



C-SPAN'S BOOKTV AND AMERICAN HISTORY TV FEATURES

BEAUMONT, TX – FIRST STOP ON C-SPAN'S

2012 "LCV CITIES TOUR"

***Tuesday, January 10th Press/Public Event at
Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum***

Kicks Off C-SPAN'S Week-long Stop

(FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, January 5, 2012) -- C-SPAN is visiting Beaumont, TX, for a week starting **Monday, January 9, 2012**, as it prepares to feature Beaumont's history and literary life on the cable network's non-fiction book channel BookTV (on C-SPAN2) and history channel American History TV (on C-SPAN3).

During the week, C-SPAN producers will visit various literary and historic sites, interviewing local historians, authors and civic leaders. **C-SPAN is partnering with Time Warner Cable**, the network's local affiliate, which is helping to organize the week's many logistics.

A special public kick-off event with the Honorable Mayor Becky Ames, Beaumont city historians and leaders, Time Warner Cable officials, and the C-SPAN crew will be held at 4:30 pm., Tuesday, January 10th, at the Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum. Many of the local authors and historians to be featured in the upcoming C-SPAN programming will be at the event. The media – and the public – is invited to attend.

American History TV programming highlights:

- Interview the Director of Spindletop-Gladys City, **Mark Osbourne**, about the history of Boomtown.
- Tour the McFaddin-Ward Historic Home where **Judith Linsley**, curator of Interpretation and Education will talk about the history of the home which was built after the oil boom.
- Visit the Texas Energy Museum where we will talk to Executive Director **Ryan Smith** about the oil industry, the various technologies associated with oil drilling and the culture that's grown up around oil including the rifts between the different type of oil rig operations.
- Hear about Civil Rights desegregation lawsuits and the 1953 Race Riots from History Professor Robert Roberston.

Local Non-fiction Writers to be featured BookTV:

- Interview Lamar University history professor **J. Lee Thompson** “Theodore Roosevelt Abroad”
- Visit the Lamar University Archives and Special Collections where we will talk to archivist **Penny Clark**.
- Interview with author Jeff Forret “Race Relations at the Margins”

Educational visits will be scheduled at the following schools:

- Presentations to teachers and students at Ozen High School, Harmony Science Academy and Monsignor Kelly High School.

The programs C-SPAN shoots and produces in Beaumont will air during a special Beaumont feature weekend February 4th and 5th on BookTV and American History TV.

In the Beaumont area, Time Warner Cable provides C-SPAN on these channels:

C-SPAN: 12/361; C-SPAN2: 13/362; C-SPAN3: 363; C-SPAN HD Channels: 1361

C-SPAN has dubbed the regional circuit of cities as its *2012 LCV Cities Tour*. That is because C-SPAN producers are travelling in specially detailed Ford Transit Connect vehicles, which C-SPAN is calling Local Content Vehicles (LCV's). Outfitted with the most current digital camera, editing and other recording technologies, each member of the LCV team is equipped to shoot and edit video on location as well as make presentations to the community about the work they do for the network.

C-SPAN first conducted an LCV Cities Tour in 2011, visiting eight southeastern cities.

Click here for [video of the LCV's gearing up for the tour](#) of southeastern cities (via YouTube).

[Click here for pictures of the LCV's](#) (via Flickr).

Here is [C-SPAN's LCV tab](#) on Facebook.

And here is the [LCV website](#).

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About C-SPAN:

Created by the cable TV industry and now in over 100 million TV households, C-SPAN programs three public affairs television networks in both SD and HD; C-SPAN Radio, heard in Washington DC and nationwide via XM Satellite Radio; and a video-rich website which hosts the C-SPAN Video Library. Visit <http://www.c-span.org/>.

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