maryann.ghosal@eku.edu)].

When you contact us, please tell us which members of your party would prefer a vegetarian meal. Those with reservations pay at the door.

Please make your reservations early. We cannot guarantee that tickets will be available at the door for people without reservations.

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## U.S. policy in Iran:

### A sampling of online articles of interest

■ The **United States Institute of Peace** hosted a roundtable discussion on January 30 titled “Intelligence and the Prevention of Conflict: The NIE Process and Iran's Nuclear Ambitions.”

The roundtable was designed to “unite academic historical expertise with professional experience in the intelligence community.”

Further, the USIP stated that “Since the National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) on Iran's nuclear capabilities and intentions was released, it has stirred unprecedented public debate and controversy.... Often overlooked in this debate are a broader examination of the NIE process itself and a deeper understanding of its role in shaping policy and preventing violent conflict.”

The Institute is an independent, nonpartisan, national institution established and funded by Congress. Its website can be found at [www.usip.org](http://www.usip.org).

■ An *In These Times* article from June 2007 by Robert S. Eshelman titled “Iran and America's Tug of War” reviews two books: *Iran Oil: The New Middle East Challenge to America* by Roger Howard and *Iran: A People Interrupted* by Hamid Dabashi. Eshelman says “Iran's real threat to the United

States has less to do with nuclear ambitions and more to do with an explosive tension between politics and resources.” The review can be found at [www.inthesetimes.com/article/3228.iran\\_and\\_americas\\_tug\\_of\\_war/](http://www.inthesetimes.com/article/3228.iran_and_americas_tug_of_war/). He points out that the “administration boosts its military presence in the Middle East and issues frequent, pointed barbs at Tehran, which in turn quickens the pace of its nuclear enrichment program.”

■ In December, **Alternet** ran Reese Erlich's “The Iran Agenda: The Historical Truth of Our Relations with Iran.” In it, Erlich points out that “U.S. leaders are engaging in a massive case of collective amnesia, or perhaps more accurately, intentional misdirection. In the 1970s the United States encouraged Iran to develop nuclear power precisely because Iran will eventually run out of oil.” This piece can be found at [www.aternet.org/story/69701/](http://www.aternet.org/story/69701/).

■ At The University of Colorado, **Beyond Intractability** runs an article summary of “Image, Identity and Conflict Resolution” by Janet Gross Stein, a scholar long interested in deterrent theory. The group is “a free knowledge base on more constructive approaches to destructive conflict.” Find the summary at [www.beyondintractability.org/articlesummary/10554](http://www.beyondintractability.org/articlesummary/10554). In it, Stein argues that enemy images play an important role in perpetuating and intensifying conflict.

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We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

# A Way Forward with Iran: Try “Pre-Giving”

by Robert Bostrom

Recently Iran has claimed that its nuclear program has only one purpose, that of generating electricity. This claim has apparently not calmed the more belligerent war lovers among us.

We still hear serious comment about the potential use of force to make sure that no nuclear bombs result from their research efforts.

Some writers have even called for air strikes against Iran in order to derail the Iranians' nuclear program. Others point to the stationing of American troops near the Iranian border and the possibility of invasion.

The disparity between the enormous destructive potential of the world's nuclear armaments and the pitiful “threat” posed by Iran is grotesque.

Yet the United States has adopted a belligerent approach to Iran's possible development of a nuclear capability.

The United States has 5,736 nuclear warheads operationally deployed with over 3,000 others in reserve or acting as spares.

Some of these warheads are deployed in nuclear submarines which are undetectable and invincible. Others are loaded in long range bombers, while still others are mounted on long range missiles that can hit any point on earth.

We have agreed with Russia to reduce these arsenals. The “Moscow treaty” (the only treaty in force between Russia and the United States) calls for us to cut back to “between 1,700 and 2,200” by the year 2012.

No such agreement exists with the United Kingdom, France,

China, India, Pakistan, and North Korea, all of whom have openly acknowledged their possession of nuclear weapons.

South Africa and Israel have them but do not admit that they do. Israel probably has between 90 and 300 nuclear warheads, but no one knows for sure.

Are we really interested in worldwide nuclear disarmament? If so, we ought to consider some other strategy, since the present one is obviously not working.

For many years now, social scientists studying game theory have developed some positive findings that predict successful resolution of conflicts. One of the most useful is “pre-giving,” in which a negotiator begins with a concession before the bargaining begins.

If the United States chooses to approach the government of Iran with diplomacy rather than threats, “pre-giving” might be a useful approach.

