



## **ABC show examines 'Montana Meth'**

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ABC network television's "World News Saturday" will air an anchor story at 4 p.m. today about "Montana Meth," the new HBO documentary that had its Billings premiere Thursday at Montana State University-Billings' Petro Theater.

According to ABC Network News, the "Montana Meth" story will air 18 minutes into the newscast. "World News Saturday" is shown on KSVI ABC 6.

The ABC news crew was at MSU-Billings before the showing of the documentary to interview Montana Attorney General Mike McGrath, Montana Meth Project Director Peg Shea and Crystal, a recovering meth addict featured in the film. The news crew also attended the documentary and filmed the panel discussion that followed.

The panelists were McGrath, Shea, Crystal and U.S. Marshal Dwight MacKay. Steve Prosinski, editor of The Billings Gazette, served as moderator; Mike Gullledge, publisher of The Billings Gazette and chairman of the Montana Meth Project, introduced the documentary.

Gullledge also was interviewed Thursday by CNN for the "Paula Zahn Show," which aired that night.

"Montana Meth" was produced by HBO in collaboration with the Montana Meth Project. Tom Siebel, founder of the Meth Project, served as the film's executive producer. It was directed by award-winning filmmaker Eames Yates.

News of the escalating meth problem in Montana brought Yates and his crew to the state in 2005, where they spent nearly a year capturing the stories behind the statistics. The documentary looks at the tragic consequences of meth addiction.

The documentary is scheduled to air nationally on HBO on Sunday, as part of its "Addiction" series.

Thursday's premiere of "Montana Meth" was sponsored by the Montana Meth Project, Bresnan Communications, Billings Gazette Communications and MSU-Billings.