

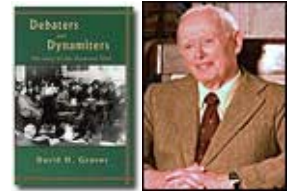


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Quotes

“Marilyn and I want to thank you for the DVD of the performance of ASSASSINATION: IDAHO’S TRIAL OF THE CENTURY, and for the many great things you’ve done for us, as well as for TV viewers, in putting together the production over the last year. We’re proud to have played a small role in bringing the Haywood trial back to life for a new generation, and equally proud to have worked with such a wonderful group of people. To us, Boise will always be a place where wonderful things happen, almost routinely.”



Signed, David Grover, author, DEBATERS AND DYNAMITERS



“I write to you now to compliment your Station, and Marcia Franklin in particular, for a fine production and broadcast of the IdahoPTV production of FROM IDAHO TO IRAN. There is much noteworthy journalism and many noteworthy journalists out there in our world today that we miss. It is so very rewarding to view such a combination in such a program that aired here on WBCC-TV (Brevard Community College, Brevard, FL) Saturday night.

I will be looking forward to further productions from your studios.

Signed Jim Kerrigan, Rockledge, FL



IdahoPTV Legislative Coverage Includes IDAHO REPORTS Weekly, Beginning January 11; LEGISLATURE LIVE On Digital Channels and Internet

Idaho Public Television opens the doors of the Capitol Annex, temporary home of the Idaho Legislature, for everyone statewide through television — analog and digital — and the Internet.

From the opening gavel on January 7 to adjournment, the statewide system provides: weekly television reports, Web site information, and the opportunity to see and hear live legislative action on digital television channels and the Internet.



The GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE AND BUDGET ADDRESS airs live on opening day, January 7 (Monday), at 3:00/2:00 p.m. MT/PT on traditional analog television statewide and on IdahoPTV's high definition (HD) channels where available. (Digital transmitters currently provide HD coverage to the Coeur d'Alene, Moscow, Boise, Twin Falls and Pocatello/Idaho Falls areas. Some cable systems also carry IdahoPTV digital services.) The address is rebroadcast during prime time on analog at 8:00 p.m. MT/PT and on HD at 9:00/8:00 p.m. MT/PT. The talk also is streamed live online at the IdahoPTV Web site (idahoptv.org) and is archived there for viewing on demand.

IDAHO LEGISLATURE LIVE offers C-Span-like coverage whenever the Idaho House and Senate are in session. The proceedings are broadcast on two digital channels — IdahoPTV Learn channel (sub-channel 3) and IdahoPTV World channel (sub-channel 4) — and are available over-the-air wherever HD is available and on some cable systems. The video and audio also are streamed live on the IdahoPTV Web site (idahoptv.org). Within the Capitol Annex itself, the transmissions are fed through the Annex in-house cable system to public viewing-room monitors and the audio is available on FM receivers.

IDAHO REPORTS begins weekly broadcasts January 11 (Friday) at 8:00 p.m. MT/PT and repeats Sundays, beginning January 13 at 11:30/10:30 a.m. MT/PT on traditional analog television. The programs also air in high definition (HD), Fridays, beginning January 11, at 10:00/9:00 p.m. MT/PT, where available. The show is archived each week online on the IdahoPTV Web site (idahoptv.org) for viewing on demand. IDAHO REPORTS provides updates on proposals, hearings, action, and offers interviews and analysis.



New this year, a single webcam will pick up video as well as audio from the Joint Finance – Appropriations Committee (JFAC). Budget presentations by state agencies are streamed live on the IdahoPTV Web site (idahoptv.org) and provided to public monitors in the Capitol Annex.

For more information about ways to see and hear the Legislature in action on-site at the temporary Statehouse, contact the Legislative Services Office. The television and online coverage of legislative action is a service of the Idaho Department of Administration, Legislative Services and IdahoPTV.



I've included several news reports regarding IdahoPTV and the upcoming session in the News section below.

Major operational funding for IDAHO LEGISLATURE LIVE is made possible by the Idaho Public Television Endowment and the Idaho State Broadcasters Association. Sponsor for IDAHO REPORTS is the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation.



Governor Otters Releases Budget Recommendations for IdahoPTV; JFAC Budget Presentation Set For Friday, January 18

Today, Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter released his state budget recommendations for fiscal 2009 for Idaho Public Television. His recommendations for IdahoPTV include the following key items:

Operating budget: maintenance of current operation (MCO)

Line Item: Idaho Experience history content initiative, \$358,400 (one time)

Replacement Capital Items:

\$1,096,600	Pocatello-Boise analog microwave replacement
\$344,000	Statehouse video system replacement
\$35,000	Boise central to transmitter microwave replacement
\$165,000	Transmitter maintenance parts
<u>\$65,000</u>	Statehouse analog microwave replacement
\$1,696,600	Total

Not recommended was a Line Item for a backup power system for the statewide network operations center (NOC) in Boise valued at \$325,000 (one time). As I've reported several times recently, the Boise NOC has experienced more than 26 hours of power outages since June 1, 2007 which negatively affects our entire statewide broadcast systems including feeds to cable, satellite, translators and the Internet.

On Friday, January 18, from 10:10 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. MT, Idaho Public Television will present Governor Otter's Budget Recommendations pertaining to our fiscal year 2009 state budget recommendations to the Joint Finance – Appropriations Committee (JFAC).