Why not offer to go beyond the Moscow treaty and decommission even more warheads? Why not engage France, the United Kingdom, and especially Israel, to give up part of their nuclear arsenal?

If we make a good faith offer to reduce the spread of nuclear weapons, it should be a powerful inducement to the government of Iran to respond in kind.

In the past few years, the Iranians have seen our present administration invade their neighbors (Iraq and Afghanistan), sit on their hands while Israel invaded Lebanon, and ignore the United Nations. None of this behavior seems to be excessively diplomatic.

Diplomacy involves dialogue, and dialogue requires a modest effort to look at the world from the Iranian point of view. If the United States offered to reduce our nuclear arsenal a bit, the Iranians might well feel that they have profited from the exchange.

Diplomacy involves give and take, not unilateral demands backed up by the threat of force. Why not try some diplomacy? Why not express to Iran the world's concern about nuclear proliferation?

Why not offer to reduce our nuclear arsenal by 500 warheads? Common sense tells us that 1,700 warheads will provide as much deterrence as 2,200. The destruction and casualties created by “only” two warheads (Hiroshima and Nagasaki) was truly awesome. The thought of using only ten or fifteen of these weapons ought to horrify anyone.

And their deterrent value doesn't apply to our modern war against terror—our 5,736 warheads didn't deter the criminals of 9/11 nor the suicide bombers of Baghdad.

Before we slaughter innocent civilians and put our own soldiers in harm's way, we ought to at least think about it. As Winston Churchill put it, “Jaw, jaw is always better than war, war.”

It ought to be obvious that reducing the number of nuclear weapons deployed all around the world would make us all safer.

An offer to reduce our own nuclear arsenal would put us in the best possible light, and deprive our enemies of a powerful argument.

[ NOTE: The figures on the number of warheads and the description of the Moscow treaty are detailed in <http://nuclearweaponarchive.org/Usa/Weapons/Wpngall.html> ]

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# The Human Rights Torch Relay Comes To Central Kentucky

My name is Hai Dong. I am an engineer working in central Kentucky, a Chinese citizen, and a member of a group called the Falun Gong. I am concerned about the human rights situation in my country, and in particular, about the persecution of the Falun Gong, a group that practices meditation and exercises designed to improve the mind, body, and spirit.

Several central Kentucky organizations (including the CKCPJ, the Franciscan Peace Center, and The Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass) are helping me organize a relay in which hundreds of volunteers will carry a human rights torch across Lexington.

In the lead up to this summer's Summer Olympics in Beijing, China, numerous similar relays ([www.humanrightstorch.org](http://www.humanrightstorch.org)) will focus the world's attention on human rights abuses in China. The first torch relay was held on August 9, 2007, in Athens, Greece.

Similar Human Rights Torch Relays (HRTRs) are taking place in 150 cities in 37 nations and five continents.

In particular, the HRTR will highlight the persecution of the Falun Gong ([www.faluninfo.net](http://www.faluninfo.net)), the most severely persecuted group in China today.

By the late 1990s, the Falun Gong practice had become enormously popular in China, with 70 to 100 million people practicing it.

Despite the peaceful nature of the practice, the Chinese communist party viewed Falun Gong's popularity as a threat to its power. It banned the Falun Gong in July 1999, and began persecuting those who continued to practice it.

Since then, hundreds of thousands have been sentenced to forced labor camps or jails and millions have been sent to "re-education" camps.

More than 3,000 Falun Gong practitioners have died during imprisonment or have been executed, but many more are missing and believed to be dead.

In March 2006, two eye witnesses alleged that organs of executed Falun Gong practitioners had been sold and implied that sale of organs was a motive for executing imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners.

The allegation was confirmed by several independent investigations including Canadian human rights lawyer **David Matas** (see announcement of upcoming event, right).

In 2001, China was chosen as the site for 2008 Olympic Games with the provision that it would improve its horrific human rights record ahead of the Games.

However, according to several well-respected human rights organizations (Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Freedom House and the UN), the Chinese have done little to improve human rights and that some types of human rights violations may have increased in preparation for the Olympics.

For example, forced labor has been a significant component of the nation's efforts to clean up the country in preparation for the Games.

The Human Rights Torch Relay is the vehicle by which we hope to stir world opinion.

Each Torch Relay involves hundreds of citizens who carry a 'hu-

man rights torch' across their city. Each participant will carry the torch a short distance. Star athletes will highlight the relay, but the relay will also include citizens of all ages.

Runners (and walkers too) will include concerned individuals, religious leaders, government officials, civic and professional leaders, anyone who is committed to human rights for all people.

