

# 'Frontline' examines U.S. meth epidemic

The "Frontline" (9 p.m., WFYI, WTIU) presentation "The Meth Epidemic" looks at an underreported human tragedy and criminal tidal wave that has consumed the lives of more than a million drug users in the American heartland.

Produced with the Portland newspaper "The Oregonian," "Meth" presents interviews with local reporters and police officers who have been covering the meth subculture for more than a decade.

In Oregon, a shocking 85 percent of burglaries, muggings, car thefts and identity theft have been traced to the drug. We visit a dealer's house where a "garage sale" is in progress. He's selling items stolen within the last couple of hours by addicts hungry for a new high.

A police officer has collected grim before-and-after mug shots tracking dozens of addicts' steady dissipation. First offenders appear healthy but seem reduced to toothless human husks after mere months on the drug.

One junkie has the presence of mind to compare the meth scene to the 1956 chiller "Invasion of the Body Snatchers." Or maybe he was referring to one of the many remakes.

"Frontline" also follows the legal battle to control the sale of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine, key ingredients in meth, also used in common over-the-counter cold medicines. A former Drug Enforcement Administration agent describes a successful mid-1980s campaign to eliminate the pharmaceutical production of chemicals used to make the popular drug known as quaaludes.

Ludes were all but eliminated. But when the DEA waged a similar war against pseudoephedrine, it was stymied by drug-industry lobbyists worried about losing billions in cold-medicine profits.

Sir David Attenborough appears in "Jewel of the Earth" on "Nova" (8 p.m., WFYI, WTIU), featuring a clip of his brother Richard, who played a scientist who "went too far" in the 1993 thriller "Jurassic Park." In that movie, Richard's character concocts a theme park of prehistoric creatures after extracting DNA from an ancient mosquito encased in a piece of amber.

Amber is also the subject of "Jewel." It seems that amber has been coveted, treasured and collected by humans from the earliest times. Amber jewelry and artifacts have been found near Stonehenge and other ancient sites.

But Sir David is most interested in amber artifacts for the bugs and other tiny critters they contain. Unlike dusty fossils,



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amber encases and perfectly preserves bees, mosquitoes, mites and aphids from prehistoric times. One artifact contains a honeyopot ant that appears to have gotten stuck in sap 150 million years ago.

And using the latest microscopes and scanning technology, scientists can assemble a wealth of clues to "reconstruct" an ancient forest or swamp and look back to the Jurassic period and beyond. A fascinating detective story.

CBS has placed "Love Monkey" on hiatus and will air a repeat of "NCIS" (10 p.m., TV-PG) in its place.

## Tonight's other highlights

- Winter Olympics Coverage (8 p.m., NBC) continues.
- Talent and tantrums on "American Idol" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-G).

- Our bald hero pursues the little red-haired girl in the 2002 special "A Charlie Brown Valentine" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-G).
- Tensions mount during a posh island getaway on "Gilmore Girls" (8 p.m., WB, TV-PG).
- A prep school faces a suit on "Boston Legal" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14)

## Cult choice

An adopted stray saves the day in the popular, independently produced 1974 shaggy dog story "Benji" (8 p.m., TCM).

## Series notes

Come on down on "The Price is Right Million Dollar Spectacular" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-G,V) ... On two episodes of "Get This Party Started" (UPN, TV-PG), birthday candles (8 p.m.), the old college try (9 p.m.) ... Love abounds on "Rodney" (8:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG, D, L).

## Late night

Julianne Moore and the O'Jays appear on "Late Show With David Letterman" (11:35 p.m., CBS) ... Jay Leno hosts Paul Reiser on "The Tonight Show" (12:35 p.m., NBC) ... Flavor Flav appears on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (12:05 a.m., ABC).

