

**WTVP-TV ASCERTAINMENT
PROGRAM-PROBLEMS LIST
JANUARY-MARCH, 2006**

Social Issues

INTERESTING PEOPLE

Marion Blumenthal Lazan—a Holocaust survivor, 1953 Peoria High School graduate, and author of the memoir *Four Perfect Pebbles*—joins host Ed Sutkowski.

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006 10:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

WALKING THE BIBLE

At a time when the world is searching for understanding, this three-part series accentuates the commonalities of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Part adventure, part archaeological detective work and part spiritual exploration, the programs join storyteller Bruce Feiler on his inspiring 10,000-mile odyssey as he searches for traces of the great biblical heroes.

Wednesdays, Jan. 4-18, 2006 7 p.m. 180 minutes PBS

YESTERDAY

This Oscar-nominated film stars Leleti Khumalo as Yesterday, a 30-year-old mother who lives in a remote village in South Africa's Zululand. Her life isn't easy—there's little money, no modern conveniences and her husband is away in Johannesburg working as a miner—but she takes great joy in her seven-year-old daughter, Beauty (Lihle Mvelase). The precarious balance of Yesterday's life is threatened when she's diagnosed with AIDS. As she faces her affliction, Yesterday, who never had the chance to go to school, sets her sights on a single goal—to be with Beauty on her first day of class.

Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006 11 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

INDEPENDENT LENS “Sheriff”

With the help of God, guns and the hundreds of blood relatives that populate his jurisdiction, Sheriff Ronald E. Hewett oversees Brunswick County, North Carolina—a rural region fraught with murder, robbery and the occasional theft of ceramic lawn ornaments.

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE “Eleanor Roosevelt”

She was the nation's conscience, a tireless advocate for the disadvantaged, a woman who influenced American social policies for decades and pushed through the first international charter on human rights. Eleanor Roosevelt survived a painful childhood and a difficult marriage to become one of the most admired women in America. Going beyond her public achievements, this intimate

biography explores the secretive and surprising private life of a controversial American figure.

Monday, Jan. 16, 2006 8 p.m. 150 minutes PBS

INDEPENDENT LENS “Girl Trouble”

The stories of young women who were once part of the juvenile justice system—and are now running an organization for girls in trouble—reveal how badly the system is failing the fastest-growing prison population in America.

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

FRONTLINE “Sex Slaves”

An estimated half-million women are trafficked annually for the purpose of sexual slavery. The women are kidnapped—or lured by traffickers who prey on their dreams of employment abroad—then they are “exported” to Europe, the Middle East, the United States and elsewhere. FRONTLINE presents a unique hidden-camera look at this world of sexual slavery—and also follows the remarkable journey of one man determined to find his trafficked wife by posing as a trafficker himself to buy back her freedom.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

INDEPENDENT LENS “Almost Home”

Shot in a nursing home, this program tells the real stories of aging: unflinchingly honest stories of elders, children of elders, nursing assistants and one visionary nursing home director.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006 11 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

LEGACY—BETTY FRIEDAN

In memory of best-selling author Betty Friedan—whose 1963 landmark book *The Feminine Mystique* launched the modern-day women's movement—WTVP presents this special local LEGACY encore. The former Peorian was interviewed at her home in Washington, D.C. in 1999, by then *Journal Star* Editorial Page Editor Barbara Mantz Drake.

Sunday, Mar. 19, 2006 4:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

FRONTLINE “The New Asylums”

There are nearly half a million mentally ill people serving time in America's prisons and jails. As sheriffs and prison wardens become the unexpected and ill-equipped gatekeepers of this burgeoning population, they raise a troubling new concern: Are jails and prisons America's new asylums?

Tuesday, Mar. 21, 2006 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Environment

ANATOMY OF AN AVALANCHE

In February 1999, the picturesque Austrian skiing village of Galtur was struck by tragedy. A huge avalanche hit the village, killing 31 people. The avalanche was

so extreme that it exceeded all predictions and all scientific models. Tonight's program reveals the latest in our understanding of avalanches and asks: Can science avert another such catastrophe?

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006 8 p.m. 60 minutes APT

REMEMBERED EARTH: NEW MEXICO'S HIGH DESERT

Filmmaker John Grabowska and Indian author N. Scott Momaday present a vision of hope for humankind's relationship to the natural world by interpreting the myth, beauty and power of a scarred but sacred landscape of the American West. (Repeated Wednesday at 9:30 p.m.)