During the January 18 JFAC budget presentation, lawmakers will see an overview of IdahoPTV's multi-year statewide digital conversion plan and a preview of the coming years in light of the recent congressional action for cessation of analog television transmitter broadcasting, federally mandated to occur on February 17, 2009. JFAC will meet again later in February to take action on the Governor's recommendations. If you have interest in attending the budget presentation on January 18, 2008, please contact Kelly Roberts or me at 208-373-7220. Seating is extremely limited. You can also listen live via our audio streaming service located at: <http://idahoptv.org/leglive/>.

We'll keep you posted on the determination process as it progresses.

the buzz



– On Tuesday, January 22, the four merged non-profit boards of Idaho Public Television, will meet in Boise and via video and audio conferencing for the first time as one unified board. The meeting will be held from 11am MT/10am PT to 2pm MT/1pm PT. The principal objectives of this first meeting will be to adopt new bylaws and elect leadership. It is anticipated that the second meeting of the unified board will occur on Tuesday, March 4. This first meeting is the culmination of a process of deliberation that began in May 2006.



– On Tuesday, December 18, the Idaho State Broadcasters Association announced that it was granting Idaho Public Television \$35,000 to help defray the operational costs associated with providing LEGISLATIVE LIVE coverage of the 2008 Idaho legislative session. These monies, along with support from the Idaho Public Television Endowment, will enable IdahoPTV to provide gavel-to-gavel coverage of the Idaho House, Senate and Joint Finance – Appropriations Committee (JFAC). I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the ISBA for their generous support!

– Barbara Morgan visits with Idaho Students!

How did it feel to launch into space? What happens to your body in zero gravity? You can hear the answers to these and other questions as astronaut and Idaho educator Barbara Morgan talked to children at the Discovery Center of Idaho in Boise on December 10.



It was her first appearance in her home state since her launch in August, and the children were the same Idaho students who asked her questions in space via satellite during her mission. Idaho Public Television was fortunate enough to be there to capture it on tape for all teachers and students to view! It is posted at:

<http://idahoptv.org/productions/specials/barbaramorgan/> .

Tune in to Idaho Public Television on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 for “Barbara Morgan: No Limits,” an hour-long program chronicling Barbara’s 22-year odyssey to fly in space. Barbara will also be featured on our monthly science program for elementary students - D4K where your students will be able to ask follow-up questions on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 2:00/1:00 p.m.

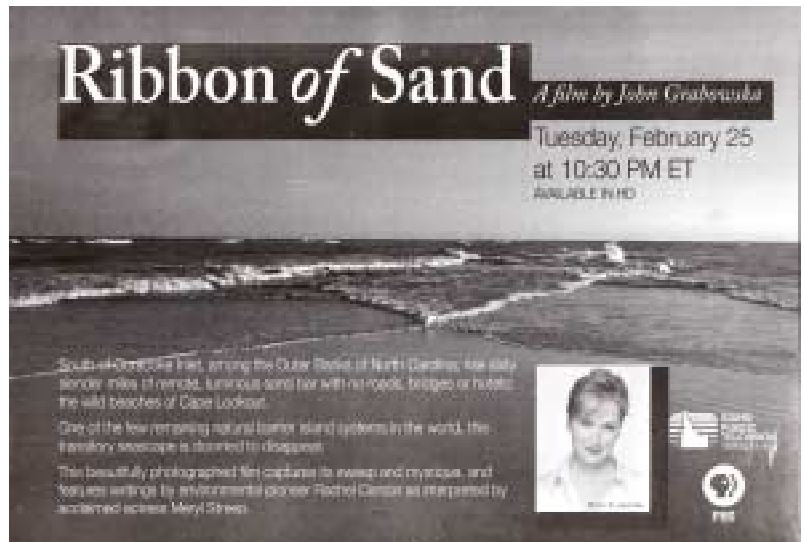


– On Monday, December 17, 2007, THE NEWS-HOUR WITH JIM LEHRER began broadcasting in high definition to PBS stations nationwide. On

IdahoPTV's HD channel, the program airs Monday-Friday, at 5pm MT/4pm PT. The program continues to air on our analog and standard definition channels at 6pm MT/PT. IdahoPTV began producing and broadcasting all of our studio based programs in high definition in September 2006.

The percentage of households nationwide with HD television sets is still relatively small, ranging from a low estimate of 14% (Nielsen, Nov. 2007) to a high of 36% by the end of 2007 (Consumer Electronics Assn.). (No statistics are available for Idaho.) Numbers are expected to grow briskly over the next year, fueled by the Summer Olympics and the increasing availability of HD programming. However a large number of our viewers will continue to receive the program via standard definition analog signal.

– On February 25, 2008, the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) will distribute to stations nationwide, RIBBONS OF SAND, the third film by filmmaker John Grabowska in collaboration with Idaho Public Television. His previous films that Idaho Public Television has distributed through PBS are CROWN OF THE CONTINENT: ALASKA'S WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS and REMEMBERED EARTH: NEW MEXICO'S HIGH DESERT. RIBBONS OF SAND is narrated by Meryl Streep.



– Over the last month, Idaho Public Television has been honored with 5 major national awards of excellence.