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## TUESDAY EVENING

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
<b>WTTV</b> 3	Friends (CC)	Every-Raymond	Gilmore Girls (N) (CC)		Supernatural "The Benders" (N)		Sex and the City	Will & Grace	Sex and the City	Will & Grace
<b>WRTV</b> 6	The Insider (N)	Be a Millionaire	Charlie Brown	Rodney (N)	According-Jim	George Lopez	Boston Legal	"Smile" (N) (CC)	News (CC)	Nightline (11:35)
<b>WISH</b> 8	Inside Edition	Ent. Tonight	Price Is Right Spectacular		Dr. Phil Primetime Special		NCIS "Under Covers" (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show
<b>WTHR</b> 13	Jeopardy! (N)	Olympic Zone	XX Olympic Winter Games (CC)							News (CC)
<b>WFYI</b> 20	Business Rpt.	Across Indiana	Nova "Jewel of the Earth" (N)		Frontline "The Meth Epidemic" (N)		Briars in the Cotton Patch		Tavis Smiley (N)	Time Goes By
<b>WHDY</b> 23	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Get This Party Started (CC)		Get This Party Started (N) (CC)		News	Access H'wood	South Park	South Park
<b>WTIU</b> 30	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Nova "Jewel of the Earth" (N)		Frontline "The Meth Epidemic" (N)		Independent Lens "July '64" (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Charlie Rose (N)
<b>WHMB</b> 34	The 700 Club (CC)		Harvest (CC)		Lester Sumrall	Gospel Legends	Life Today (CC)	In Spirit-Truth	Paid Program	Wisdom Keys
<b>WCLJ</b> 42	Dr. Carl Baugh	Against Odds	Behind Scenes	Joyce Meyer	John Hagee	Bill Gaither	Praise the Lord (CC)			
<b>WXIN</b> 59	The Simpsons	Seinfeld (CC)	American Idol (N) (CC)		House "Distractions" (9:03) (N)		News (10:03)	Geraldo Large	Seinfeld (11:05)	Drew Carey
<b>WIPX</b> 63	Pyramid Coolio	Family Feud	Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye (CC)		Early Edition "Run, Gary, Run"		Doc "No Pain, No Gain" (CC)		It's a Miracle	Paid Program
<b>WTBU</b> 69	Ron Phillips	John Hagee	Rod Parsley	Joni Lamb	Celebration		Joel Osteen (CC)		This Is Your Day	Believer's Voice
<b>A&amp;E</b>	Cold Case Files (CC)		The Dark Side of Parole (CC)		Dog the Bounty Hunter (N) (CC)		Airline (CC)	Airline (CC)	Crossing Jordan	"Deja Past"
<b>AMC</b>	Never Say Never Again (5:15) (83)		Diamonds Are Forever (PG) (71)		*** Sean Connery, Charles Gray.		Action. (CC)		The Spy Who Loved Me (PG) (77)	*** Action.
<b>AP</b>	Growing Up... "Giraffe" (CC)		What's to Love (N)		The Most Extreme Animal mating.		The Most Extreme "Odd Couples"		What's to Love	
<b>BET</b>	106 & Park	BET.com Count	The Ultimate Hustler		The Ultimate Hustler		Top 25 Hottest Black Couples (N)		In Living Color	In Living Color
<b>BRAVO</b>	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy		Project Runway "Makeover" (CC)	
<b>CNBC</b>	XX Olympic Winter Games (5)		On the Money		Mad Money		The Big Idea With Donny Deutsch		On the Money	
<b>CMT</b>	Dukes of Hazzard		The Gambler II ('83) ** Kenny Rogers, Linda Evans, Bruce Boxleitner.		Western. Brady Hawkes' son is taken hostage by train robbers.					
<b>CNN</b>	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now (CC)		Larry King Live (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)			
<b>COM</b>	Com.-Presents Reno 911! (CC)		Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's	South Park	Distraction (N)	Mind of Mencia	Daily Show	Colbert Report
<b>DISC</b>	Dirty Jobs "Vexcon" (CC)		MythBusters "Buried in Concrete"		Dirty Jobs "Chick Sexer" (CC)		Stunt Junkies	Survivorman	Deadliest Catch	"Dead of Winter"