Monday, Feb. 13, 2006 9:30 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

THE MYSTERY OF THE MIAMI CIRCLE

In 1998, an apartment block in downtown Miami was knocked down for redevelopment. Underneath the rubble, there was a large, mysterious circle of holes cut into the bedrock. The Florida authorities spent \$27 million of public money to save the site from the builders. What they finally concluded about the Miami Circle overturned everything they'd believed about the indigenous Americans of the Miami area of 2000 years ago.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006 8 p.m. 60 minutes APT

NATURE "Animals Behaving Worse"

Our natural neighbors can be ingenious, brilliant and scrappy when sharing our cities and suburbs. We move into their backyard and they move into ours. It is survival of the shrewdest and the most tenacious ... anyone who has tried to keep a squirrel out of a birdfeeder knows exactly how true that can be. This film presents new examples of animal/human conflicts based on the highly popular "Animals Behaving Badly" format from 2000.

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

AT ISSUE—ENERGY: COAL

Two of the energy initiatives outlined in President George W. Bush's State of the Union Address have a large impact on Illinois. In this first of a two-part series on energy, tonight's AT ISSUE looks at how Illinois can best use its 100 billion tons of coal. A program on ethanol will follow on March 23.

Thursday, Mar. 2, 2006 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

WHY DOGS SMILE & CHIMPANZEES CRY

In this new special, wildlife filmmakers, scientists and naturalists come forward to present a compelling case that animals have emotional lives that may rival our own. They offer surprising evidence that animals' emotions are closely linked to their survival. Narrated by actress Sigourney Weaver, this two-part program weaves together extraordinary stories of animal behavior as documented by their observers.

Sunday, Mar. 12, 2006 4:30 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

AT ISSUE—ENERGY: ETHANOL

Two of the energy initiatives outlined in President George W. Bush's State of the Union Address have a large impact on Illinois. In this second of a two-part series on energy, tonight's AT ISSUE looks at the benefits that ethanol brings to Illinois. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Mar. 23, 2006 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

ALAN ALDA IN SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN FRONTIERS

"Hot Planet—Cold Comfort"

So you think global warming won't affect you? Wait until the great Atlantic Conveyor shuts down. And find out what's already happening in Alaska.

Friday, Mar. 24, 2006 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

Health/Science/Technology

SECOND OPINION: TAKING CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH CARE

This series is a case-based interactive medical talk show wherein viewers are educated and informed on a variety of medical issues. The series lets viewers into the conversations of real doctors and medical experts discussing cases openly and honestly.

Sundays, January, 2006 11:30 a.m. 30 minutes each PBS PLUS

HEALTH SENSE

This 13-part series demystifies the health care profession while putting a human face on illness. The series provides information concerning the latest research and medical advancements, offers inspiring personal stories of patients and their medical teams overcoming extraordinary situations, and has experts weigh-in on the issues making headlines.

Sundays, Jan.-Mar., 2006 2:30 p.m. 30 minutes each APT

ALAN ALDA IN SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN FRONTIERS "Hydrogen Hopes"

We've all heard of hydrogen as the fuel of the future, but what will it take to get there from here? How can we create hydrogen from renewable sources like the sun—and how do we store it safely once we've got it?

Friday, Jan. 6, 2006 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

NOVAscienceNOW"

Hosted by Robert Krulwich, this science magazine brings to life the hows and whys behind the headlines, providing viewers a ringside seat to the many technological revolutions quietly whirling around them.

(Repeated Sunday at 3 p.m.)

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

ALAN ALDA IN SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN FRONTIERS "Robot Pals"

To be really useful, robots need to behave as cooperative partners rather than mindless machines. Viewers meet three robots—including a future member of an astronaut team—that are trying to better understand us.

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006 9:30 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

THE EYES OF NYE “Addiction”

Tonight’s program examines the controversial question: Is addiction a disease? Segments focus on doctors who seek to better understand addictive behaviors by looking at the brain, psychological and social factors; individuals who live with substance abuse issues; and scientists who are working to identify the genes that may lead to addiction.

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006 10 p.m. 30 minutes APT

AT ISSUE—HEALTH CARE REFORM

In advance of a February Peoria public hearing, this one-hour AT ISSUE explores the steps that a state-mandated health care task force must take to recommend a health care access plan. Guests include Dave Koehler, director of the Peoria Area Labor Management Council (PALM); Jim Moore from OSF Saint Francis Medical Center; and Jim Duffett, executive director of the Campaign for Better Health Care. (Repeated Sunday at 4 p.m.)

Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006 8 p.m. 60 minutes WTVP

THE EYES OF NYE “Cloning”

Tonight’s program looks at how the possibilities of cloning reach far beyond the notion of creating a genetically exact duplicate of an animal or human being.

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006 10 p.m. 30 minutes APT

ALAN ALDA IN SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN FRONTIERS “Cybersenses”

Replacement synthetic senses for people are now a reality. Children as young as 12 months are already getting artificial hearing—while the first trials of electronic retinas for the blind are just beginning.

Friday, Jan. 27, 2006 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

THE EYES OF NYE “Nuclear Energy”

With mounting evidence of global warming, Americans are revisiting the idea of nuclear energy. Technology has improved, but are the benefits worth the risks?

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006 10 p.m. 30 minutes APT

RE-CONNECTIONS

James Burke’s work has explored the idiosyncratic relationships between technology, science and social change throughout modern history. The legendary science writer and host of the landmark series CONNECTIONS and THE DAY THE UNIVERSE CHANGED celebrates the 25th anniversary of his first appearance on public television. In tonight’s program, Burke sits down with fellow technology writer Michael Malone for a lively tour through Burke’s career, memorable anecdotes from the series and Burke’s current work.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006 8 p.m. 60 minutes APT

AT ISSUE—DEPRESSION

Civic leader Andre Bohannon, who is coping with severe bouts of depression, joins host H Wayne Wilson to discuss his recent struggles. Mental health professionals will offer tips on recognizing depression and suggestions on overcoming the stigma associated with this disease. (Repeated Sun at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

FRONTLINE “The Meth Epidemic”

Speed. Meth. Glass. On the street, methamphetamine has many names. What started as a fad among motorcycle gangs in the 1970s has become big business. Hundreds of illegal meth labs are now operating in the western United States, and the effects are sweeping the nation. In a reporting partnership with *The Oregonian*, FRONTLINE investigates America’s addiction to meth and exposes the inherent conflict between the illegal drug trade and the legitimate three-billion-dollar cold remedy business.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

AT ISSUE—OBESITY

Tonight’s program, hosted by H Wayne Wilson, looks at the impact of obesity and the best ways to deal with weight problems. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

NOVA “The Ghost Particle”

The cosmos has a secret ingredient: a swarm of invisible particles that fill every cubic inch of space. NOVA tells the 70-year struggle of scientists to understand them, a tale of atom spies, secret laboratories and mind-boggling disappearances.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

DEATH STAR

Unseen, unheard, mysterious explosions of unimaginable violence are ripping through the universe, so powerful they could literally shred our solar system to bits. These bursts of destructive power are now being studied by scientists in an effort to reveal how the universe began and how the very first stars formed.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006 8 p.m. 60 minutes APT

FROM HERE TO INFINITY

What is the fate of our universe? How will it end? Will it end at all? The thought of infinity is mind-boggling. But scientists now claim they have found the answer. And in the process they have discovered something very unexpected that could challenge the current thinking on the history of space and time.

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006 9 p.m. 60 minutes APT

DR. ANDREW WEIL’S HEALTHY AGING

Author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Healthy Aging: A Lifelong Guide to Your Physical and Spiritual Well-Being*, Dr. Andrew Weil looks at the myriad of things we can do to keep our minds and bodies in good working order through all phases of life.

Thursday, Mar. 16, 2006 9 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

THE REAL AGE MAKEOVER WITH DR. MICHAEL F. ROIZEN

Dr. Michael Roizen, author of the *New York Times* #1 best-seller *The Real Age Makeover*, *The Real Age Diet* and *YOU: The Owner's Manual*, draws on recent medical findings about the aging process and offers more than 30 tips to reduce or even prevent 80 percent of the diseases that make people feel and look older.

Saturday, Mar. 18, 2006 10:30 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

FACES OF A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

This heartwarming and often heartbreaking program documents the surgeries, chemotherapy treatments and transplant recoveries at five noted children's care facilities in Massachusetts, Texas, Wisconsin, California and New York.

Sunday, Mar. 19, 2006 3 p.m. 60 minutes APT

EXPLORING SPACE: THE QUEST FOR LIFE

How did life begin? Is there life outside of Earth? Is there a future for humankind on other planets? Each new discovery inches us closer to answering these cosmic questions—linking life on Earth with the rest of the Universe and renewing our dreams of what lies in the unknown realms of the stars.

