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General Manager's Report

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IDAHOPTV BROADCASTS COMBINED STATE OF THE STATE AND BUDGET ADDRESS

—Airs Monday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. MT/PT

Idaho Public Television presents live statewide coverage of Governor Dirk Kempthorne's annual STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS. This year, Governor Kempthorne will combine his STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS and his budget message for Fiscal Year 2005 into a single speech that will be delivered to a joint session of the Idaho Legislature in the House Chambers.

Joan Cartan-Hansen hosts the broadcast and is joined by commentators for analysis.

Following the Governor's speech, a four-way TV interconnect will allow five guests from around the state to offer commentary and questions to the Governor. Cartan-Hansen is joined by: Marty Trillhaase of The Post Register; Jim Fisher of The Lewiston Morning Tribune; Brad Foltman, State budget director; Judy Brown from the Idaho Center on Budget and Tax Policy; and Steve Shaw, professor of political science at Northwest Nazarene University.

BRIEF, IMPORTANT UPDATES

-The Legislative Auditors have conducted and released Idaho Public Television's annual audit for fiscal year 2003 and has reported no findings of fiscal fact.

-FRONTLINE producer and former IdahoPTV producer, Mike Kirk will speak at several events on Wednesday, January 21. Kirk's most recent project, FRONTLINE: FROM CHINA WITH LOVE, will air nationwide on PBS on Thursday, January 15. On January 21 at 7:30 p.m., he will speak about his career and be awarded the Bert Cross Defender of the First Amendment Award from the University of Idaho School of Journalism & Mass Media. This event will be held at the Egyptian Theatre in Boise.

-As previously reported, IdahoPTV has been excused from giving a budget request presentation this session.

-IdahoPTV is now available on Dish Network in southwestern Idaho. Our channel number is 121.

-IdahoPTV has completed all of the technical work for similar service in the Coeur d'Alene/Spokane market for Dish Network. We have been assigned channel 121 for the service, which should begin soon.

-DirectTV has indicated that it will provide IdahoPTV service on their systems in the Coeur d'Alene/Spokane area and southwestern Idaho. Service is due to begin we're told sometime during the first quarter of 2004.

-In late December, IdahoPTV was notified that legendary independent documentary filmmaker Frederick Wiseman will be filming a multi-hour documentary chronicling the events of the 2004 Idaho Legislature. It is anticipated that his resulting film will air nationally on the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) in 2005. Considered by most film historians as one of the greatest documentary filmmakers, Mr. Wiseman's work includes the Academy Award winning film TITICUT FOLIES and his recent works HIGH SCHOOL and MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

-IdahoPTV and KBCI-TV/Boise (Fisher Broadcast Group) have entered into discussions regarding the feasibility of combining analog antenna resources at the jointly operated Boise area transmitter facility. Currently, both KBCI and IdahoPTV own and operate separate and quite aged analog transmission towers at Deer Point. The discussions include potentially moving the analog television transmitters and combining the antennae at the jointly operated Deer Point Tower Associates site that IdahoPTV operates our digital transmitter system. This new building and tower have the advantage of backup power and is constructed with current safety parameters.

STORM DOWNS ANTENNA FOR RELAY TRANSLATOR; PRESTON WITHOUT IDAHOPTV SIGNAL; ENGINEERS SEEK TO RESTORE SIGNAL SOON

Idaho Public Television engineers are working to reinstate broadcast service in the Preston area following damage to a translator during a New Year's holiday storm.

The heavy winds and snow caused the tower, which also supports other area broadcasters, to fall at the hilltop site for the Soda Springs translator area. The translator, which delivers the IdahoPTV signal to Soda Springs, is still operating but the relay translator that serves the Preston area is not on the air.

"We are working with Dave Green of the Franklin County TV Association, to get a suitable day and time for a helicopter to be able to take people into the site for repairs," says Rich Van Genderen, IdahoPTV director of technology. "We assume there is ice and wind damage. The site has received so much snow so fast and so much wind, we haven't been able to determine an accurate assessment of the damage as of Tuesday morning."

Van Genderen said that an IdahoPTV engineer was in the Southeast Idaho area Tuesday to determine if the outage extended beyond Preston.

WESTERN PRISONS PROGRAM AIRS IN JANUARY, A PRESENTATION OF FOCUSWEST COLLABORATION

—Airs Thursday, January 22 at 8:00/7:00 p.m. MT/PT

As the population of the West grows, so do the prisons. Inmates are still locked inside concrete and steel, the way they've been for centuries. But things are changing. Who are the prisoners of today's prisons? What did they do to get there? Will they ever get out? What's being done on the inside for those who will, one day, be outside? WESTERN PRISONS, A Presentation of FocusWest takes you behind the scenes, inside the walls, through the bars, and into the lives of those who call prison home.

FocusWest is a collaboration of IdahoPTV, Wyoming PTV, KUED-TV/Salt Lake City, KNPB-TV/Reno, and Oregon Public Broadcasting. The lead producer of WESTERN PRISONS is IdahoPTV's Jim Peck.

Additional subject resources including news and streaming media can be found at focuswest.org.

WESTERN PRISONS is made possible through a grant from the Ford Foundation.

IDAHOPTV PRESENTS AT STATE CAPITOL EVENTS

IdahoPTV will showcase our services at two events in February at the Idaho State Capitol.

On Monday, February 2 from 11:00 a.m. to noon and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Gold Room, IdahoPTV will present new digital programming and educational services. The event will also feature overviews from IdahoPTV producers, administrators, and members of the IdahoPTV Friends Boards.

One week later, on Monday, February 9, IdahoPTV will demonstrate IdahoPTV's digital multicast services: Learn, Kids, and FocusWest (public affairs) channels.

DISTINCTIONS...

-OUTDOOR IDAHO 20TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL has won a Golden Eagle in the CINE competition.

-IdahoPTV's Marcia Franklin has filed a radio segment for National Public Radio of her trip to Iran this past fall. The segment was broadcast on NPR's Morning Edition on January 2, 2004. The eight-minute piece looked at an American teacher in Tehran who has been there since the revolution. Very few Americans still live in Iran, as we have no diplomatic relations with that country. Interestingly, she has family in Filer.

IDAHOPTV'S IDAHO REPORTS BEGINS LEGISLATIVE COVERAGE JANUARY 16; SHOW ALSO WEB STREAMS LIVE ON IDAHOPTV.ORG

—Airs Fridays, beginning January 16 at 8:00 p.m. MT/PT

—Repeats Sundays, beginning January 18 at 12:30 p.m./11:30 a.m. MT/PT

—idahoptv.org Features Audio Streaming of Senate, House & JFAC Action

Idaho Public Television helps all of Idaho attend the State Legislature, both on-air and online, when the 2004 session begins in January.

The statewide system offers IDAHO REPORTS, a weekly television program of legislative news, and provides the live audio from the Idaho House, Senate and JFAC along with other legislative information through its Web site (idahoptv.org/idreports).

IDAHO REPORTS hosts Jim Peck and Joan Cartan-Hansen give a weekly 30-minute television report each Friday during the session, beginning January 16 at 8:00 p.m. MT/PT. IDAHO REPORTS is repeated Sundays, beginning January 18 at 12:30 p.m./11:30 a.m. MT/PT, and is streamed live online — video and audio — at idahoptv.org/idreports where it also is archived for later viewing.

Peck and Cartan-Hansen, along with director/videographer Ricardo Ochoa, throughout the session delve into the issues and look at how legislative activity affects the lives of Idahoans. They update viewers on proposals, hearings and action, and interview Idaho leaders. Analysis is provided weekly by Betsy Russell of the Spokesman-Review, Spokane; Bob Fick of the Associated Press; and Greg Hahn of The Idaho Statesman, Boise.

Coverage extends to the Internet with the program's accompanying Web site (idahoptv.org/idreports). The site includes live streaming — audio only — of action on the floors of the House and Senate and also sessions of the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee, where agency budgets are presented. This year all Web streaming requires Windows Media Player Version 9.0, available as a free download online, for Windows and Macintosh operating systems. A link is provided from idahoptv.org/productions/streaming.cfm to obtain the player.

The IDAHO REPORTS portion of the IdahoPTV Web site also includes newspaper editorials from throughout the state on legislative issues, notes from the IDAHO REPORTS staff and archived episodes. There also will be online and on-air video commentary from Idaho residents.

Other IdahoPTV programming in connection with the opening of the legislative session includes:

- DIALOGUE “Legislative Preview” aired Thursday, January 8 at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT; repeated Sunday, January 11 at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT. Statehouse reporters discussed the issues facing the new session. They also took calls from viewers on a toll-free line: 1-800-973-9800.
- SAVED BY THE BILL aired Sunday, January 11 at 12:30 p.m./11:30 a.m. MT/PT. This IdahoPTV-produced video made for the Idaho Legislature follows the process of turning a bill into a law.
- GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE and GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE BUDGET are scheduled to air Monday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. MT/PT.

DIALOGUE FOR KIDS: ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

—Airs January 20, 2004 at 2:00 p.m./1:00 p.m. MT/PT

Host Joan Cartan-Hansen talks with experts about the science involved with the many forms of alternative energy. Guests include: Scott Gates, Renewable and Net Metering Administrator, Idaho Power; Tamara Cougar, Senior Mechanical Engineering student, University of Idaho; and Frank Albrecht, Research Engineer, University of Idaho.

Scientists are working on new ways to make electricity. The sun, wind and other renewable resources may be the key for all of us to have enough energy in the future. But how can the wind power a light bulb? How can we get electricity out of the ocean?

Students can e-mail their questions to dialogue4kids@idahoptv.org or they can FAX them in before the show at (208) 373-7245 or call in live during the program to (800) 973-9800.

STATEHOUSE REPORTERS APPEARED ON DIALOGUE ASSESSING ISSUES FACING LEGISLATORS, POLITICAL CONTENDERS

—Aired Thursday, January 8 at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT

—Repeated Sunday, January 11 at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT

Three statehouse reporters previewed the issues on DIALOGUE that are expected to confront the second session of the 57th Idaho Legislature when it convenes Monday, January 12, 2003.

DIALOGUE host Joan Cartan-Hansen was joined by Bob Fick of Associated Press, Betsy Russell of Spokesman-Review, and Greg Hahn of The Idaho Statesman.

The three reporters previewed the session and the 2004 political races. They discussed what they see as the major issues for Idaho lawmakers and political contenders this year.

During the live call-in show on Thursday at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT, Cartan-Hansen and her guests took phone calls from viewers.

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

IDAHOPTV PRODUCER RETURNS FROM IRAN; APPEARED ON DIALOGUE TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND PHOTOS

—Aired Thursday, December 18 at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT

—Repeated Sunday, December 21 at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT

Idaho Public Television producer Marcia Franklin appeared on DIALOGUE to share her recent experiences in Iran, which she visited as part of a Pew Fellowship in International Journalism.

Franklin joined host Joan Cartan-Hansen, along with Iran native Azam Houle of Boise.

Franklin shared her photos and stories about the intriguing people she met and places she visited in Iran. She was one of 10 U.S. journalists to be awarded the Pew Fellowship in September and spent several weeks in Iran covering environmental activities in the country.

Houle was also in Iran this fall visiting her family for the first time in 27 years. Franklin joined her briefly during the visit.

During the live call-in show Cartan-Hansen and her guests took phone calls from viewers.