<b>EI</b>	El News (N)	EI News	Number 1 Single/Number 1 Single		Number 1 Single/Number 1 Single		Britney and Kevin: True Story		Saturday Night Live (CC)	
<b>ESPN</b>	College Basketball Alabama at South Carolina. (CC)		College Basketball Michigan State at Iowa. (CC)						SportsCenter (CC)	
<b>ESPN2</b>	Interruption	College Basketball St. Joseph's at Temple. (CC)			NBA Coast-to-Coast (CC)				Quite Frankly With Smith	
<b>FAM</b>	Smallville "Truth" (CC)		Ghost (PG-13) (90) *** Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg. Fantasy. (CC)		Whose Line?				The 700 Club (CC)	
<b>FNC</b>	Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		Hannity & Colmes (CC)		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
<b>FOOD</b>	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Emeril Live Italian recipes. (N)		Giada's Italian Holiday		\$40-a-Day	\$40-a-Day	Iron Chef "Jumbo Mushroom"	
<b>FOXMV</b>	Max-Dugan Returns (6:30) (PG) (83) *** Comedy.		French Kiss (PG-13) (95) ** Meg Ryan, Timothy Hutton. Comedy.		Man-Trouble (PG-13) (92) ** Jack Nicholson.					
<b>FOXSM</b>	Knockouts	Midwest Sports	MVC Preamble		College Basketball Southern Illinois at Bradley.				Chris Myers	Sports Report
<b>FX</b>	That '70s Show		The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13) (03) ** Sean Connery. Fantasy.				The Shield "Rap Payback" (N)		The Shield "Rap Payback" (11:06)	
<b>HALL</b>	Walker, Texas Ranger "Faith"		Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		The Outsider (02) ** Tim Daly, Keith Carradine. Romance. (CC)		M*A*S*H (CC)		M*A*S*H (CC)	
<b>HGTV</b>	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Designed to Sell/Design Remix		Decorating Cnt	Mission: Orgnz	House Hunters	Buy Me	Parents House	Designer Finals
<b>HIST</b>	Modern Marvels DVD; CD; HDTV.		St. Valentine's Day Massacre Mobsters are killed in Chicago. (CC)		Modern Marvels "Candy" (N)		Modern Marvels (CC)		Modern Marvels (CC)	
<b>LIFE</b>	Perfect Romance (04) Kathleen Quinlan. Romance-Comedy. (CC)		CrazyLove (NR) (05) Reiko Aylesworth, JoBeth Williams. Drama. (CC)		Will & Grace	Will & Grace			Will & Grace	
<b>MSNBC</b>	Hardball (CC)		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Rita Cosby Live & Direct		Scarborough Country		The Situation With Tucker Carlson	
<b>MTV</b>	Direct Effect		Diary	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	Wild & Out	MTV's The Shop	Next	Next
<b>NICK</b>	Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Danny Phantom	Full House (CC)	Hi-Jinks (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
<b>OXY</b>	The Object of My Affection (6:30) (R) (98) ** Jennifer Aniston.		Buying the Cow (R) (01) * Jerry O'Connell, Ryan Reynolds.						The Ellen DeGeneres Show (CC)	
<b>SCIFI</b>	Out for Blood (R) (04) * Kevin Dillon, Vanessa Angel. Horror. (CC)		Dracula 3000: Infinite Darkness (R) (04) * Casper Van Dien, Coolio. (CC)						John Carpenter Presents	
<b>SPIKE</b>	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		King of Vegas (N)		World's Most Amazing Videos	
<b>TBS</b>	Every-Raymond/Every-Raymond		Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Seinfeld (10:10)	Seinfeld (10:40)	The Birdcage (11:10) (R) (96) ***	
<b>TCM</b>	The Band Wagon (6) (53) ***		Benji (G) (74) *** Peter Breck. Comedy.		The Sea Hawk (NR) (40) **** Errol Flynn, Claude Rains. Adventure. (CC)					
<b>TLC</b>	Rides "Eleanor's Big Bro"		Overhaulin' "Leno's Heist" (CC)		Overhaulin' "Customs" (CC)		Miami Ink (CC)		Miami Ink (CC)	