Wednesday, Mar. 22, 2006 8 p.m. 120 minutes

NOVA "The Great Robot Race"

The Pentagon believes robots will play a key role in reducing human risk during military operations; the DARPA Grand Challenge may trigger just the technological breakthroughs they need. In 2005, 195 teams from around the globe entered, yet only 20 of them survived the qualifying rounds for the final 132-mile race across desert terrain. NOVA delivers the inside story of brilliant engineers and their drive to create a champion. (Repeated Sunday at 3 p.m.)

Tuesday, Mar. 28, 2006 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

HIT BY LIGHTNING

This program tells the remarkable stories of people who survived their encounters with this potentially deadly natural phenomenon.

Tuesday, Mar. 28, 2006 8 p.m. 60 minutes APT

THE NEW MEDICINE

This follow-up to the acclaimed PBS series *HEALING AND THE MIND* looks at extraordinary changes taking place in the field of "integrative medicine." When *HEALING AND THE MIND* aired in 1993, "mind-body medicine" and alternative therapies—from acupuncture to visualization to meditation—were on the fringes of the U.S. health-care system. Today the field is exploding, fueled by a growing

body of hard research data and consumer demand, and led by pioneering doctors who understand the mind-body connection and the need to treat the whole person, not just the illness.

Wednesday, Mar. 29, 2006 8 p.m. 120 minutes APT

Business/Finance

CONSUELO MACK WEALTHTRACK

This weekly half-hour financial show hosted by noted business authority Consuelo Mack focuses on investments: from your home to collectables, from bonds to baseball cards, from health insurance to life insurance. Each program includes analysis of the big stories of the week, as well as economic, political, and technological trends that affect viewers' lives. In addition, the program investigates the latest strategies and trends in investing, and interviews the superstars in the world of finance.

Sundays Jan.-Mar., 2006 Noon 30 minutes each WLIW

FRONTLINE “Is Wal-Mart Good for America?”

FRONTLINE explores the relationship between U.S. job losses and the American consumer's desire for bargains. While some economists credit Wal-Mart's focus on low costs with helping contain U.S. inflation, others charge that the company is the main force driving the massive overseas shift to China in the production of American consumer goods, resulting in hundreds of thousands of lost jobs and a lower standard of living here at home.

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

AT ISSUE—GALESBURG ECONOMY

When Maytag announced the closure of its refrigerator plant, there were fears that unemployment could rise to 20 percent in Knox County. However, today's unemployment rate is less than 7 percent. Tonight's AT ISSUE, hosted by H Wayne Wilson, explores why the rate is that low and the economic outlook for the Galesburg area in the future. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

AT ISSUE—AGRICULTURE

The presidents of the Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Corn Growers Association join host H Wayne Wilson to discuss agricultural topics including ethanol, locks and dams, the high cost of fertilizers and fuel, and other issues. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Youth/Education

MAKING SCHOOLS WORK

Hosted by acclaimed journalist Hedrick Smith, MAKING SCHOOLS WORK focuses on educational successes—communities and school models that have significantly raised student performance and closed achievement gaps for minority and poor students. The two-hour program looks at examples that affect more than a million students in seven different school districts from coast to coast, from inner-city to rural America.

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006 8 p.m. 120 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—SCHOOL REFORM

As a local companion program to the national special MAKING SCHOOLS WORK, tonight's AT ISSUE explores school reform. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

COUNTRY BOYS, A "FRONTLINE" PRESENTATION

David Sutherland, acclaimed producer of "The Farmer's Wife," returns to rural America with COUNTRY BOYS, an epic tale of two boys coming of age in eastern Kentucky's Appalachian hills. Over three nights, viewers will come to know Cody Perkins and Chris Johnson, classmates at an alternative high school, who inhabit the same world yet are light years apart. Through intimate cinematography and extraordinary sound design that puts the viewer inside the skin of the story's colorful and memorable characters, COUNTRY BOYS traverses the emotional terrain of two boys who are about to become men, documenting their struggles to overcome hardship and poverty and find meaning in their lives.

Monday-Wednesday, Jan. 9-11, 2006 8-10 p.m. 6 hours PBS

RAISING CAIN

From the public school system to the absence of strong male role models, American boys face a number of obstacles. This program, hosted by child psychologist Michael Thompson, Ph.D., author of the best-seller *Raising Cain*, provides surprising new research about boys' inner workings, dispelling a number of commonly held misconceptions, and highlights innovative programs that are bringing out the best in boys.