**Central Kentucky's Human Rights Torch Relay will take place on Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 - 6 p.m..**

We will light the torch at 4 p.m. at Lexington's Triangle Park (corner of Main & Broadway). Hundreds of us will pass the torch along a route that will end at Woodland Park (corner of Woodland Ave and Vine Street). We are looking relay participants, co-sponsors, and volunteers.

**If you can help, call Patricia Griffin at the Franciscan Peace Center (859) 230-1986 or email her at [FranciscanVision@aol.com](mailto:FranciscanVision@aol.com)**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**"Beyond the Red Wall"** a documentary produced by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, will be shown on **Tuesday March 18 at 7 p.m.** (Venue TBA-- check CKCPJ online events list [www.peaceandjusticeky.org/calendar.htm](http://www.peaceandjusticeky.org/calendar.htm)).

Canadian human rights lawyer **David Matas** will speak about his investigation of organ harvesting in China at **Bluegrass Community & Technical College on Thursday March 27 (6:30 p.m.)**.

# Single Payer Health Insurance Proposal

by Mary Alice Pratt

In mid-November a delegation came to Lexington as part of their multi-state tour with a major goal of informing as many persons as possible about a single payer insurance plan, H.R. 676, introduced in the House of Representatives by John Conyers, D, Michigan. Dennis Kucinich, D, Ohio, is co-sponsor and as of mid-January, 87 House members support this bill.

The proposal is described as expanded Medicare. Through Medicare, persons 65 and older, and persons with permanent disabilities, receive medical care and hospitalization with some deductibles and co-payments.

Admittedly, there is need for supplemental insurance with Medicare. But people are free to select their physicians and other care providers. Conyer's proposal would extend these Medicare benefits to *all* citizens but without the need for supplemental insurance, co-payments or deductibles.

In fact, insurance companies would be prohibited, according to the proposal, from offering any services provided by the single payer plan.

Included are: "all medically necessary services, including primary care, inpatient, outpatient, emergency, prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, long term & mental health care, dentistry, eye care, chiropractic, and substance abuse treatment."

The proposed legislation would set annual rates for reimbursements to physicians. It would provide for budgets for this service and negotiate prescription drug prices. A trust fund would be established to ensure a dedicated

amount. Supporters of the bill estimate that taxes needed would be considerably less than what persons currently pay for private health insurance.

A related major goal is to gain sponsorship and support of other members of the House. Accordingly, while the delegation was in town, a meeting was set up with Rep. Ben Chandler's office and the group met with his aide, Mike Noyes. Included in this party were: Donna Smith from Colorado, whose family was featured in the film *Sicko*; David Schankula, a Lexington activist; Jane Chiles, former Director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, and myself, Mary Alice Pratt, trained as a nurse, and a Lexington activist.

Mr. Noyes seemed positively impressed with the content of the proposal but expressed some concern that if it were put into practice and did not work out well, the country could be in trouble.

One of the members of the group stated that no industrialized country that has a single payer system has repealed it. Obvious difficulties will be educating the public about intended benefits, assuring them that it *is not socialized medicine*, and getting around the strong insurance lobbies.

I recently reviewed four weekly articles *The New Yorker* ran in July 1966 -- the history of the U.S. getting into Medicare and Medicaid is most enlightening. The endeavor to promote and put into practice H.R. 676 will not be accomplished in a few weeks or months.

Yet, in a country with our level of medical development, the right of *every person* to health care seems

absolute. The U.N. Declaration of Human Rights supports the right to health care. Pope John XXIII as early as 1963, in his encyclical *Pacem In Terris*, included it as a right of social justice. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops regularly and vigorously promotes the right of all persons to health care. In fact the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, along with other faith communities, include it in their lobbying efforts of the 2008 General Assembly.

The effort to make universal, single payer health care a reality must begin. Citizens can contact our representatives. Further information can be obtained from Rep. Conyers office, 202.225.5126 or at [www.house.gov/conyers/news\\_hr676.htm](http://www.house.gov/conyers/news_hr676.htm). A list of groups endorsing H.R. 676 can be found at Leadership Conference for Guaranteed Health Care at [www.pdamerica.org](http://www.pdamerica.org). ■

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## ACT NOW!

### 2008... WE WILL REPLACE EASTERN STATE

Please join NAMI Lexington in creating support to include funding for a replacement of Eastern State Hospital in Governor Steve Beshear's 2008 capital projects budget. For additional information please contact NAMI Lexington. <http://lexington.nami.org> or phone: (859) 272-7891 Log on - Register- Show Support at [www.bluegrass.org/supportesh](http://www.bluegrass.org/supportesh).

NAMI: National Alliance on Mental Illness -- We are a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons living with severe and persistent mental illnesses. ■

## ***U.K. Gender and Women's Studies March Film Series Selections***

The Gender and Women's Studies Department at the University of Kentucky runs this film series through April. The two films listed here are shown on UK's campus in Lexington at the Gaines Center's Bingham-Davis House, 218 E. Maxwell Street. For complete listings and additional information see [www.uky.edu/AS/GWS/New/about](http://www.uky.edu/AS/GWS/New/about). All films are free and open to the public.

**Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. --  
Las Madres: The Mothers of  
the Plaza de Mayo** -- While most of the population was terror-

ized by what came to be called Argentina's "Dirty War" of the 1970s, a small group of mothers of the disappeared began staging weekly demonstrations to demand that their children be released and the kidnappers be brought to justice. These actions ultimately served as a catalyst for the toppling of the dictatorship.

Commentary and discussion led by Alicia Partnoy, author of *The Little School: Tales of Disappearance and Survival*, a memoir of her own disappearance in her native Argentina. She was interviewed for and appears in this film.

Partnoy is visiting campus to commemorate International Women's Week and, in addition to this film discussion, will give a talk on **Monday, March 3, 4:00 p.m.**, in the President's Room of the Singletary Center.

**Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. --  
Born Again** chronicles Markie Hancock's slow and painful break with her faith and family. Raised as an evangelical Christian and a fervent believer into her early twenties, Hancock began to experience dissonance and doubt. Through this personal exploration we see a divided family, a divided nation, and a divided self who, despite the odds, emerges whole.

Commentary and discussion led by Kathi Kern, associate professor of history.

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## ***Kentucky Environmental Foundation's LUNAFEST links women's progressive filmmaking to environmental activism***

In a month filled with events focused on women's history and activism, March also comes with a great opportunity to enjoy women's progressive short films while supporting a leading environmental organization in Kentucky.

On March 15 in Berea, and March 29 in Lexington, the Berea-based Kentucky Environmental Foundation (KEF) will host LUNAFEST film festival to support our work for environmental health in our communities.

KEF sprang up on the grassroots scene in 1991 to fight the Army's proposed chemical weapons incinerator in Madison County.

Since then KEF has served as coordinator for the Chemical Weapons Working Group coalition, which has been recognized internationally for its work to secure safer weapons dis-

posal solutions in Kentucky and all over the country. Now in addition to their chemical demilitarization efforts, KEF is expanding its scope to address issues including clean energy, sustainable land use, and toxic chemical contamination.

LUNAFEST is a unique collection of award winning short films sponsored by the makers of 'Luna bars' for the Breast Cancer Fund – an organization working on environmental causes of breast cancer – and other non-profits working on similar causes across the nation. The festival films tell a spectrum of stories about women from all around the world.

There will be a reception following each viewing of the films to honor the contributions of women to the environmental health movement, as well as an opportunity to talk

about and explore resources for future preventative actions.

Information on what different groups are doing to address toxic build up in breast milk as well as contaminants in household products and cosmetics will be available. We hope to inspire, celebrate, and dialogue as we empower each other to live in a safer world.

### **LUNAFEST Showings:**

Saturday March 15th: 7pm  
Berea College Phelps-Stokes Auditorium, Chestnut St. in Berea  
\$10 admission (\$6 for students).

Saturday March 29th: 7pm  
Downtown Lexington Public Library Auditorium; No admission (\$10 suggested donation).

For more information contact KEF at 859.986.0868 or go to [www.lunafest.org](http://www.lunafest.org)

*Information submitted by Sierra Parsons,  
Kentucky Environmental Foundation,  
intern.*

# Events at a Glance

<i><b>Date/Time</b></i>	<i><b>Event Description</b></i>	<i><b>Contact</b></i>
<p><b>The Bluegrass Partnership for a Green Community</b> sponsors: <i>Green Tools For Green Schools: Green and Healthy Schools Community Forum</i> -- February 21, 2008 -- 6 to 8pm Norsworthy Auditorium, Fayette County Public Schools, It's About Kids Support Services Central Office 701 East Main Street Lexington -- free admission</p> <p><i>Green Schools Regional Summit</i> -- Friday Feb 29-Saturday March 1 Crestwood Christian Church, 1882 Bellefonte Drive: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (Lunch provided each day) <b>to register or for more information for either event: <a href="http://www.sustainlex.org">www.sustainlex.org</a> or call 859-312-7024 or 859-519-8515</b></p>		
Tuesday, February 26 5:30 pm	<b>Lexington Living Wage Campaign Meeting</b> Community Action Council, 710 W. High Street	Richard Mitchell 859-327-6277
Fair Trade Week March 24-28	<b>Transylvania University Fair Trade Week</b> On the final day: come for the <b>Fair Trade Expo</b> including fashion show, music, food, vendors, more!	Stephenie Nicole Hart at 859.391.9855 or <a href="mailto:SHart@transy.edu">SHart@transy.edu</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month 7:00 pm	<b>CKCPJ Board Meeting</b> , KCCJ offices, 112 N. Upper St. All welcome.	Rosie Moosnick 859-268-5260
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	<b>Kentucky Migrant Network</b> , Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road	Miguel Rodriguez, Chair <a href="mailto:miguelug929@yahoo.com">miguelug929@yahoo.com</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm	<b>Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky</b> , KCCJ office, 112 N Upper St.	Paul Brown, Chair, <a href="mailto:heme1588@yahoo.com">heme1588@yahoo.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month 4:00-6:30	<b>Franciscan Peace Center</b> , 3389 Squire Oak.	Pat Griffin 859-230-1986
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month 7:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA)</b> , Unitarian Univerisalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.	Dick Renfro, 859-255-7029
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday. of the month, 7:00 pm	<b>Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC)</b> , Episcopal Diocese Mission House, 4th St. and Martin Luther King	Dave Newton 859-420-8919
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	<b>Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace</b> , Triangle Park in downtown Lexington.	
TBA -- call John Walker, right, for details	<b>Kitchen Gardeners of the Bluegrass</b> , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.	John Walker 859-225-3866
1 <sup>st</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 2:30-4:00pm	<b>NAMI Lexington</b> Support Groups -- Faye Morton Center, Eastern State Hospital, Lexington. In the basement of the Wendall Building	for more info call 859- 272-7891 or go to <a href="http://lexington.nami.org">http:// lexington.nami.org</a>



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If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, yet deprecate agitation, are people who want crops without plowing up the ground. ... Power concedes nothing without a demand.  
--Frederick Douglass

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## Bits and Peaces

### Lexington's One World Film Festival:

*10 years of increasing understanding of race, gender, culture, ethnicity and sexual orientation*

**The Real Dirt on Farmer John** Thursday, February 21: 5:00PM & 7:30PM Kentucky Theatre. A maverick Midwestern farmer's conventional farming operation fails and is resurrected into a thriving, organic community-supported agriculture farm.

**Banished** Sunday, February 24: 2:00PM Central Library Theater -- In recognition of Black History Month. The true story of three towns where white citizens drove out blacks in the early 20th century to maintain "racial purity," and the lingering effects of that injustice today. **Reception after film sponsored by Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Human Rights Commission.**

**My Country, My Country** Tuesday, February 26: 7:30PM Central Library Theater. An inside look at war-torn Iraq from the perspective of a Baghdad physician. Delivers a reality check of the effect the American presence in Iraq has had on citizens and soldiers alike.

**Companeras** Thursday, February 28: 5:00PM & 7:30PM Kentucky Theatre. Profiles America's first all-female mariachi band: Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles. **The film's writer/director, Elizabeth Massie, will be our special guest for the film showings.**

**Can Mr. Smith Get to Washington Anymore?** Sunday, March 2: 2:00PM & 4:30PM Central Library Theater. The story of Jeff Smith, a young, money-poor and energetic unknown who runs for the congressional seat vacated by retiring congressman Dick Gephardt.

**Miss Navajo** Tuesday, March 4: 7:30PM Central Library Theater -- In recognition of Women's History Month. As young women compete

for the Miss Navajo Nation title, this film reveals the surprising contribution that can be made by a beauty pageant.

**I Have Never Forgotten You: The Life & Legacy of Simon Wiesenthal** Thursday, March 6: 5:00PM & 7:30PM Kentucky Theatre. Recounts the life and legacy of the famous Nazi-hunter and humanist who died in 2005.

**Angels in the Dust** Sunday, March 9: 2:00PM & 4:30PM Central Library Theater. In a nation ravaged by AIDS and the aftereffects of apartheid, Marion leaves her middle-class suburb and establishes a traditional African community that houses, nurtures and gives hope to more than 500 parentless children.

**Blame It on Fidel** Thursday, March 13: 5:00PM & 7:30PM Kentucky Theatre. Draws the audience back to the 1970's, when a wave of revolution and counter revolution washed over much of the globe. ■

For complete listings and directions to the theaters, go to [www.oneworldfilmfestival.org](http://www.oneworldfilmfestival.org) or call 859.266.6073