<b>TNT</b>	Law & Order "Born Again"		Law & Order (CC)		Law & Order (CC)		The Closer "Batter Up" (CC)		Cold Case "Greed" (CC)	
<b>TOON</b>	Codename: Kid	Camp Lazlo	Hanky Panky	Valentine Bravo	Grim Advent.	Puffy AmiYumi	Hanky Panky	Valentine Bravo	Family Guy	Futurama (CC)
<b>TVL</b>	Little House on the Prairie (CC)		Hanky House on the Prairie (CC)		Andy Griffith	Sanford & Son	Good Times	Good Times	That's What I'm Talking About	
<b>USA</b>	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show "Closing Night" At Madison Square Garden in New York.						Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)	
<b>VH1</b>	My Fair Brady		The Wedding Singer (PG-13) (98) *** Adam Sandler, Christine Taylor.		The Flavor of Love				Web Junk 20	Hwd Secrets
<b>WE</b>	Flesh and Bone (R) (93) ** Dennis Quaid. A woman returns to the house where her family was murdered.		Secret Lives of Women (CC)		Secret Lives of Women (CC)				Secret Lives of Women (CC)	
<b>WGN</b>	America's Funniest Home Videos		Da Vinci's Inquest (CC)		Da Vinci's Inquest (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker "V-Day"
<b>DISN</b>	That's So Raven (CC)	That's So Raven (CC)	My Date With the President's Daughter (98) ** Dabney Coleman. The president's sheltered daughter gets a night of freedom. (CC)		American Drgn	Sister, Sister	The Suite Life of Zack & Cody	That's So Raven (CC)		
<b>ENC</b>	Mr. Destiny (6:05) (PG-13) (90) *** James Belushi. (CC)		The Butterfly Effect (R) (04) ** Ashton Kutcher, Eric Stoltz. Suspense. A young man travels back in time to change the past. (CC)		The Thing (R) (82) *** Kurt Russell, T.K. Carter. Horror. A polar research station is invaded by an alien life form. (CC)					
<b>HBO</b>	Napoleon Dynamite (7:15) (PG) (04) *** Jon Heder, Aaron Ruell. Comedy. A gawky teen helps a friend run for class president. (CC)		Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13) (05) ** Sandra Bullock, Regina King, Enrique Murciano. Comedy. (CC)		Elektra (PG-13) (05) *** Jennifer Garner, Kirsten Prout. Action. (CC)					
<b>SHOW</b>	Saved! (6:30) (PG-13) (04) ** Jena Malone. Comedy-Drama. (CC)		Stage Beauty (R) (04) ** Billy Crudup, Rupert Everett. Historical Drama. A 17th-century actor's dresser becomes the first actress. (CC)		Sleeper Cell "Family" Darwyn befriends a pesticide plant worker.		The L Word "Lifesize" Tina struggles with her feelings. (CC)			
<b>MAX</b>	Sideways (6) (R) (04) *** Paul Giamatti. Comedy-Drama. (CC)		Picture Perfect (8:15) (PG-13) (97) * Jennifer Aniston, Jay Mohr. Comedy. A single gal pretends to be engaged to further her career. (CC)		Soul Food (R) (97) *** Vanessa L. Williams, Nia Long. Comedy-Drama. Domestic troubles and illness threaten a close-knit family. (CC)					
<b>TMC</b>	The Rosary Murders (6:15) (R) (87) ** Donald Sutherland. Suspense.		Four Weddings and a Funeral (R) (94) *** Hugh Grant. Romance-Comedy. A British bachelor falls for a fellow wedding guest. (CC)		Sex Is Comedy (R) (02) ** Anne Parillaud. A director must shoot a love scene between hostile actors. (CC)		Paris (11:35) (73)			
<b>STARZ</b>	Jersey Girl (5:35) (04) **	The Forgotten (7:20) (PG-13) (04) ** Julianne Moore, Dominic West, Gary Sinise. Suspense. (CC)		Sin City (R) (05) *** Jessica Alba, Devon Aoki, Alexis Bledel. Crime Drama. Sordid characters run amok in a crime-ridden metropolis. (CC)		Friday Night Lights (11:10) (PG-13) (04) *** Billy Bob Thornton. (CC)				

## ACCENT ON PEOPLE

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BERLIN

### Movie takes its focus from radio host

Director **Robert Altman** says his big screen adaptation of "A Prairie Home Companion" wasn't intentionally political, but "reflects the truth of what's going on in ourselves."



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The film was in keeping with **Garrison Keillor's** tradition of weaving politics into his radio show, but not overtly so, Altman said.

"I don't think that you can make a piece of art — or a song, or poem — all of these reflect the kinds of feelings that rub off on us; reflect the truth of what is going on in ourselves," Altman said Sunday following a screening of the movie at the Berlin International Film Festival.

The film, a fictionalized account of the last broadcast of the 30-year-old radio show, tells the story of what happens when Keillor finds out he's been taken over by a big conglomerate.

**Meryl Streep, Woody Harrelson** and **Kevin Kline**, star alongside Keillor in the film, which was shot on location at Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, Minnesota, where the radio show is based.

Asked how he felt about being nominated for an Oscar recognizing his life's work, Altman said it was more important to him than receiving an award for an individual film.

"I'm very, very happy, very proud about that. I can't think of a better award," Altman said.

"To me, it is better to be recognized for all my work than just for a couple of things."

Altman got best-director nominations for "M\*A\*S\*H," "Nashville," "The Player," "Short Cuts" and "Gosford Park" but has never won an award.

BANGKOK, Thailand

### U.S. actors join foreign colleagues at film fest

French screen idol **Catherine Deneuve** will come to a Bangkok film festival where she'll be honored for her contributions to cinema, organizers said Friday.

The fourth Bangkok International Film Festival will award Deneuve the 2006 Golden Kinnaree Career Achievement Award at a gala event on Feb. 24, said a statement from festival organizers.

Deneuve became one of the world's most beloved actresses after starring in **Jacques Demy's** 1964 film "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg," which will be screened at the festival.

She was also in the 1967 film "Belle de Jour," and more recently, "Dancer in the Dark," in 2000.

Also scheduled appear at the Friday to Feb. 27 festival are **Vanessa Redgrave, Christopher Lee, Willem Dafoe, Diane Ladd, Helen Mirren, Hayden Christensen** and **Japan's Tadanobu Asano**.

The festival will feature about 160 movies from 50 countries, including "Invisible Waves" by Thai director **Pen-Ek Ratanarung** and the film version of the Broadway hit "Rent," directed by **Chris Columbus**.



DENEUVE

## Awwwww, unrequited love on a TV near you

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### NEW YORK

Television is a haven for match-makers.

That certainly goes for the folks who create TV. They know better than anyone how a little heat, a little on-screen hanky-panky, can do wonders for a show's drawing power.

You gotta have heart, or an erotic substitute. Then, when your TV twosome clicks, the audience can become as committed to the relationship as the partners themselves.

As Valentine's Day looms, it's a good time for us to take note of our role as wannabe matchmakers in the TV world.

Consider ABC's "Lost," for instance. Other viewers may be rooting for Kate (Evangeline Lilly), the sexy fugitive, to settle down with Sawyer (Josh Holloway), the sexy con man.

They're both hot all right. But I argue that Kate and Sawyer together is a little too much of a bad thing.

No, Kate should hook up with the sexy doctor, Jack (Matthew Fox). It's obvious why. Jack is just as handsome as Sawyer. And besides, he's a doctor!

But reasonable people can disagree.

TV comedies are a great way to observe romance, and no wonder: Love is often funny when it's happening to somebody else.

Or even funnier, when it's not happening. Nothing is more poignantly funny (and, oddly enough, hotter) than unrequited love.

Among TV's hottest nonstarters: Pam (Jenna Fischer), the sweet, wallflower-ish receptionist on NBC's comedy "The Office," and Jim (John Krasinski), the smitten sales rep who suffers from the knowledge that she's out of reach. (She's engaged to a loutish warehouse worker, but sort of wishes she weren't.)

One TV family man seems far more satisfied with his love life. For starters, Homer Simpson loves beer



AP PHOTO

John Krasinski as Jim, left, and Jenna Fischer as Pam star in the NBC series "The Office." The pair are one of TV's most happening non-couples.

and food and gets his fill of both. But Homer also has a sweet tooth for Marge, his high-haired better half on Fox's "The Simpsons."

The bond between them is obvious to any "Simpsons" fan and goes much deeper than their mutually jaundiced complexions.

After all these years, Marge and Homer are still hot for each other, as the occasional sex scene has made clear (though shot discreetly, of course, even if it is Fox).

But leaving behind Homer's cartoon town of Springfield for "Desperate Housewives" and Wisteria Lane, the temperature drops. What are we to make of the tepid pairings on this ABC boudoir comedy?

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SHOWTIMES FOR MONDAY THRU THURSDAY

**CURIOUS GEORGE (G)**  
Mon-Thurs 5:00-7:00

**FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R)**  
Mon-Thurs 5:00-7:15

**FIRE WALL (PG-13)**<