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

THE STORIED LIFE OF MILLIE BENSON

This special recounts the inspiring life story of author, reporter and adventurer Mildred Wirt Benson—better known as Carolyn Keene, the ghostwriter of the first 23 Nancy Drew mysteries.

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006 4:30 p.m. 30 minutes APT

AT ISSUE—ILLINOIS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Illinois School Superintendent Randy Dunn joins host H Wayne Wilson to look at a variety of educational issues. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Mar. 30, 2006 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

War/Terror/Crime

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE “Reagan”

This program, “An American Crusade,” focuses on what may prove to be Ronald Reagan’s principal legacy—his battle with the Soviet Union and his resolve to end the Cold War. The program ends with Reagan’s poignant letter to the American people disclosing that he has Alzheimer’s disease.

Monday, Jan. 2, 2006 8 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

THE WAR THAT MADE AMERICA #101W

This series brings to life an important—but often misunderstood—period of American history, a period that set in motion forces that would culminate in the American Revolution. The dramatic documentary tells the story of the French and Indian War (1754-1763). Tonight’s first hour, “A Country Between,” looks at how George Washington is a pivotal figure in the start of the war—a conflict that pits England’s goals for empire in the New World against French interests. Then in “Unlikely Allies,” as the war unfolds and moves to upstate New York, relationships among the French, British, Indians and colonial settlers become increasingly tense and the frontier grows more dangerous.

Wednesdays, Jan. 18 & 25, 2006 8 p.m. 240 minutes PBS

FRONTLINE/WORLD “Saddam’s Road to Hell”

As Saddam Hussein faces trial for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis and the country he once ruled slides into potential civil war, veteran filmmaker Gwynne Roberts and a team of human rights investigators set off on a dangerous journey across Iraq to find out what exactly happened to 8,000 Kurdish men and boys who went missing in the early years of Saddam’s rule.

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE “The Nuremberg Trials”

This program provides a detailed look into the trials of former leaders of Hitler’s Third Reich who were accused and convicted of war crimes against humanity.

Monday, Jan. 30, 2006 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

BONHOEFFER

This documentary about German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a prolific spiritual writer who challenged the churches of Germany to resist the rise of Nazism, charts his decision to join the plot to kill Adolf Hitler.

Monday, Feb. 6, 2006 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

THE BLITZ: LONDON’S LONGEST NIGHT

On the evening of Dec. 29, 1940, the German Luftwaffe dropped tens of thousands of incendiary bombs on the heart of London. This was the night Hitler hoped would break the spirit of the British people and leave them begging for

peace. As firemen and workers fought all night to control the burning, many risking their lives, Londoners fled to shelters, uncertain if their homes would survive the bombing. The following morning they emerged after a terrifying and sleepless night to face the smoking ruins of the city.

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006 8 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

FRONTLINE “The Insurgency”

Kidnappings. Suicide bombers. Roadside bombs. The Iraqi insurgency continues to challenge the most highly trained and best-equipped military in the world.

FRONTLINE peels back the layers and gets beyond the propaganda to take a complex look inside the multi-faceted insurgency in Iraq.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE “Hijacked!”

In September 1970, members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) hijacked five commercial airplanes. To attract attention to the Palestinian cause and secure the release of several of their comrades, the PFLP spectacularly blew up four of the planes. Tonight’s program looks at how and when Middle East militants began to see civilians as legitimate pawns in the struggle for self-determination.

Monday, Feb. 27, 2006 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE “Murder of the Century”

In 1906, the murder of Stanford White, New York architect and man-about-town, by Harry Thaw, heir to a Pittsburgh railroad fortune, was reported “to the ends of the civilized globe”; much of the focus, however, was on Evelyn Nesbit, the beautiful showgirl in the center of the love triangle. It was a sensational murder story that had everything: money, power, class, love, rage, lust and revenge.

Monday, Mar. 20, 2006 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Government/Politics

FOREIGN EXCHANGE WITH FAREED ZAKARIA

This lively new weekly, half-hour international affairs series—hosted by the noted author, journalist and commentator Fareed Zakaria—probes the global questions of the moment from not only an American perspective but also through the eyes of newsmakers, politicians, diplomats and journalists from around the world.

