DIALOGUE FOR KIDS TALKS WITH BARBARA MORGAN

—Airs on October 21 at 2:00/1:00 p.m. MT/PT

DIALOGUE FOR KIDS in October finds out what it is like to work in space and discusses space-related industries such as geology and meteorology.

Idaho’s Educator-in-Space Barbara Morgan shares details with host Joan Cartan-Hansen about her upcoming career in space. Morgan answers student questions live from the NASA headquarters in Houston via a satellite link. This live, hour-long show airs Tuesday, October 21 at 2:00/1:00 p.m. MT/PT on Idaho Public Television.

Cartan-Hansen and Morgan take calls from students statewide on a toll-free line: 1-800-973-9800. Questions also may be sent by e-mail (dialogue4kids@idahoptv.org or via the DIALOGUE FOR KIDS Web site) or in advance by FAX (208-373-7245).

Barbara Morgan is a NASA Educator-in-Space and studied human biology at Stanford University and education at the College of Notre Dame. Morgan taught for the McCall School District from 1975-1998. She also taught English and science to third graders at Colegio Americano de Quito in Quito, Ecuador for one year in 1978-1979.

As the backup candidate for the 1985 NASA Educator-in-Space program, Morgan assumed the duties of the late Christa McAuliffe after the Challenger accident. In 1998 she began her training for the mission, which will launch in 2004. Her job involves working in Mission Control as prime communicator with on-orbit crews.

When she’s not training for her space mission, Morgan enjoys jazz, literature, hiking, swimming and cross-country skiing with her husband and two sons.

Additional information and links regarding space careers and Barbara Morgan can be found at the DIALOGUE FOR KIDS Web site (idahoptv.org/dialogue4kids/index.html). The broadcast program, in addition to being audio- and video-streamed live on the Web, also will remain available in the DIALOGUE FOR KIDS archive on the Web site.

This special DIALOGUE FOR KIDS featuring Educator-in-Space Barbara Morgan is paid for in part by a special grant from the National Center for Outreach’s Connector Grant program. Additional funding is provided by the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation.

DIALOGUE FOR KIDS, produced by Idaho Public Television, airs the third Tuesday of the month throughout the school year and focuses on a variety of science-related topics.
THREE IDAHOPTV TRANSLATOR UPGRADES COMPLETED

Beginning in early August, IdahoPTV began replacing three old translators with new units serving the communities and areas in Sandpoint, Salmon, and Burley.

Equipment for Sandpoint was installed during the week of August 4. When the equipment was activated, the over the air broadcast channel for Sandpoint was changed from 64 to 16 as per new guidelines from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). In addition, IdahoPTV has requested from the FCC a translator power output increase from 100 watts to 1000 watts. This increase, if approved, will significantly improve the picture and audio quality for viewers.

With the translator upgrade, Northland Cable will move the IdahoPTV service from Channel 96 to Channel 16. They expect the cable channel change to occur in November.

In addition, work was completed on translator replacements for Salmon and Burley in September. The old translator units were old and troublesome to maintain.

All three new translator units, Sandpoint, Salmon and Burley will be operated initially in the analog mode, but are digital ready (DTV) for the next generation television sets. The FCC has not determined when translators will begin providing digital television service to viewers.

These system upgrades are a result of action taken by the Idaho Legislature in the 2003 session allowing IdahoPTV to utilize remaining digital television conversion funds for the purpose of replacing aged translator equipment serving some of Idaho’s rural communities.

IDAHOPTV.ORG FEATURES UPDATED LEWIS & CLARK RESOURCES FOR IDAHOPTV-PRODUCED SHOWS RELATING TO HISTORIC TREK

In conjunction with the 200th anniversary of the Meriwether Lewis and William Clark exploration into Idaho, resources and links about the journey have been updated on the Idaho Public Television Web site.

Teachers, students and other Web users will connect to the latest information about the explorers’ journey when they go to idahoptv.org/lc and click on “related links.” Among the links are sites for Idaho Indian tribes, information on historic trails, and events scheduled during the journey’s anniversary years.

The Web page also connects to additional information on IdahoPTV productions about the journey and related history.

Also, as part of the anniversary celebrations, PBS is re-airing KEN BURNS’ LEWIS & CLARK: THE JOURNEY OF THE CORPS OF DISCOVERY. The two-part film aired on Idaho Public Television Tuesday, October 7, at 8:00/7:00 p.m. MT/PT and Wednesday, October 9, at 8:00 p.m. MT/PT. PBS has also enhanced the show’s Web site at www.pbs.org/lewisandclark/ for the anniversary.

IdahoPTV-produced specials also are re-air October 6-8 in connection with the anniversary:

- ECHOES OF A BITTER CROSSING: LEWIS AND CLARK IN IDAHO aired Monday, October 6, at 10:00 p.m. MT/PT.
- SACRED JOURNEY OF THE NEZ PERCE aired Tuesday, October 7 at 10:00 p.m. MT/PT.
- THE JOURNEY OF SACA-GAWEA aired Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. MT/PT.

IdahoPTV is in the midst of producing a new special, LEWIS AND CLARK CROSSING THE CENTURIES, which will air in March 2004.
On this episode of DIALOGUE, Boise Lawyer Mike Creamer and Dave Tuthill of Idaho Department of Water Resources discussed legal activity that could change how Idaho’s water is distributed.

Creamer and Tuthill, a department bureau chief, joined DIALOGUE host Joan Cartan-Hansen to talk about current water rights law, the on-going Snake River Adjudication, and changes that could occur overall.

Topics that were considered included who should own Idaho’s water and how to balance the needs of fish and wildlife with urban growth and agriculture.

Margaret Fuller, Boise, began her series of hiking guide books because she was frustrated. “We started taking our kids on hikes — our five kids — we kept getting lost on trails the rangers told us about,” Fuller says.

She published her Guide to the Sawtooths in 1979. Today, at age 67, she is still in search of hiking information, heading into the mountains, sunbonnet on head, tape recorder in hand to gather information on a growing list of trails. “I expect that even when I’m in my 90s, I’ll be able to get out of my car and go a couple of hundred yards at least — and I’ll still do it.”

Bud Moore grew up roaming the Bitterroot Mountains between Idaho and Montana as a trapper and hunter for his family. As an adult, he worked 50 years with the Forest Service, becoming ranger for the Powell District in the Clearwater National Forest.

Now 86, Moore is putting his 50 years of professional service to work on land he and his neighbors own. They have developed a landscape analysis for acreage they log, aiming to preserve the forest and wildlife habitat.

Butterflies keep Nelson Curtis of Moscow, a retired University of Idaho art professor, on his toes in Idaho’s meadows and woodlands. The hunt began more than 30 years ago when his child wanted to identify the butterflies they saw. He searched for books and found “nothing on Idaho, nothing.”

His growing collection contains more than 250,000 specimens, all documented. At age 77, Curtis hopes to find someone to pass the net to in the study of Idaho butterflies.

Joe Denton, 63, Boise, recently became a snowboarder because “it looked like those kids were having a whole lot of fun that I thought I might be missing out on.” He also says it has less impact than some sports on his legs and knees.

But he warns: “Snowboarding is one of the least elegant of the snow sports. You spend a lot of time on your butt. You spend an equal amount of time on your knees. I’m fairly aggressive, so I fall down some but I try to find soft places to fall.”

Denton’s advice is to keep trying something new. “Do something different. Don’t sit on your chair and do the same old stuff everyday. Keep moving. I guess that’s my credo,” Denton says.
IDAHOPTV PRODUCTIONS WIN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

I'm happy to announce four IdahoPTV production have won awards at The Columbus International Film and Video Festival (one of the nation's oldest film and video competition):

- The Chris Statuette (7 out of 7 ratings points)
  - Idaho Rhapsody
- Bronze Plaque (6 out of 7 ratings points)
  - The Journey of Sacagawea, a co-production of Idanha Films and IdahoPTV
- Honorable Mention (5 out of 7 ratings points)
  - Dialogue: Faith and Foreign Affairs
  - Outdoor Idaho: 20th Anniversary Show

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE APPEARED ON DIALOGUE

—Aired Thursday, October 2 at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT
—Repeated Sunday, October 5 at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT

Former Vice President Walter Mondale appeared on DIALOGUE to discuss his views on U.S. and world events.

Mondale spoke with DIALOGUE host Joan Cartan-Hansen about the U.S. Patriot Act, the situation in Iraq, the 2004 Presidential election, and other issues.

Mondale was in Idaho to speak at the Andrus Center for Public Policy and the Frank Church Institute conference on Freedom and Secrecy. As a U.S. Senator, Mondale served as chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee's Domestic Task Force and as Vice President (1977-1980), he backed legislation to provide for oversight of the Central Intelligence Agency. He later served as Ambassador to Japan. Mondale is now in private practice as a lawyer and lives in his native Minnesota.

Because the interview was taped, there were no call-in segments.

FREELAND SELECTED

Kris Freeland has been selected to serve as IdahoPTV’s Education and Outreach Director. She will also serve as Station Manager for KUID/KCDT and will be based in Moscow.

Over the years, Freeland has worked in several capacities at IdahoPTV including coordinating with PBS our efforts with regard to a pilot site for educational datacast services.

Currently, Kris is teaching a morning kindergarten class at West Park Elementary in Moscow and works afternoons for IdahoPTV. When her teaching duties conclude, she will work full-time for IdahoPTV.

IdahoPTV is very excited about Kris and her new assumed duties!

DISCUSSION ON LARGE PREDATORS OF THE WEST OPENS SECOND SEASON OF FOCUSWEST PRESENTATIONS

—Aired Thursday, September 18 at 8:00 p.m. MT/PT
—Repeated Sunday, September 21 at 7:00/6:00 p.m. MT/PT

Involved westerners and national experts grappled with the place of the frontier’s great predators in today’s West during a television special, which aired initially on Thursday, September 18 on Idaho Public Television.

PREDATORS OF THE WEST: A PRESENTATION OF FOCUSWEST is the first show of FocusWest productions’ second season produced by a five-state public television consortium and taped in the IdahoPTV studio.

The FocusWest partners zero in on grizzlies, wolves and cougars, all of which struggle for a way to
live in the modern world. The program explores the challenges of humans and the animals, whose territories collide as people and their activities expand throughout the region.

“If we push the ranching industry off the land they’re going to plant their final crop, which is a row of houses,” says Paul Hoffman, deputy assistant secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Department of Interior.

Hoffman was among the program’s studio guests. Gathered from five western states and Washington, D.C., the guests represent a variety of perspectives, philosophies and interests. Some see the wild creatures as a part of their heritage; some see them as targets for elimination; and others help governments oversee wildlife and wildlands.

“There is no such thing as a separate human and wild world. Those two worlds are colliding on the edges of all these western cities,” says Dean Miller. He is author of Cat Attacks: True Stories and Hard Lessons from Cougar Country and managing editor of Idaho Falls Post Register. “The question to you is what are you willing to give up.”

Levi Holt, member Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, calls for cooperation to maintain a shared heritage: “If we are ever to hand off a legacy, a heritage of this country — that is so rich — it must be with sacrifice. It must be with cooperation and coordination.”

Each FocusWest production deals with a different western issue. The five FocusWest partners for the 2003-2004 season are: Idaho Public Television, KNPB Reno, KUED in Utah, Oregon Public Television, and Wyoming Public Television. Each show premieres simultaneously in the five states.