On December 19, 2007, it was announced that Idaho Public Television's DIALOGUE FOR KIDS/D4K, was awarded a CINE Golden Eagle.

CINE is an international contest and, among other things, a winner in the documentary category can qualify for the Oscars. Now, D4K won in Children's programming, so no Oscars for us...but it is still a nice honor.

In addition, the New York Festivals (New York Film Festival) honored Idaho Getaways a Silver Award in Travel and Tourism and Dialogue: Barbara Morgan (Talk/Interview), D4K (Educational/Instructional Elementary), and The Idaho Homefront (History & Society) Finalist awards.

Congrats to our great content creating staff!



– Consumer coupons for digital converter boxes are now available. See article below in the News section.



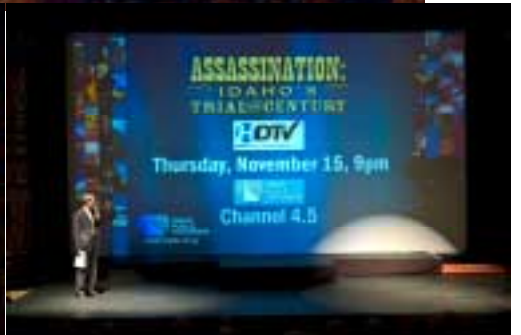
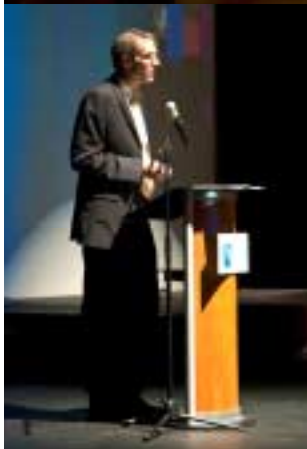
– As you may already know, Ken Burns' THE WAR was the most successful public television series in more than a decade in terms of audience size, member station participation, community engagement, and critical acclaim. This tremendous success was a result not only of the outstanding work of Florentine Films in producing the series and

WETA in presenting the series, but was also the outcome of an unprecedented effort from our collective system to maximize the positive impact for our audiences through community outreach, companion documentaries, screening events and more. Idaho Public Television produced in conjunction with THE WAR, two programs examining Idahoans' contributions to the Second World War with IDAHO HOMEFRONT (December 2006) and OF CAMPS AND COMBAT. <http://www.idahoptv.org/productions/specials/homefront/index.cfm>

While every program will not achieve the same level of success or resources, THE WAR effort proves the theory that when we all work together in a coordinated manner toward a common goal, the whole is truly greater than the sum of its parts.



– On Thursday, November 7, ASSASSINATION: IDAHO'S TRIAL OF THE CENTURY was shown publicly in high definition for the first time at a gala premiere held at the Egyptian Theatre, Boise, Idaho. The premiere was sponsored through the generous support of the law firm of Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley LLP. I've included several pictures below of the delightful evening!





– Federal Appropriations Update
(From APTS)

After several weeks of uncertainty surrounding the resolution of the federal FY2008 appropriations process, lawmakers passed an omnibus appropriations bill. This bill consolidates the remaining 11 unpassed appropriations bills into one funding measure. The bill was signed into law by the President on December 26, 2007.

The FY2008 appropriations cycle has been exceptionally arduous as the President stated from the beginning of the process that he would veto any bills that exceeded his total spending limit. During every step of negotiations, the President has held firm to his promise. With the Defense appropriations bill already signed into law, that left \$515.7 billion for Congressional leaders to assign to the remaining 11 spending bills.

The last few months have been ripe with various attempts to pass a bill with higher funding levels that could sustain a Presidential veto. In recent weeks, scenarios have included meeting the President halfway on his request or removing all earmarks. Both of these attempts, however, failed to generate the necessary support for final passage. Ultimately, running short on time and faced with the prospect of a government-wide shut down, Democrats chose to adopt the President's overall budget number of \$515.7 billion for the 11 remaining spending bills. While the omnibus measure meets the President's funding levels, it does not match his funding priorities.

Much of the decrease needed to meet this number was accomplished through selective reductions and across-the-board cuts applied to nearly every program that, in some cases, reached nearly 1.75%. Public Television's programs were no exception. While CPB is advanced funded by two years, the FY2008 funds (appropriated in FY2006) fell victim to the 1.75% cut. Faring the worst was PTFP, which appeared to have been hit with a combination of cuts resulting in a 13% decrease from last year's level.

The good news found within the omnibus bill is that Congress embraced and approved a \$20 million increase to CPB in FY2010. Amidst the flurry of cuts, Public Television's grassroots and lobbying efforts were successful in preserving this key increase in funding.

Below are the funding levels for PTV programs provided in the FY2008 Omnibus Appropriations bill and in last year's Continuing Resolution that provided funding for FY2007.

Program	FY2008 Omnibus	Amount Designated	Approx. Difference
CPB (FY2008)	\$393 million	\$400 million, in FY2006	(-) \$7 million
CPB (FY2010)	\$420 million	\$420 million, in FY2008	no change

Program	FY2008 Omnibus	FY2007 Appropriations	Approx. Difference
CPB Digital	\$29.2 million	\$29.7 million	(-) \$500,000
Ready To Learn	\$23.83 million	\$24.3 million	(-) \$470,000
Ready To Teach	\$10.7 million	\$10.9 million	(-) \$200,000
PTFP	\$18.8 million	\$21.8 million	(-) \$3 million
Rural	\$4.9 million	\$4.9 million	no change

IdahoPTV Staff and Student Updates

– Idaho Public Television is pleased to welcome Annette Stebbins as our new development director/station manager for KISU. She began her duties on January 2 and is located at the KISU station on the Idaho State University campus. Annette brings extensive sales and marketing background to her position and we look forward to working with her in her duties that include sponsorship, membership, special events and board development for Eastern Idaho. Annette will also be the point person for our upcoming move to our new facility at ISU that is set to begin late this coming spring.



– Senior Radio/TV/Digital Media Production major Nic Beber was named the KUID-TV Student of the Semester for the fall 2007 semester. The award is given each semester to the student who demonstrates leadership and commitment while helping students and public television professionals produce programming at KUID-TV. The award was first given in 1985. Nick graduated from the UI Saturday, December 8th, and is pictured here with KUID-TV station manager Kris Freeland.



IdahoPTV Mail Bag

December 12, 2007

Dear Marcia Franklin,

Last night I watched your outstandingly beautiful program about Iran on WBCC-TV in Cocoa, Fl. I feel compelled to thank you for allowing us to view these people in so many different aspects of their country. It is rare to hear the positive side of their culture given the present Bush Administration in Washington, D.C.

I am moved to mention that my wife and I are acquainted with a fine native Iranian family living here in Rockledge, Fl. They relocated here from Los Angeles and have lived in the United States for approximately ten years. Mr. Mehrdad Golchin is an automobile salesman. We met this remarkable young man and his family approximately two years ago when we needed to purchase a new automobile. He won our trust and confidence immediately. We have since purchased two vehicles from him.

As was exemplified by the people you interviewed in so many segments of your production, the Golchin family just radiates with sincere and honest character. It is through your efforts and hard works that true communication is promoted and established. I just wish everyone in our government would view this film.

In most sincere appreciation, I am
 Jim Kerrigan
 Rockledge, FL

December 18, 2007

Dear Outdoor Idaho,

I very much enjoy Outdoor Idaho and make a point to watch it each week. However, I regarded the episode: "Motorized Idaho" as completely one sided; in favor of motorized sports enthusiasts. I am not opposed to ATV's, motorcycles, etc. in the wild, nor sharing the trail with them. What I am opposed too, and which you gave no coverage, was their irresponsible, and often illegal use. Further, you included no coverage of the various government agencies: BLM, Forest Service, Fish and Game, etc. that are struggling to regulate their use. I strongly suggest you schedule another program to address these points.

To illustrate, in the opening minutes Bruce Reichert states: "Now they're everywhere a, tenfold increase in twenty years with 100,000 registered users." Indeed, much to the dismay of individuals like myself who have witnessed the following:

- A man and his wife on an ATV crashing cross country through the bitterbrush to my secluded spot while hunting, clearly destroying habitat, in an area clearly marked "no motorized travel" outside Pocatello.
- In the same area several years later, someone on an ATV uprooted a pole and left in lying to motor down a foot and horse trail (damaging habitat).
- This year, I witnessed (as did an angry Forest Ranger) a meadow in Copper Basin that someone ran an ATV through, now deeply rutted for ages, again illegally.

Further, you failed to mention their irresponsible use, as in the following:

- While camping in Copper Basin, fellow campers fired up their motorcycles and ATV's to go but fifty yards to the public toilet (at all times of the day and night).
- The number of deaths, many of which are children, due to ATV use.
- The number of search and rescue missions to find lost snowmobilers; most of which are ill equipped to spend the night out.
- The number of deaths due to avalanches set off by snowmobilers "High Pointing".

Much of the outdoor public is growing increasingly irritated by such abuses, and have conveyed that to the various government agencies. In turn, these agencies, having witnessed the same, are struggling to reign in the growing tide of irresponsible, and illegal, use.

In closing, I suggest a future program address those points. It's a controversial subject, and it deserves balanced coverage.

Sincerely,

Steve Walker
Pocatello, ID

December 20, 2007

Dear Mr. Walker,

Thanks for your letter. I think it's safe to say that "Motorized Idaho" is now the most criticized show in our twenty-five year history. And your criticisms definitely mirrored those of other Idahoans who wrote to us.

In his defense, the producer of the program told me the motorized enthusiasts said they wouldn't play if we did another pro/con show, that they always come out looking bad. Our producer also said he'd like to look at doing a pro/con show down the road.

I guess the question several of us are asking ourselves is this: now that "Motorized Idaho" has aired, should we now create an OUTDOOR IDAHO program that takes the best of that show and adds the public policy aspects so lacking in that show, to create a new show that we feel comfortable airing for several more years?

As you know, two thirds of our state is administered by federal and state agencies. And, unfortunately, more and more young folks can't imagine actually walking in the woods. The number of idiots on machines is only going to increase.

Steve, thanks for taking the time to write. And thanks for watching OUTDOOR IDAHO. Thought you'd like to know what we're working on. "Extremely Idaho" airs on February 7th. On March 6 is our 90 minute "25th Anniversary" show. I think you'll enjoy that one.

In April we have a show called "Powered by Nature," exploring some alternative energy attempts in eastern Idaho. In May, we do a show on Birds; in June, a show on a ranch family; and in July a new program on wildfire.

Hope you have a great holiday season, Steve!

Bruce Reichert
Executive Producer

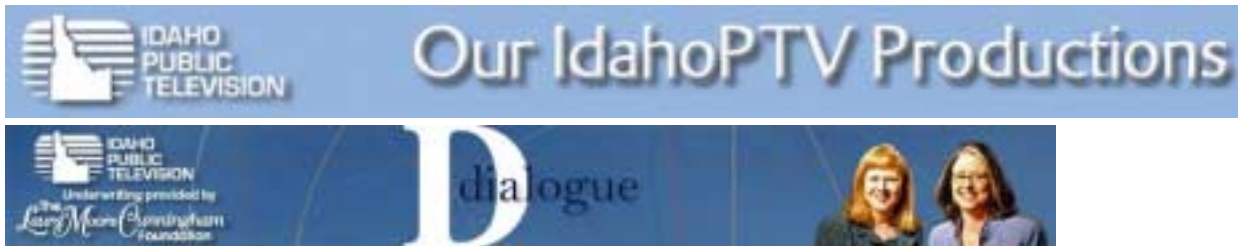
January 3, 2008

Bruce-

Thank you for your prompt & candid, reply to "Motorized ID." We are kindred spirits & I hope to meet you on the trail some day (afoot).

Best Regards,

Steve Walker, Pocatello



State Agencies, Departments Featured on Live IdahoPTV DIALOGUE Shows in January

- Airs Thursdays at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT
- Repeats Sundays at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT

DIALOGUE, the statewide public affairs program, looks at governmental planning and budgeting as part of IdahoPTV's extensive coverage of the 2008 Idaho Legislature. Hosts Joan Cartan-Hansen and Marcia Franklin talk with representatives of state agencies and departments throughout January, and invite viewers to call in with questions and comments.

The first discussion (January 3) focuses on the Idaho State Historical Society. As the agency enters its second century, it has a new director and new ambitions. Cartan-Hansen sits down with the new executive director, Janet Gallimore, to learn more about the challenges and opportunities the organization faces in 2008.

The following week (January 10) Cartan-Hansen talks with Brent Reinke, director of the Idaho Department of Correction. The department expects another 5 percent increase in the state's prison population, and is scrambling to find room for a projected 400 additional inmates. Viewers can join the discussion about options the state might consider in dealing with growth.

The Idaho Department of Commerce is another state agency welcoming a new leader to its helm. On January 17, host Marcia Franklin talks with Jim Ellick, who joins the department after his years as a U.S. Navy officer and a varied career with high-tech companies. This broad background brings an informed expertise to Idaho's varied and expanding economy. As in all the January shows, viewers are encouraged to call with questions.

In a special one-hour edition of DIALOGUE on January 24, Franklin welcomes Pamela Lowe, the director of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), and Darrell Manning, chairman of the ITD board, to talk about options that are available for much-needed highway funding as the state faces a highway revenue shortfall and potential transportation-funding crisis.

The month closes with a look at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, one of the largest state agencies. On January 31, Cartan-Hansen sits down with director Richard Armstrong to discuss how the department plans to deal with spiraling costs and increasing demands while maintaining sufficient coverage and remaining mindful of its budgetary considerations.

In addition to its multiple airings on IdahoPTV, DIALOGUE is also available on the radio and on the Web. In Southwest Idaho, the program airs on KBSU/NPR 91 at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays and, in Eastern Idaho, on KISU FM at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays. Individual DIALOGUE programs are archived on the IdahoPTV Web site at idahoptv.org/dialogue and can be Web streamed for later viewing.

DIALOGUE, produced by IdahoPTV, is Idaho's only weekly statewide public affairs program. The program is funded by the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation.

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 airs Thursdays at 9:30/8:30 p.m. MT/PT, usually with repeats on Sundays at 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 broadcast airs 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.
- NPR News 91 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. MT.



Separation of Church and State

- Aired Thursday, December 27, at 8:30pm MT/7:30pm PT
- Repeated Sunday, December 30, at 5:30pm MT/4:30pm PT

A recent Beliefnet poll reveals that 55 percent of Americans believe the United States was founded as a Christian nation. Yet, George Washington actually railed against the interference of the clergy in government matters.

On this DIALOGUE, religious historian and author Forrest Church joined host Joan Cartan-Hansen for a conversation about what our nation's forefathers really thought about God and politics. Because this was a taped program, there were no viewer calls or e-mails.

Richard Paul Evans 2007

- Aired Thursday, December 20, at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT
- Repeated Sunday, December 23, at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT



On this episode, Utah author Richard Paul Evans talked with DIALOGUE host Marcia Franklin about his latest book, *The Gift*.

In his new book, Evans chronicles the life of a boy with special healing powers. The child cannot heal others, though, without hurting himself. One of the people he helps has Tourette's Syndrome, which the author also has.

In addition to the book, Evans talked with Franklin about Tourette's condition and its influence on his life and writing. They also discuss his philanthropic effects on behalf of abused children.

Evans burst onto the literary scene in 1993 with his self-published book, *The Christmas Box*, which was subsequently picked up by a major publisher in 1995. Since then, he has written 11 more bestsellers, including *The Last Promise* and *Finding Noel*.

Jim McClure Biography

- Aired Thursday, December 13, at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT
- Repeated Sunday, December 16, at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT



On December 13, Senator Jim McClure and biographer William Smallwood joined DIALOGUE host Joan Cartan-Hansen for a conversation about McClure's life and political career.

When Jim McClure stepped in to run for Congress in 1966 after the Republican nominee was killed in a plane crash, no one knew he would become one of Idaho's best know political figures of the 20th century. McClure served for three terms in the House of Representatives and for 18 years in the U.S. Senate, working with six presidents and shaping Idaho and American history.

Presidential Courage

- Aired Thursday, December 6, at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT
- Repeated Sunday, December 9, at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT



On this episode of DIALOGUE, historian and author Michael Beschloss joined Joan Cartan-Hansen to look at how lessons from the past might inform our current political climate. They discussed courageous Presidential action throughout American history — actions that often threatened to harm personal and political reputation, but that instead helped to preserve our nation.

Beschloss is a historical commentator for the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer and for ABC. He is the author of several books including his latest, *Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America 1789-1989*. He came to the IdahoPTV studio when he was in Boise for the Idaho Humanities Council Distinguished Humanities Lecture and Dinner.



Teeth

— Airs Tuesday, February 19, at 2:00/1:00 p.m. MT/PT

Smile. A set of good teeth is a sign of good health. But how do you keep your teeth healthy? Why is flossing important? And how are your teeth different from a wolf's or a beaver's? Have more questions about teeth? This month on D4K, host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guest scientist, Dr. Steven Bruce, a Boise dentist, will answer your questions.

Students can send their 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. Students who send in a question are eligible to win a DVD player and DVDs for their classroom.

The D4K Web site offers facts, links, reading lists, a glossary, pod casts of programs and special D4K web exclusive programming.

Force and Motion

— Airs Tuesday, January 15, at 2:00/1:00 MT/PT



A force is basically a push or a pull. Forces like gravity, inertia, and momentum affect everything. Sir Isaac Newton developed his laws of motion to explain how forces act. What are these laws? And why do roller coasters and bumper cars illustrate Newton's laws?

To answer your questions, D4K host Joan Cartan-Hansen will be joined by Steve Shropshire, Professor of Physics from Idaho State University and Jim Dull, Associate Professor of Physics from the College of Idaho.

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Owls

– Aired Tuesday, December 18, at 2:00/1:00 p.m. MT/PT

Most people think of hawks and eagles when they think of birds of prey. But did you know that owls are also birds of prey? They are nocturnal hunters, which means that they hunt at night, and they lead solitary lives. And although they have no government that we know of, a group of owls is called a parliament.

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen discussed owls and their habitat with Larry Ridenbaugh and Vicky Runnoe from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Additional information about owls and links to related Web sites are available at the award-winning D4K Web site: idahoptv.org/dialogue4kids/.

This year, a Web-only show in which the guests answer questions not addressed on-air is available on the Web site. In addition, the on-air program is available in the D4K Web site archives for viewing online.

D4K, 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.

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Is there enough room for the public?

Temporary end of informal meetings in the Rotunda could hurt, some say

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If you don't normally come to the Capitol to watch the legislative session, your access will remain good this year, with TV and Internet broadcasts providing comprehensive coverage from the temporary capitol. If you prefer live-action legislating, prepare to be disappointed.

Many are concerned about a lack of public access to the Legislature this year, and the main issue is space. The old Ada County Courthouse, the Legislature's home while the Capitol is being renovated, has slightly more than half as much space for the Legislature as the Capitol.

Because the converted courtrooms serving as the Senate and House of Representatives chambers have barely enough room for lawmakers, there will be no public gallery. And the Capitol



square footage figure doesn't include the building's large Rotunda, where legislators, lobbyists and the public often mingled and where advocacy groups set up displays.

The Rotunda provided an area where lobbyists and the public could catch a private moment with legislators without an appointment. This session, those without a powerful lobbying firm will have to rely more on e-mails and letters to the editor, said Laurie Boeckel, a Nampa woman who often lobbies legislators on education issues.

Boeckel said seeing who was talking to legislators in the Rotunda often indicated where influence was coming from - an opportunity that will be lost if lobbying is moved, as many predict, to Downtown restaurants during the lunch hour.

"I sincerely doubt lawmakers will be going with Joe Public to lunches on a whim," she said.

Bill Roden, who has worked as a legislator and lobbyist in the Capitol for 50 years, acknowledged that a lack of private spaces in the old courthouse will likely mean lobbyists taking legislators to more meals. But he doesn't think that means the public will lose out.

"Our Legislature, I think almost without exception, is so accessible to the ordinary citizen," he said. "They're much more likely to respond to a note from an ordinary guy than a note from me."

And the temporary capitol has sparked some permanent changes that could improve access for far-flung constituents unable to make it to Boise for the session. For the second year in a row, the House, Senate, and Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee proceedings will be broadcast live over the Internet, and the Senate and House will be broadcast on Idaho Public Television. Within the building, audio of the proceedings will be broadcast on FM radio stations, and TV screens will carry live broadcasts.

The Internet and TV coverage is a boon for rural residents, Rep. Nicole LeFavour, D-Boise, said.

"I'm really lucky. In my district, people can walk into the Statehouse," LeFavour said. "Around the rest of the state, people can't do that."

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Idaho Public Television to air legislative updates

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Idaho Reports begins its weekly Friday updates on Idaho Public Television with a look at the opening week of the Legislature at 8 p.m. on analog television statewide.

The show is archived online at idahoptv.org/idreports.

Idaho Reports host and producer Jim Peck provides weekly updates on proposals, hearings and action, and records interviews with Idaho leaders.

A panel of five regular contributors returns this year: Greg Hahn of the Idaho Statesman; Betsy Russell of the Spokesman-Review; Henry Kulczyk, general contractor and former state representative; Betty Richardson, attorney; and Jim Weatherby, political analyst and consultant.



Legislature prepares to meet in smaller quarters

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By Alyson Outen/KTVB & Troy Colson-KTVB

The Idaho House and Senate will be meeting in much smaller quarters during the 2008 legislative session. Neither chamber has a public gallery.

BOISE -- The 2008 Idaho Legislature goes into session next week.

As usual, lawmakers face many big issues this year, but they'll be dealing with them in a much smaller space.

While work restoring and expanding the Idaho Capitol building goes on for another couple years, lawmakers will get their work done right across the street at the Capitol Annex -- the old Ada County Courthouse.

"We'll have House members on the floor, 49 of them, and we'll have 21 House members up on the balcony," said Legislative Services Director Jeff Youtz.

It is a balcony that didn't even exist 10 months ago. The state had to add it to squeeze all 70 state representatives into their chamber.

An old courtroom and the one for the Senate got major makeovers.

"In fact, we brought over their desks from the Capitol building, which actually fit in here," said Youtz.

The smaller building means less space for lawmakers and the public. Neither chamber has a public gallery.

Youtz says they added several things to make sure the public can stay involved, including two rooms in the annex where people can watch legislative sessions on big televisions.

“Technology is a key part of making this work,” said Youtz.

Deep in the basement, a crew from Idaho Public Television will operate some of that technology.

“We have a new system here that offers robotic cameras in both chambers, in the House and the Senate, and it allows us to cover all of the action,” said David Thomason, Idaho Public TV.

House and Senate sessions and other key meetings will also be streamed live on the Internet and shown on three digital cable channels, kind of like C-SPAN.

“We think, ironically, the way we’re using technology we may in fact open up this legislative process to more people,” said Youtz.

Lawmakers and the public will have to deal with this inconvenience for a couple years, but work on the Capitol is on schedule and should be finished by January of 2010.



Feds share coupons to help TV transition

By JOHN DUNBAR - Associated Press Writer
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Millions of \$40 government coupons became available Tuesday to help low-tech television owners buy special converter boxes for older TVs that might not work after the switch to digital broadcasting.

Beginning Feb. 18, 2009, anyone who does not own a digital set and still gets their programming via over-the-air antennas will no longer receive a picture.

That’s the day the television industry completes its transition from old-style analog broadcasting to digital.

The converter boxes are expected to cost between \$50 and \$70 and will be available at most major electronics retail stores. Starting Tuesday, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration will begin accepting requests for two \$40 coupons per household to be used toward the purchase of the boxes.

Viewers who have satellite or cable service will not need a box.

To request a coupon, consumers can apply online at <http://www.dtv2009.gov> starting Tuesday. The government also has set up a 24-hour hotline to take requests, 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009).

Congress, in ordering the transition to digital broadcasting, set aside \$1.5 billion for the coupon program, which will fund 33.5 million coupons and other costs.

The giveaway basically works under the honor system.

The first 22 million coupons will go to all households that request them. That includes a residence that gets cable service for one television but has a spare TV that still uses an antenna, for example.

The rest of the coupons, however, are meant only for those who do not subscribe to a pay-television service.

The Nielsen Co. estimates that 14.3 million households, or about 13 percent of the 112.8 million total television households in the nation, rely on over-the-air television broadcasts for programming.

Tony Wilhelm, director of consumer education for NTIA, said the agency expects to have enough coupons to satisfy demand. "We think the high number will be 26 million," he said. "Low end is 10 million."

Members of Congress have criticized both the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission for their work on the transition to digital television.

In November, the Government Accountability Office, Congress' investigative arm, released a report that concluded there is "no comprehensive plan" for the transition.

Most of the concern rests with public education campaigns. While Congress allocated \$1.5 billion for the coupon program, only \$5 million was for education. The Association for Public Television Stations reported in September that 51 percent of participants surveyed were unaware that the transition was taking place.

Since then, the broadcast industry has announced a voluntary public education campaign. The FCC is circulating a plan among commissioners that would make public education efforts by broadcasters mandatory.

Congress ordered the transition to digital broadcasting to make more efficient use of the publicly owned airwaves.

On Jan. 24, the FCC will auction off the spectrum currently used for analog television. That portion of the airwaves will be sold to wireless providers and is expected to bring in as much as \$15 billion. A portion of the spectrum will also be dedicated for use by emergency responders.



Tuned in: Haarsager relishes NPR role

WSU administrator was recently elected chairman of National Public Radio's board of directors

By Amy Gray, Daily News staff writer
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Dennis Haarsager has helped bring radio to remote parts of Washington over the last 30 years, and is working to extend its reach even further.

Haarsager, 60, serves as general manager of Northwest Public Radio and also as associate vice president of the department of educational and public media at Washington State University.

Throughout Washington, he has been chiefly responsible for bringing radio to rural areas. Last month, Haarsager went national when he was elected to a one-year term as chairman of the board of National Public Radio.

"They railroaded me," he said jokingly. "There was no one else running."

Haarsager, who has volunteered on the NPR board for the last two years, has long had a passion for radio.

"Radio is a very intimate medium," he said. "It's riding along in your car with you and in your home."

NPR is a privately supported, not-for-profit membership organization that serves a growing audience of 26 million Americans each week in partnership with more than 860 independently operated, noncommercial public radio stations, including Northwest Public Radio.

The NPR board meets five times a year in person, and meets via conference call on other occasions. Its last meeting was Thursday.

"NPR is looking to build a new headquarters, so we're talking about site selection, how big we want to make it," he said Thursday. The organization's existing headquarters is in Washington D.C.

"It's a lot of work," Haarsager said of the duties that come along with his new title.

He tries to attend every committee meeting, and said it isn't always easy balancing his volunteer work with his "day job" at WSU.

“The last chair (Tim Eby) said it took 20 percent of his time. So far, it hasn’t taken that much of mine,” Haarsager said. “But you get invited to a lot of functions.”

Haarsager has a map in his office of the 13 stations and 11 translators throughout Washington. Two months ago, WSU applied to the Federal Communications Commission for nine construction permits, mostly to protect its existing translators.

“Our service specializes in serving small areas of Washington state and adjoining areas,” he said. “We joke that we cover the areas that nobody wants and what’s left over.”

Those areas include more than 1 million listeners. Haarsager said living “out West” is only a disadvantage when trying to catch a quick flight or hook up on the phone with people who are three or four time zones earlier.

“There is a beltway mentality in (Washington), D.C., but I don’t think NPR suffers from that too much. It’s subtle,” he said.

One of NPR’s main efforts is to stay current and hip. “There are a lot of us moving into retirement years,” Haarsager said. “You do need to replace audiences as people get older. You don’t want everyone on the radio sounding like your mother and father.”

Haarsager is moving in that direction with local radio. One of the applications in October was to boost 1250 KWSU AM to 89.9 FM in order to create a station in the same format as National Public Radio but aimed at students.

“Younger generations are a little less reverent and looser,” he said, adding that NPR programs such as “This American Life” and “Fresh Air” continually appeal to younger listeners.

That also leads to a difference in programming. Haarsager keeps watch of the Arbitron radio ratings to see what people are listening to.

“People are more interested in how people live than in why the congressional budget didn’t pass,” Haarsager said.

Haarsager’s influence goes beyond radio. He has served for six years on the board of directors of the Public Broadcasting Service. The board is the governing body of PBS, a nonprofit corporation with headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

Haarsager also serves on the boards of the Association of Public Television Stations, the Integrated Media Association and public television’s University Licensee Association. He’s chairman of the Public Service Publisher Group, an initiative promoting on-demand distribution of public broadcasting content.

He also was chairman of the boards of public radio’s Station Resource Group and public television’s Small Station Association. From 2001 to 2003, he took a half-time leave of absence from WSU to direct the Corporation for Public Broadcasting’s Digital Distribution Implementation Initiative, and he also does consulting on the side.

Haarsager maintains several Internet blogs, spending the most time on the technology360.com blog. He also serves on the Network Technical Steering Committee of the K-20 Educational Network, a major educational telecommunications network interconnecting all public educational institutions in the state for data and video.

Haarsager, who lives in Moscow, has three children with his late wife, Sandra, who taught communications at the University of Idaho, and died Oct. 6 after a long illness.

Haarsager originally is from South Dakota, and his family is of Scandanavian descent, something he has researched in depth. His father's parents are from Stadsbygd, Norway, and his maternal grandparents are Danish and Swedish.

Haarsager earned his bachelor's degree in political theory and methodology and his master's degree in public administration, both from the University of South Dakota.

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New York Magazine Names Frederick Wiseman's Take on the 2004 Idaho Legislature among TV's Best

The year-end "best of" lists are in, and the PBS documentary about the 2004 Idaho Legislature, *STATE LEGISLATURE*, is named in New York Magazine's feature "The Year in TV." The 3 ½-hour film aired on IdahoPTV in June.

In naming the film the seventh-best show of the year, New York Magazine says, "Over twelve weeks, [documentary filmmaker Frederick] Wiseman watched the 'citizen legislators' of Idaho deliberate to the best of their sincere abilities everything from teachers' salaries and mad cow disease to illegal immigration and secondhand smoke. Wiseman, who never editorializes on what his cameras so skillfully record, signals his stealthy approval of this grassroots democracy by concluding this PBS documentary with a bagpipe version of 'Amazing Grace' that makes you want to vote."

STATE LEGISLATURE is the latest episode in Wiseman's exploration of contemporary American life as expressed in its institutions. He chose Idaho because it is a state governed by true citizen legislators — not career politicians. These lawmakers are farmers and ranchers, businessmen and women, lawyers, doctors, sales people, loggers and teachers elected to two-year terms.

Another PBS presentation, the *INDEPENDENT LENS* film Billy Strayhorn: Lush Life, joins the documentary on the New York Magazine list, garnering eighth place. That show also aired on IdahoPTV, in February 2007.