Fridays Jan.-Mar., 2006 8 p.m. 30 minutes each APT

FRONTLINE “Private Warriors”

FRONTLINE returns to Iraq, this time to embed with Halliburton/KBR and to take a hard look at private contractors, including Blackwater, Aegis, Erinys and Custer Battles, who play an increasingly critical role in running U.S. military supply lines, providing armed protection, and operating U.S. military bases.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS

GOV. ROD BLAGOJEVICH'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS—LIVE

Illinois public television stations cover the State of the State address live from the state capitol in Springfield.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2006 Noon 90 minutes IPBC

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE “John and Abigail Adams”

He was brilliant, argumentative, and sometimes irascible. She was a savvy observer of the tumultuous political scene, unafraid to speak her mind in an age when women were excluded from politics. They endured long separations and painful defeats, but John and Abigail Adams formed one of the greatest political partnerships in American history, and forged a marriage that sustained them for the whole of their lives. In the tradition of its award-winning presidential biographies, AMERICAN EXPERIENCE profiles John and Abigail Adams—the original power couple.

Monday, Jan. 23, 2006 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

AT ISSUE—SMOKE FREE CITIES

Bloomington Mayor Steve Stockton and Normal Councilman Adam Nielsen join AT ISSUE host H Wayne Wilson to discuss whether Bloomington/Normal should go smoke-free in public places. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS

Coverage of the Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly by Illinois Public Broadcasters begins.

Wednesdays beginning March 15, 2006 11 p.m. 60 minutes each IPBC

NOW “The Sunshine Gang”

A blanket of secrecy has fallen over the American government. In this special one-hour broadcast, NOW shines a spotlight on what has happened to open government in America through the stories of whistleblowers—insiders who in many cases have risked it all for their democracy by telling the truth.

Friday, Mar. 17, 2006 7:30 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Minorities

AFRICAN AMERICAN LIVES

Renowned scholar Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr., W.E.B. DuBois professor of the Humanities and chair of African and African-American Studies at Harvard University, tells the personal stories of eight accomplished African Americans—a neurosurgeon, a TV pioneer/philanthropist, an astronaut, a music entrepreneur, a sociologist, a movie star, a minister and a comedian —tracing their roots through American history and back to Africa. In tonight's first program, “Listening to Our

Past,” Gates begins to piece together the family histories of four of the participants. (Repeated Saturday at 11 p.m.)
Wednesday, Feb. 1 & 8, 2006 8 p.m. 240 minutes PBS

INDEPENDENT LENS “Parliament Funkadelic: One Nation Under a Groove”
George Clinton, mastermind behind the band Parliament Funkadelic, expressed the cultural alienation of young African Americans, creating an alternate universe of “aliens” that brought the redemptive power of funk to a world sorely in need of a new point of view.
Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006 11 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

INDEPENDENT LENS “Negroes with Guns: Rob Williams and Black Power”
This program follows Robert Williams’ journey from North Carolina community leader to exile in Cuba and China, a journey that brought the issue of armed self-defense to the forefront of the Black Power and civil rights movements.
Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE “Reconstruction: The Second Civil War”
In the tumultuous years after the Civil War (1863-77), America grappled with how to rebuild itself, how to successfully bring the South back into the Union, and how to bring former slaves into the life of the country. The opening program, “Revolution,” looks at how—in the chaos following the war—a revolution takes shape in the South. Former slaves move to take control of their lives, and Southern whites, deeply threatened, resist—often violently. (Repeated Saturday at 11 p.m.)
Monday, Feb. 30, 2006 8 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

INDEPENDENT LENS “July ’64”
This film explores the genesis and outcome of a three-night riot that erupted in two predominantly black neighborhoods in downtown Rochester, New York, in 1964, a significant event in the civil rights era.
Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

TIME OF FEAR
In World War II, more than 110,000 Japanese Americans were forced to leave their homes and relocate to military camps. This documentary tells the story of the 16,000 men, women and children who were sent to two camps in southeast Arkansas, one of the poorest and most racially segregated places in America.
Monday, Mar. 20, 2006 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Communications/Media

INTERESTING PEOPLE

This new WTVP series, hosted by local attorney and media personality Ed Sutkowski, returns tonight with an interview with Bob Skronski, one of the co-captains for the Green Bay Packers for Super Bowls I and II and well-known businessman. (Repeated Sunday at 10:30 p.m.)

Friday, Jan. 27, 2006 8 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

INTERESTING PEOPLE

This new WTVP monthly series, hosted by local attorney and media personality Ed Sutkowski, continues tonight with an interview with General Wayne Downing, U.S. Army (Retired). A Peorian and highly decorated combat veteran, General Downing retired after a 34-year career in the U.S. Army and most recently served the White House as National Director and Deputy National Security Advisor for Combating Terrorism.

Friday, Mar. 31, 2006 8 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP