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Quotes

"Thank you for your years of broadcasting important debates on timely issues."

Laird Maxwell
 Proposition 2
 October 14, 2006

"Marcia...great work with all of your debates. I've seen parts of a few of them. You and your crew do a marvelous public service....thanks for letting us use them."

Doug Nadvornick, Program Director
 KSFC Spokane Public Radio

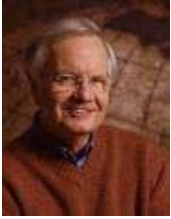


As you know, over the last three weeks, in partnership with the Idaho League of Women Voters and the Idaho Press Club, Idaho Public Television has produced 5 Idaho Debate programs involving the races for Governor, 1st Congressional District, 2nd Congressional District, Superintendent for Public Instruction, and Attorney General. In addition, DIALOGUE produced three programs (Eminent Domain/Regulatory Takings, Education and Marriage) on the ballot initiatives. Also, IdahoPTV broadcast state-wide debates produced by other broadcasters involving the Governor (KTVB's Twin Falls debate and KLEW's Lewiston debate) and Lieutenant Governor (KTVB). Finally, all of the programs described above were made available for on-demand viewing at idahoptv.org.

By election day, more than 50 print articles and editorials statewide were written and several television news segments mentioned IdahoPTV's IDAHO DEBATES.

I'd like to thank our IDAHO DEBATES partners, the Idaho League of Women Voters and the Idaho Press Club, for which their efforts made possible this year's activities. Special thanks also need to go to Betsy Russell, the Idaho Spokesman Review, Elinor Chehey and Muriel Roberts of the Idaho League of Women Voters. Finally, I'd like to extend many thanks and commend KTVB, Boise; KLEW-TV, Lewiston; and KBCI-TV, Boise for their efforts to bring additional debates to the people of Idaho.

On, Thursday, November 9, DIALOGUE will present a statewide election wrap up program. I've included an overview in the DIALOGUE section below.



MOYERS ON AMERICA Miniseries Came To Idaho; Visited with Vineyard Christian Fellowship Pastor

— Aired Wednesday, October 11, at 9:00 p.m. MT/PT

The three-part PBS miniseries MOYERS ON AMERICA came to Treasure Valley to take up the discussion of "Is God Green."

The second episode of the presentation on issues facing America visits with Pastor Tri Robinson at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship's campus in Garden City. The Idaho portion of the show highlights the congregation's environmental efforts. The discussion expands nationally to examine the large number of conservative evangelicals who are standing up for the earth as a Biblical imperative of stewardship.

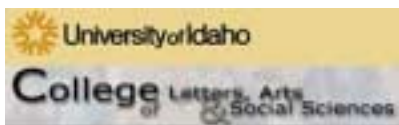
The third and final episode of the series aired October 18 and discusses "The Net at Risk."

the buzz

— Journalist and novelist Jim Lehrer, Executive Editor of THE NEWSHOUR WITH JIM LEHRER, will speak at the Idaho Humanities Council Annual Dinner in Boise on Friday evening, November 17. While Mr. Lehrer is in Idaho, he will videotape a DIALOGUE special for broadcast on Thursday, November 23.



This event is made possible through a partnership between the IHC and Idaho Public Television.



— On Monday, October 30, Dr. Kenton Bird, Chair, School of Journalism and Mass Media, University of Idaho and I signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding codifying the close working relationship between IdahoPTV and the JAMM school. The MOU had been previously approved by the State Board of Education in their October meeting after review by the university attorney and the Office of the Attorney General. During the signing ceremony, I reiterated my pride for the long-standing productive relationship between the two institutions that benefits hundreds of students every year and viewers across the state.

— Also on Monday, October 30, the JAMM School Advisory Board met for their semi-annual meeting via videoconference at IdahoPTV offices in Moscow and Boise.



— An FYI...on the Thursday, October 26 live broadcast of DIALOGUE: Proposition 1, there were almost 1,596 attempted calls to our 1-800 ask-a-question line! On the October 19 Proposition 2 (Eminent Domain) program, attempted calls totaled 192, with 66 attempted calls for October 5's Boulder White Clouds Wilderness discussion.



— On Monday, October 23, Kim Nielson, IdahoPTV Development Director/ Station Manager and I met with Idaho State University President Arthur Vailas and three members of his executive team regarding the move of the KISU studio, technical facilities and offices from the Education Building to the Liberal Arts Building on the ISU Campus.

We were pleased to learn that the building upgrade project was ranked #2 on ISU campus upgrade list and the budget request had been recently approved by the State Board of Education and forwarded to the Office of the Governor for review and determination for consideration by the 2007 legislative session. In addition, we were told that the Rendezvous Center construction timetable is on schedule which is key to allowing for space to be made available to IdahoPTV in the Liberal Arts Building.

IdahoPTV and ISU anticipate starting the project in the spring of 2007 with needed campus fiber optic wiring and architectural designing work. The construction phase would begin in early summer.

Funds for the television equipment portion of the project were appropriated by the 2006 Legislature to IdahoPTV and will be expended when the ISU construction phase of the project begins.

We anticipate moving into the new facility in late fall of 2007.



— On Wednesday, October 25, Bruce Reichert spoke to nearly 200 employees of the Idaho Water Resources at their multi-day statewide departmental meeting in Boise. Reichert's topic for the Department's Annual Employee Awards luncheon was centered on OUTDOOR IDAHO and a recent trip down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, which documented the July 2006 Pistol Creek logjam and subsequent dynamiting by the U.S. Forest Service.



— On Friday, October 20, IdahoPTV was the media sponsor for the Idaho Humanities Council dinner at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. The keynote speaker was Susan Orlean, author of non-fiction books including THE ORCHID THIEF, who spoke to a gathered audience of nearly 350.



— DIALOGUE is now heard weekly on Idaho State University's campus radio station KISU-FM. Program Manager Jamon Anderson dropped us a note recently saying "the programs have been terrific and our listeners' responses have been very positive. Thank you very much!"

— Though out October, in partnership with the Idaho Secretary of State Ben Yursa and the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, IdahoPTV has been airing statewide a promotional announcement regarding assessable voting machines for those individuals with disabilities.

— In early November, the Legislative Audit team anticipates wrapping up their annual audit of Idaho Public Television. We'll keep you posted in the coming weeks regarding the results.

— On October 23, internationally renowned musician and public television star Tim Janis and his band, performed to an audience of 250 at the L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello.



Keyboardist and composer Janis and his featured musicians featured pieces from his recent CD release COASTAL AMERICA. With more than one million albums sold, various national public television specials and 10 Billboard-charting CDs, Janis has conducted orchestras worldwide, including at New York's Lincoln Center.

Janis' next PBS program, TIM JANIS: THE AMERICAN CHRISTMAS CAROL, will air statewide on IdahoPTV on Sunday, December 3 at noon MT/11am PT.



— The installation of robotic cameras in the Idaho state capitol is advancing. On October 26, Jeff Tucker, IdahoPTV Production Manager and I made a presentation to the Idaho Capitol Commission on the progress of this project. This initiative is a collaborative project of the Legislative Council, Legislative Services,

Department of Administration and the Idaho Capitol Commission. On October 25, State Purchasing awarded the principle equipment contract to a company that will work with IdahoPTV technicians beginning in mid-November on its installation in the House and Senate Chambers. Funding for this project was provided by the 2006 Idaho Legislature and will enable IdahoPTV to provide gavel to gavel video coverage of floor debate beginning in January 2007 via statewide digital television broadcast and through idahoptv.org both in broadband and dial-up versions. In addition, IdahoPTV has been working with the Idaho Cable Television Association to provide this "c-span" like service to cable television subscribers throughout Idaho.

IdahoPTV will present a project overview to the Legislative Council during their November 9 meeting in Boise.



— As I mentioned in last month's GM Report, IdahoPTV Producer Marcia Franklin has been invited to join a team of six Girl Scouts for Destination: Ecuador in December. I am including a recent article in GIRL SCOUT NEWS published by the Silver Sage Girl Scouts Council on the project.

Destination: Ecuador

Kori Kessler of McCalls, Rachel Ghan of Pocatello, Hillary Wamen of Salmon and Ida Fischer, Chelsea Hanway and Sara Jaszowski of Boise make up a six member team selected for Destination: Ecuador, an opportunity for cultural exploration and community service offered by the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council. The team will travel to Ecuador in December to participate in community assistance projects sponsored there by the Rotary Clubs of southern Idaho.

The project team will spend two weeks in Ecuador visiting health care and education projects located near Quito, Ecuador's capitol city and in a jungle region of the Amazon River Basin. They'll visit a unique school for learning-disabled children in Quito, a project that provides clean water and medical services to a country village, and a project that brings internet access and increases opportunities for kids living in the remote jungle.

While in Ecuador, the girls will meet with Ecuadorian students and project leaders to learn about their needs and successes, and to share experiences. The team members will also deliver supplies such as notebooks, writing materials and other needed items.

The main mission of the project team is to document the community assistance projects and the people they serve. The project team will serve as journalists and return with audio-visual material reports about the projects to present to civic clubs, school groups, Girl Scouts, and other youth organizations. The girls will also post a website diary during the trip for their interested friends, family and school classes.

To learn and develop their journalistic skills, the project team is being mentored by Marcia Franklin, Producer and Program Host for Idaho Public Television. Franklin will accompany the team to Ecuador.



— From Sunday, October 15 through Thursday October 17, I attended my first PBS Board of Directors meeting, held in Seattle. The principle subjects deliberated during this quarterly meeting were reviewing PBS's strategic plan, updates on the litigation revolving around the Federal Communications Commission indecency guidelines for broadcasters and employment contracts for the management team. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 29 and 30 at the PBS headquarters located in Crystal City, VA.

Signals And Technology Update

Idaho Public Television has just taken delivery on two new high definition field camera systems for use in our documentary programs. As previously mentioned, funding for this upgrade came from a grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust this past spring and also includes the acquisition of a high definition editing system which will replace a standard definition system that is more than five years old. The new edit system is currently being bid through State Purchasing. These new field and edit systems are complementary to the Boise studio digital upgrade that was completed in August 2006. Funding for a similar upgrade was approved by the 2006 Idaho Legislature for Pocatello and is anticipated to be complete in the fall of 2007. This project is part of a partnership with Idaho State University that includes moving our KISU studio, technical facilities and offices from the Education Building to the Liberal Arts Building to be co-located with the ISU School of Communications. IdahoPTV has requested funds for a studio upgrade for our Moscow facility and will be considered by the 2007 Idaho Legislature.

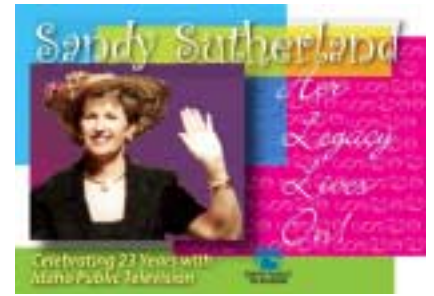


IdahoPTV Staff Updates And Transitions

As I previously mentioned in the October GM Report, Sandy Sutherland, Corporate Underwriting Account Executive for Idaho Public Television has accepted a position as the Development Director for the College of Education at Boise State University.

Those of us here at Idaho Public Television are both excited for her new assignment, but sad that we're losing a trusted colleague.

Over her 23 plus year service at IdahoPTV, she has immeasurably contributed to the fabric of our statewide service. She has engaged in several functions within IdahoPTV's development department ranging from auctions, pledge drives, major and planned giving, endowments and most recently corporate support.



But her jobs here at IdahoPTV do not fully describe the impact that she has had on the maturation of our statewide service.

Through her years of effort, she has brought luminosity, determination and caring to those around her. She has helped make those that have worked with her better and ultimately, IdahoPTV a stronger organization.

For the staff and volunteers of Idaho Public Television, I wish Sandy the very best in her new assignment at Boise State University. She has helped make us better and I strongly suspect that she'll do the same at BSU!

I'm including a kind note that she sent to staff on her last day on Friday, November 3.

"Where do I start to thank all of you? You have been my colleagues, my friends, my family. We've shared challenges, joys and sorrows, with, fortunately, the joys at the top of the heap. I am so proud of our Idaho Public Television team and look forward to my new role with you as a volunteer. (Maybe as a Festival camera person, AI?) My heart will always be here, wishing you all the very best. Please, let's keep in touch." Sandy



Idaho Public Television's Friends And Foundation Boards

The Friends of Idaho Public Television: KISU will meet Wednesday, November 8 at 5:30 p.m.

The Friends of Idaho Public Television: KAID/KIPT will meet Thursday, November 16 at noon.

The Friends of KUID/KCDT will meet Tuesday, December 5 at noon.

IdahoPTV Reaches Out

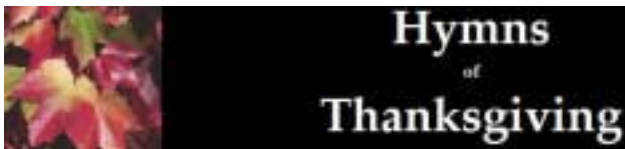


— On Tuesday, October 17, IdahoPTV premiered a new OUTDOOR IDAHO: PALOUSE PARADISE at the Kenworthy Theatre in Moscow to an audience of almost 200. In addition, attendees got the opportunity to see upcoming segments from NOVA, FRONTLINE, MASTERPIECE THEATRE, NATURE, as well as a special segment on the upcoming February IdahoPTV special on the Middle Fork Salmon River. IdahoPTV Executive Producer Bruce Reichert, Director Pat Metzler, Outreach Director/Station Manager Kris Freeland, and Director of Broadcasting Ron Pisaneschi also spoke at the premier.

— Idaho Public Television partners with the Independent Television Service, Boise State University, and Idaho State University to present a monthly film series called Community Cinema. Community Cinema seeks to create face-to-face public discourse around a variety of global issues. The conversation centers around a preview screening of film selected from the Independent Lens series. Local speakers share their insights and perspectives on the topic du jour and lead an audience discussion of issues raised in the film. Screenings are held on campus at ISU, BSU and BSU West. Our primary partners are the Associated Students at each school, with additional affinity groups participating in individual films. The series brings community and campus together in meaningful dialogue around import global issues with local impact.



Our IdahoPTV Productions



IdahoPTV Presents HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING on November 23

An Idaho production, HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING (7:00 p.m. MT/PT), offers musical selections that celebrate families, reflect patriotism and renew the spirit. A magnificent community choir and orchestra bring their talents to the Taco Bell Arena on the Boise State University campus for a 90-minute concert. This musical celebration is hosted by Governor James E. Risch and First Lady Vicki Risch.



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OUTDOOR IDAHO, A Trip to the Moon

- Airs Thursday, November 16, at 8:00/7:00 p.m. MT/PT
- Repeats Sunday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. MT/PT

Geology is alive at Craters of the Moon National Monument, a year-around science laboratory and recreational wonderland.

Producer Joan Cartan-Hansen reveals this often overlooked piece of Idaho as a place of geological history and Native American spirituality, a home to butterflies, an informative tourist stop and a winter field-trip site. “This region of rugged, sharp lava and towering formations teams with life and history in all seasons of the year,” Cartan-Hansen says.

In the late 1800s, area residents thought the area looked like the surface of the moon through a telescope. Moon landings in the mid-1900s disproved that connection, but do not lessen the scientific interest.

“In terms of geology, this is so much alive. It’s so fresh and so clear and so clean and we know that another eruption could happen at any moment,” says Scott Hughes, Professor and chairman of Volcanology and Planetary Geology at Idaho State University.

The last eruption that left its mark frozen in stone was just 2,000 years ago — an event imbedded in Shoshone-Bannock oral history. Lavern Broncho of the Shoshone Bannocks tells the story of a giant serpent squeezing a mountain and causing a fiery eruption. Broncho points out that because the area is protected as a monument, “this might be one of the last strongholds to hold onto our native plants.”

The native plants attract butterflies to a little seen and surprisingly verdant corner of the monument where a group gathers to count the colorful summer residents. A wildflower tour takes visitors into another part of the monument that comes alive with spring growth. When snow softens the outlines of the black lava rock, a group of fourth grade students from Dubois put on snowshoes to explore the dramatic landscape.

Filmmaker Steve Wursta comes to the monument to trace the steps of early 20th-century adventurer Robert Limbert, who saw the possibilities of a national park where others saw wasteland. “Some of the accounts (of this place) seemed beyond belief,” Limbert wrote, citing the region’s distinctive beauty and unique geographic features.



North Idaho's Palouse Stars in New OUTDOOR IDAHO

— Aired Thursday, October 19, at 8:00/7:00 p.m. MT/PT

“A Palouse Paradise,” a new OUTDOOR IDAHO episode, captured the vistas, the life, the history of the landscape and the people of the North Idaho region.

Producer Bruce Reichert and crew focus on unusual cedar groves, a piece of native prairie habitat, the changing farm environment, the heritage of the Appaloosa horse, a hunt for rare earthworms, and evidence of geologic history.

“The artists and the poets describe the curves and the undulations and the shadows and the light much better than I can,” says Kenton Bird, director, School of Journalism and Mass Media, University of Idaho. “I just know that when I come back to the Palouse after being away, I feel at home.”

The landscape and soils are the products of natural forces whose combined efforts over several million years left a unique signature.

In more recent times, the Nez Perce bred the Appaloosa amid the tall native grasses. The tribe had the horses taken from them by the U.S. government, but has renewed the relationship in today's world. “My kids have riding lessons and that's a huge step for someone who has lost out because of the Nez Perce War,” says Aaron Miles of the Nez Perce Tribe.

Large-scale farming during the last few decades has absorbed many homesteads, leaving islands of deserted barnyards. Yet the farm economy continues to evolve. “The Palouse, I think, needs to sell itself as a nerve center of vanguard farming,” says Mary Jane Butters, organic farmer, writer and magazine editor. “We're going to make our money however we can dream it up.

Jacie Jensen is gathering native seeds from a prairie remnant on her family's wheat farm and growing the plans for landscaping and for use in weed control. An example is a plant called prairie smoke. “It suppresses weeds. It's green almost all year round, so we think this one will be good for landscaping but also for restoration,” she says.

Photographers Alison Meyer and Jan Boles are preservationists in another way, capturing the ever-changing landscape, colors and lights. “Landscape photographers always hope that they can transmit a sense of place,” Boles says. “This picture just isn't anywhere. This definitely has an identity.”



DIALOGUE Interviews Jim Lehrer

— Aired Thursday, November 23, 8:00/7:00 p.m. MT/PT
 — Repeats Sunday, November 26, 5:00/4:00 p.m. MT/PT

DIALOGUE presents a special half-hour taped discussion with Jim Lehrer, author of 15 novels, award-winning journalist, moderator for 10 nationally televised presidential debates and winner of the 1999 Presidential Humanities Medal. IdahoPTV host Marcia Franklin will sit down with the anchor of THE NEWSHOURS WITH JIM LEHRER when he visits Boise as the featured speaker for the 10th Annual Distinguished Humanities Lecture and Dinner on November 17. Because the show is prerecorded, there is no call-in segment.



DIALOGUE Presents an Election Wrap-up

- Aired Thursday, November 9, at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT
- Repeats Sunday, November 12, at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT

To conclude its election season coverage, Idaho Public Television presents a live DIALOGUE program that looks at the results of elections in Idaho and in key races across the country. Host Marcia Franklin will speak with representatives from the state Democratic and Republican parties to hear their insights about the outcomes.



Richard Stallings, chairman of the Idaho Democratic Party, and Blake Hall, national committeeman for the Republican Party of Idaho, join Franklin to discuss the election results.

Franklin and her guests also take calls from viewers on a toll-free line during the live call-in show.

DIALOGUE, produced by IdahoPTV, is Idaho's only weekly statewide public affairs program. The program is funded by the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation. Individual DIALOGUE programs are archived on the IdahoPTV Web site at idahoptv.org/dialogue and can be Web streamed for later viewing.

View or listen to DIALOGUE episodes in a variety of formats:

- Traditional analog over-the-air broadcast airs Thursdays at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT, with repeats Sundays at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT, on channels 35-KUID/26-KCDT, 4-KAID/13-KIPT, and 10-KISU. Analog also is available through cable and satellite; consult local suppliers for channel numbers.
- High-definition over-the-air broadcast air Thursdays at 9:30/8:30 p.m. MT/PT, with repeats Sundays 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT, on channels KUID-12, KCDT-45, KAID-21, KIPT-22 and KISU-17. The high-definition broadcast also is available through some cable companies; consult local suppliers.
- Standard-definition over-the-air broadcasts air between 7:00/6:00 a.m. and 3:00/2:00 p.m. on Citizen-4 digital channel. The frequency, days and times may vary. The standard-definition broadcast also is available through some cable companies; consult local suppliers.
- Video streaming from idahoptv.org/dialogue is available in high-bandwidth or low-bandwidth format. Windows Media Player is required; a free download is available.
- Video download from idahoptv.org/dialogue; ultra-high bandwidth required.
- Podcasts (MP3, audio-only; and MP4, audio-video for video iPods) are available for download from idahoptv.org/dialogue.
- Boise State Radio audio-only airs in Southwest Idaho. Sundays, at 11:30 a.m. MT.
- KISU-FM audio-only airs in eastern Idaho Mondays at 6:30 p.m.



IdahoPTV's DIALOGUE Looks at HRJ2, Idaho's Marriage Amendment

- Aired Thursday, November 2, at 8:00/7:00 p.m. MT/PT
- Repeated Sunday, November 5, at 5:00/4:00 p.m. MT/PT

This special hour-long DIALOGUE examined a proposed constitutional amendment on the Idaho ballot that defines marriage as being between a man and a woman. The amendment also validates marriage as the only domestic union recognized by the state.

Guests include: Rep. Lawrence Denney (R-Midvale), one of the sponsors of the amendment; Bryan Fischer of the Idaho Values Alliance; and Jim East and Kim Beswick from the Idaho Votes No campaign.

Franklin and her guests took calls from viewers on a toll-free line during the live call-in show.

Idaho is one of eight states with constitutional amendments on the ballot outlawing same-sex marriages. Twenty states currently have similar definitions of marriage in their constitutions.

Although Idaho currently has a statute defining marriage as being between a man and a woman, proponents of the ballot measure say a constitutional amendment is needed to make sure the law isn't challenged and overturned in the courts. Opponents say that the proposal is too far-reaching by making it impossible for same-sex partners to ever petition for domestic partnership benefits, and that it will negatively affect heterosexual couples as well.

Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and Solutions Are Topic of DIALOGUE

- Aired Thursday, October 12, at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT
- Repeated Sunday, October 15, at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT



On this episode of Idaho Public Television, DIALOGUE host Marcia Franklin discussed the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with Ambassador (Ret.) Philip Wilcox, President of the Foundation for Middle East Peace (FMEP).

Wilcox, a retired U.S. Foreign Service officer, has been the director for Near East Regional Affairs, director for Israeli and Arab-Israeli Affairs and Chief of Mission in Jerusalem. Now he brings that experience to his position at FMEP, a nonprofit organization that promotes Israeli-Palestinian peace.



Boulder-White Clouds Wilderness is Topic of DIALOGUE Discussion

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

The Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act (CIEDRA) was the topic this week when DIALOGUE host Marcia Franklin talked with the bill's sponsor and with members of organizations who have a stake in its outcome.

Representative Mike Simpson (R-ID), the sponsor of the legislation, participated by telephone. Joining Franklin in the IdahoPTV studio were Rick Johnson of the Idaho Conservation League; Carl Pence, retired Area Ranger for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area; and Brett Madron of the Idaho Trail Machine Association.

Franklin and her guests took calls from viewers on a toll-free line during the live call-in show.

CIEDRA would designate as wilderness more than 300,000 acres in the Boulder-White Clouds region of Central Idaho. Senator Larry Craig (R-ID) recently held a hearing on the Act, and expressed concerns about some of its provisions. At the same time, he said he would work with all the parties to see if a compromise could be found. The legislation has already passed the U.S. House of Representatives.



Learn How To Be A Scientific Genius on Dialogue for Kids

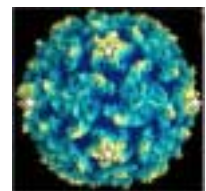
— Airs December 12, 2:00/1:00 p.m. MT/PT

What's the easiest way to learn about science? Experiment! Check out some simple scientific experiments and find out more about the scientific principles behind them. Learn how you too can be a scientific genius in your own home or classroom on this month's D4K: Dialogue for Kids. Host Joan Cartan-Hansen will be joined by two physic professors, Steve Shropshire from Idaho State University and Dewey Dykstra from Boise State University.

Students can send questions through e-mail to D4K@idahoptv.org, fax them in before the show to (208) 373-7245 or call in live during the program to (800) 973-9800. You can also watch a special Web-only program on the D4K web site. Students who send in a question are eligible to win a DVD player and DVDs for their classroom.

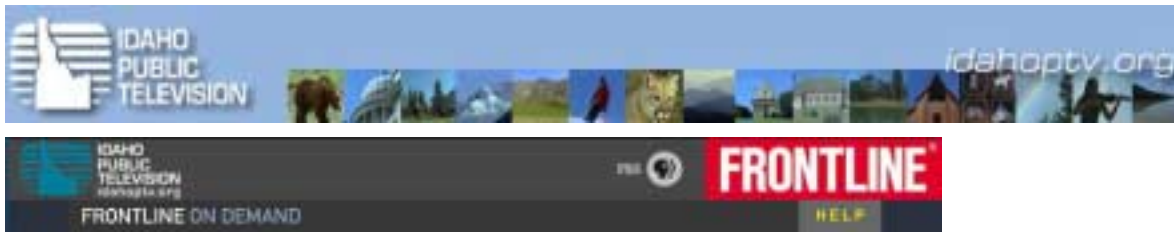
Viruses on Dialogue for Kids in November

— Airs November 21, 2:00/1:00 p.m. MT/PT



They are too small to be seen with the naked eye, are found everywhere, and can make you really sick. Viruses are globs of chemicals that live off other organisms. How do they infect their hosts? Why do they make you sick? Do you have a question about viruses?

Check out the links that appear on the D4K Web page. Watch one of our videos, or send in a question for our experts to answer on our broadcast show. This month's guest scientists are Dr. Christine Hahn, Idaho's state epidemiologist and Dr. Jacob Hornby from Lewis and Clark State College.



Now Appearing on idahoptv.org

FRONTLINE premiered on the Idaho Public Television Web site in October, presented through an enhanced video Web player and featuring free access to current FRONTLINE programs through the Internet.

The service, which can be reached from the IdahoPTV home page, includes the FRONTLINE season premiere "Return of the Taliban," which aired Tuesday (October 3) and selected archived episodes. Each new FRONTLINE, including "The Enemy Within" (October 10) and "The Lost Year in Iraq" (October 17) will be available on idahoptv.org within 24 hours of broadcast.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with FRONTLINE on this exciting new opportunity," says Director of Broadcasting Ron Pisaneschi. "This is a natural next step for Idaho Public Television. We offer our own locally produced public affairs programming as streaming video, archived podcasts and video downloads. Now we join with three other public television stations nationwide to be the first to provide the new FRONTLINE service."

FRONTLINE ON DEMAND uses a newly developed video player that allows the user to watch high-quality, large-frame video directly from the IdahoPTV Web site. In addition, the enhanced video Web player is controlled by viewers and includes a menu with localized programming formation.

Late last month, we received an email from idahoptv.org user Bill Miller asking about whether MP3 audio podcasts were available of THE IDAHO DEBATES. I'm including his email and our response from our webmaster Rick Penticoff.



"I want to download the debates so I can put them onto my MP3 - how do I do that? I right click and there is no 'copy' or 'download' option. Thanks. Sign Bill Miller"

Hi Bill,

The downloadable options are available on the Video Archive page: <http://idahoptv.org/elections/2006/video.cfm>

Audio-only files are available via the podcasts --

Debates: <http://idahoptv.org/elections/2006/gendebates/gendebates06.xml>

Dialogue: <http://idahoptv.org/dialogue/dialogue.xml>

Hope this helps, and thanks for watching.

Rick Penticoff
IdahoPTV Web Master

Public Television In The News



Viewers Like You: PBS board elects local public television head



Boise Weekly
OCTOBER 25, 2006
BY TAYLOR NEWBOLD

There's a new sheriff in the town--at least in the town where the national Public Broadcasting System board of directors meet. PBS announced the inclusion of an Idaho member to their board of directors last month. Peter Morrill, general manager of Idaho Public Television, has begun his three-year term on the PBS board and says he's quite excited about serving. "It's going to be a kick." Morrill has been working for IPTV since 1979, when he initially served as a director/videographer. In 1986, he took a couple years off to work for a PBS station at the University of Florida, but returned to Idaho and would later hold IPTV's reigns as executive director. Morrill, a respected pioneer for Idaho public television, has created such well-known programs as "Outdoor Idaho" and "Idaho Reports." Though Morrill will be an official member of the PBS board, he remains at the helm of IPTV as general manager, "I'm not going anywhere, just wearing one more hat," he says.

As an amateur still photographer and music lover in high school, Morrill later got television fever and has since let it break. "It's always something I've been interested in," he says. He received a degree in communication and moved on to pursue his broadcasting interests. But don't think years of working in television have drained his love of television. "It still fascinates me and gets me excited," Morrill says.

In the mid 1970s, only four television networks existed in Idaho, including public television, all with the same way of getting information out to viewers. With dramatic changes in technology since the '70s, Morrill says public television has truly benefited. "Technology plays very well into our educational service mission," he says. Morrill believes what lies ahead for public television is promising and technologically savvy, especially for IPTV, saying that for the last five years, IPTV has been deeply involved in statewide digital television conversion. Many improvements and upgrades in production capabilities have also enhanced what IPTV has to offer its audience, including more distribution options.

"Our viewers are using more and more different devices to consume what we do," Morrill says, adding that IPTV currently offers audio and video podcasts of many of their programs, including ones relating to the upcoming elections next month.

IPTV has a rich history since its inception in September 1965 when KUID channel 12 in Moscow signed on the air, thereby becoming the first public licensed educational television station in Idaho.

Anyone who watches public television knows that it depends strongly on the support of its viewers. Morrill says a large portion of IPTV's operating budget (62 percent) comes from nonprofit organization and corporation grants, individual contributions and gifts. IPTV also depends on the state to assist in making sure IPTV remains a statewide television system in order for viewers in more rural communities, such as Salmon, to partake of its programming. The rest of IPTV's funding comes from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Though IPTV has a long history of exemplary, well-received programming, it has had its moments of controversy. In 1999 and 2000, IPTV broadcast *It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School*, a documentary that chronicles how public and private schools deal with homosexual issues, specifically name-calling and other harassment. Another shown titled *Our House* documented the life of a child with gay parents. The reaction to the airing of these shows came with 2,500 members of the community contacting IPTV to express either their pleasure or disagreement with the shows. Morrill recalls that time as being one of the more difficult times in his tenure as IPTV general manager.

Controversy also engulfed IPTV following the broadcasting of two KUID-produced documentaries: *Cedar Thief*, about timber practices in northern Idaho, and *Kellogg: The Best to You Each Morning*, about lead exposure among children in the Silver Valley, collectively resulted in the Idaho Legislature eliminating all but \$70,000 of public television funding. Lawmakers would later relent on condition that the state's three stations would operate as a statewide network with one general manager.

In accordance with tradition, IPTV continues its coverage of debates tonight, October 25, at 7 p.m. with Superintendent of Public Instruction candidates vying for office. It is one of seven statewide debates broadcast by IPTV, which end with debates for lieutenant governor on November 1 at 7 p.m.

Through it all, Morrill hopes to include aspects of Idaho and the West in the programming PBS does. "I have always been committed to the content of the programming that PBS is engaged in," he says. "I hope I can be someone [in the board] who knows how to produce television programs ... and expertise coming from a rural, Western television system, one that will reflect a Western work ethic and perspective."

Though being on the board only increases his workload, Morrill seems unflappable, continuing to relish in his respected occupation. "I get to come to work everyday," he says, "and work with some very dedicated talented professionals, and work with really committed volunteers all across Idaho to help push the public television mission."

For a complete list of programming, including Idaho Public Television's coverage of the Idaho candidate debates, visit www.idahoptv.org.



An entertaining debate with a troubling format

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Voters who spent their Monday night watching a gubernatorial debate at the College of Southern Idaho — either in person, or on television — learned a lot about the four candidates running for office. In fact, they probably learned too much.

Let's put it this way, when a fringe candidate steals a good portion of the debate, it's probably not good for the entire show.

Going into the final weekend before the election, the two major candidates for office, Republican Butch Otter and Democrat Jerry Brady, are in a virtual tie. The Nov. 7 race may be one of the closest in a generation.

So with the stakes rising, voters deserved a debate that provided candidates with a full opportunity to explain and clarify their key issues, while confronting opponents in a 90-minute window.

Instead, thanks to a reformatted style that included Brady, Otter, Libertarian Party candidate Ted Dunlap and quasi-Constitutional Party candidate Marv Richardson, the process was a corny mix of the confusing and the compelling.

Candidates started their response to panel questions in alphabetical order, then rotated first responses but kept the same order. That script prevented Brady and Otter from responding to direct jabs thrown at each other. Dunlap represented himself fairly well as a third-party Libertarian candidate, who had debated Brady alone the previous night on Idaho Public TV.

That leads us to Richardson, who represented the Constitutional Party (without the party's endorsement) with a flair that matched his maroon blazer. Chirping early and often about his opposition to abortion, the candidate, who changed his name to Pro-Life, slammed public education, higher education, and most everything in between. Some additional gems of wisdom from Pro-Life included:

- "I'm all for ignoring the federal government."
- "If you wanted a Libertarian with morals, you'd vote for me."
- and if elected, "I would take a bum to lunch."

As one audience member noted, "Aren't you proud this is being broadcast nationally on C-SPAN?"

Including Richardson may be the egalitarian and entertaining thing to do. But in this tight race, do Idahoans want to hear his views on the same stage as the major candidates?

Probably not, and that's why previous Idaho debates sponsored by Idaho Public Television, the League of Women Voters, and Idaho Press Club, adhered to process of allowing active candidates. Under federal laws for public television debates, the IPTV coalition tries to determine between who is viable, and who's looking for 90 minutes of fame.

IPTV general manager Peter Morrill said that process was followed last spring after the primaries.

"We invited all the candidates on the ballot to submit materials that demonstrated they were conducting an active campaign, not just that they are on the ballot," he said. "Three of the four people that we sent invitations to responded through a transparent process to review the material."

Richardson didn't respond. "We never had an idea if he was going out, and doing what campaigns do," Morrill said. And so on the IPTV debate, Richardson didn't qualify and Otter just plain dropped out.

One reason Otter gave for not going on public television was that all four candidates weren't invited (which wasn't true). By going to the Boise NBC affiliate, Otter helped engineer the format that gave Richardson a pulpit. Whether that strategy helped Otter is uncertain. But as for the voters, they deserved more.



Idahoans wanted more from Otter than a smile

By Jim Fisher
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It appears Butch Otter and Idaho voters had a different idea of how the campaign for governor should work. Otter figured that once he had elbowed Lt. Gov. Jim Risch out of the way by beating Risch to the starting line, all he had to do was cross the finish line while wearing the Republican colors. Voters, however, expected him to earn their support.

Otter hasn't done much toward that end. Although his campaign includes slick ads and glossy brochures, it has been remarkably short on substance about what Otter wants to do.

Other than occupy the governor's office, that is.

Now that two polls, one conducted for Democrat Jerry Brady's campaign and one for two Boise news organizations, show the two candidates in a dead heat, Otter must be wishing he had done more than present himself as the governor in waiting.

Like outlining a plan of where he wants to take state government. Throughout the campaign, Otter has been reluctant to state positions on issues Idahoans care about. He was late even to say how he intended to vote on Proposition 2, part of a national campaign to cripple local land-use planning.

And on some issues, he has reversed himself. He co-sponsored legislation to sell some of the government's public lands, but backed off when Idahoans told him they treasured those lands. He supported Proposition 1, the initiative to bolster spending on public schools, but decided to oppose it after legislators shifted taxes and left schools with fewer tax dollars than they had before.

But as for what he wants to do about public schools, or prisons, or fishing and hunting issues or a host of other important matters of state government, Otter has largely been silent.

He also didn't help himself by refusing to participate in the one debate that is broadcast throughout the state and is considered a command performance for statewide candidates. And he has never given a straight answer to why he shunned the Idaho Public Television debate. Even after agreeing to meet Brady in Lewiston at a debate that excluded minor party candidates, Otter was saying he wouldn't debate on public TV because minor party candidates were excluded -- which they weren't.

The 44-43 percent split Mason-Dixon Polling & Research shows for the race can't be attributed entirely to a national electorate unhappy with Republican dominance, either. The same poll shows Risch with a 45-36 percent lead over Democrat Larry LaRocco for Risch's old job as lieutenant governor. And Idaho remains primarily a red state.

This race was Otter's to lose. He might not lose, of course, but he and everyone who follows Idaho politics knows today his campaign has not been a winner.

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Candidate brings HJR2 into debate on schools

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Tom Luna, state school superintendent candidate, brought his support for Idaho's proposed amendment banning same-sex marriage into the classroom Wednesday by saying the superintendent should stand for strong families that will make for more successful schools.

During an Idaho Public Television debate Luna criticized his opponent, Democrat Jana Jones, for her opposition to the amendment.

If approved by voters Nov. 7, the amendment would prohibit the state from recognizing same-sex marriages, domestic partnerships and civil unions.

The amendment has no place in a debate over public schools and the superintendent should insure that all children are treated safely and with respect, Jones said.

"I find it appalling he would bring it forward in a public school debate," Jones said after the program aired Wednesday night.

"We need to value all families," she said during the debate. "It's an affront on ... people in this state."

Jones said she opposes the amendment because Idaho already has a law banning same-sex marriage.

But Luna said elected officials have an obligation to protect Idahoans from liberal judges who have interpreted other states' laws and constitutions to permit gay marriages.

He pointed to a New Jersey Supreme Court ruling Wednesday that said New Jersey lawmakers must offer same-sex couples either marriage or something like it, such as civil unions.

"Strong families are what makes this state great," Luna said.

The exchange on the marriage amendment was the hottest part of the hourlong debate that centered mostly on school policy issues including spending, school consolidation and the candidates' qualifications to become the next superintendent.

Jones and Luna also disagreed over Proposition 1, the ballot measure that could put more than \$220 million a year into public schools.

Proposition 1 backers haven't identified where the money will come from, Luna said. Revenue must either come from tax increases on sales, income or property taxes or be taken from other state agencies, Luna said.

Proposition 1 could increase the state's \$1 billion K-12 education budget by 20 percent in a year, Luna said.

Jones defended Proposition 1, saying it was an advisory vote that would send a message to lawmakers that schools need more money.

She criticized Luna's approach to funding, which she said has been to bring forward initiatives such as setting aside \$13 million for teacher tax breaks and schools supplies.

Paying for public schools requires a more in-depth discussion about what is needed to pay for education, from teacher salaries to the dollars schools need to pay their bills, she said.

The two also differed on school safety. Luna reiterated his proposal to provide all schools with classroom phones, automatic door locks and other equipment.

He said he would pay for improvements out of budget surpluses if the legislature agrees, but didn't offer specifics about financing it.

Jones said equipment is helpful, but schools also need people to provide security. Only 127 out of the state's 680 schools have police on campus during the day, Jones said.

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