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Thank you for C-Span. It gives America and the world a chance to see who our Senators and Representatives are and where they stand.

There have been some very articulate and smart Senators and Representatives discussing the issues. There have been some very rude and argumentative ones on. One in particular is Craig Washington.

Every Democrat on the program refers to "The last 12 years." It must be copyrighted. They sound like an old radio--lots of static. They do not answer the question or give specific dollars as to where the cuts will come from. It doesn't make much sense to cut, increase taxes, add more programs.


Republicans are guilty of some of the same tactics, but most of the ones on your programs will discuss the underlying reasons for their thinking. They explain what is happening. Jim Bunning was most impressive with his answers.

It might behoove someone to really examine "the 12 years" of Bill Clinton as Governor of Arkansas. We have lived here a bit over 2 years. He ran on all the wonderful things he did. Why does Arkansas have 250,000 people who can't read and write; over 260,000 on medicaid, which he left in a horrible mess; No. 13 for Aids cases; No. 3 for teen pregnancies and unwed mothers; Little Rock No. 1 in crime for a city of its size. John Starr of the Arkansas Democrat says Bill Clinton can't be trusted. He is a Democrat who has followed him all these years. As a Native Son, Bill Clinton won Arkansas by only 2%.

The attached article points out how elections are controlled in Arkansas. If one is a Democrat and has contributed to a Republican, he/she cannot run as a Democrat--think it is within the last 2 years that the contribution was made. Our Representative, Tim Hutchinson, had this happen to his brother-in-law; he wanted to run for office but was prohibited because he and his wife contributed to Tim and Asa Hutchinson, brothers of the wife of this candidate. He ran as an independent. THIS IS THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN AMERICA????

Enclosed is an article by Al Capp---written in 1972. Change the names and you have the same Democrat platform as today. We are paying dearly for the "FREEDOMS" of the 60's and 70's. The era of drugs, sex, communal living, murder, flower children; the decline of morals and family is devastating us. The families of the Presidents of that era have suffered much because of "freedoms." It irks me that Bill Clinton says he wants to emulate JFK...he has spent far too much time on abortion, aids immigrants, homos when we have such a dire need for rebuilding our industrial base and keeping America free from war and terrorism. We need to rebuild our families and our morals instead of destroy everything that is decent.

After years of thinking a bit on the liberal side, we have had to change. Being a conservative, no matter the party, is by far the best approach. LIBERALISM IS THE MOST GUTLESS CHOICES ONE CAN MAKE. It ends up destroying the incentives one needs to stand on his own.


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Demos Want Race Between Parties, Not Candidates, Bisbee Declares

Thomas Sissom
NWA Morning News

The Democratic party is trying to make the race for lieutenant governor a contest between political parties rather than candidates, state Rep. Dave Bisbee said Thursday, hoping to offset the strength of Republican candidate Mike Huckabee.

Huckabee, a former Baptist minister from Texarkana, will face Nate Coulter, a Little Rock attorney in a special election July 27. The office of lieutenant governor has been vacant since Dec. 12, 1992, when Jim Guy Tucker succeeded Bill Clinton as governor.

"Statewide, the Democrat Party is trying to make it a party issue, because we've got the stronger candidate," Bisbee said. "They're telling people the governor needs someone from his own party as lieutenant governor or it will ruin the state. But I wish someone would rationalize how having Jerry Jewell protected us."

Jewell, a Democrat from Little Rock, was criticized for actions he

took in January while serving as governor when Tucker was in Washington, D.C. Jewell, as president of the Senate, served as governor in Tucker's absence and issued some controversial pardons and commutations of prison sentences.

Bisbee, a Republican from Monte Ne who is serving his first term as a state legislator, said he thinks the state's Democrats are trying to offset the weakness of their own candidate by appealing to party loyalty in what is traditionally a heavily Democratic state.

"I find it very interesting that since the Republican Party has come up with a strong candidate, all of a sudden we're hearing the most unusual comments coming out of the Democrat party," Bisbee said. "They say it will ruin the state if a Republican is elected. They're not even using Mike Huckabee's name when they're saying this. I find it amazing that 49 other states can have a two-party system but it will ruin Arkansas if Mike Huckabee is elected."

Huckabee ran an unsuccessful race

for the U.S. Senate last year against Dale Bumpers, a three-term Democrat incumbent. Coulter was Bumpers' campaign director last year and has served in a number of other party positions and as a legal advisor to then-Gov. Clinton.

Bisbee said the importance of the race for lieutenant governor is being over-estimated, as far as its impact on the future of the Republican Party is concerned. He said the Republican Party, which has only elected three candidates to statewide offices since Reconstruction, is being stifled by a Democrat Party power structure based in Little Rock that controls elections through county election commissions.

"The way Arkansas law is set up, the Democrat Party runs every county election commission," he said. "They control all the voting machines. They control all the polling places and all the election apparatus. We've got a lawsuit coming up in federal court in July trying to change the primary system. That's the only way we're going to change it, through the courts."

Our Place will be the largest Hallmark store in Northwest Arkansas and we're the largest architectural firm in Northwest Arkansas."

Our Place Hallmark is located in the same block as the former Stroud's location and the architectural firm is located directly above it. Both are located in the 100 block of West Walnut.

Donnie Schowe, owner of Our Place, said she is moving her store to take advantage of the 1,500 additional square feet of room. She said it will double the size of the store, allowing her to sell more merchandise.

"(The store) will be set up differently because we'll have more room," Schowe said. "We

Schowe owns her current building, but she will rent the store's new space from Butcher/Mack Properties. She said she is in the process of trying to sell or rent her current building space.

"We're hoping to move in to the new store sometime in mid-August, but it will all depend on how the renovating goes," she said. "We're shooting for Aug. 15th, but we'll see."

Schowe said the transition should go smoothly because it has been well-planned.

"We're not planning on being closed at all. We will have a lot of people from Hallmark helping. The additional fixtures will be put in the new place first, so hopefully we won't have to be closed at all," she said.

Keiser said the appointment of Scribner as an interim public defender will allow the district to operate a public defender system while the new law is being sorted out. He also said he thinks a special session of the state Legislature is possible in the near future and if one is called, the public defender law may be reviewed and changed.

The commission also adopted a resolution that agreed in principle with a request from Carroll County Judge Phil Jackson to establish a separate public defender's office for Carroll County. Circuit Judge Si McCollum said he agreed that Carroll County should be able to set up a separate office, but a more detailed proposal needed to be submitted to the commission before any more concrete action than an agreement in principle was taken.

Siddig, afraid of surveillance, referred to U.N. headquarters as the "Big House" and 26 Federal Plaza as the "Center," the complaint said.

The complaint said he took responsibility for getting the material and personnel to build the bomb and carry out the bombing, and he conducted surveillance of the target buildings.

On May 27 and May 28, Siddig, along with a fellow defendant described only as Amir and another

The complaint said Siddig and fellow suspect Clement Rodney Hampton-El told the informant they participated in a test of explosives used in the Trade Center bombing.

The complaint didn't mention assassinations, though Fox later confirmed that the group targeted U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and state Assemblyman Dov Hikind.

D'Amato said he believed

follower to kill radical Rabbi Meir Kahane.

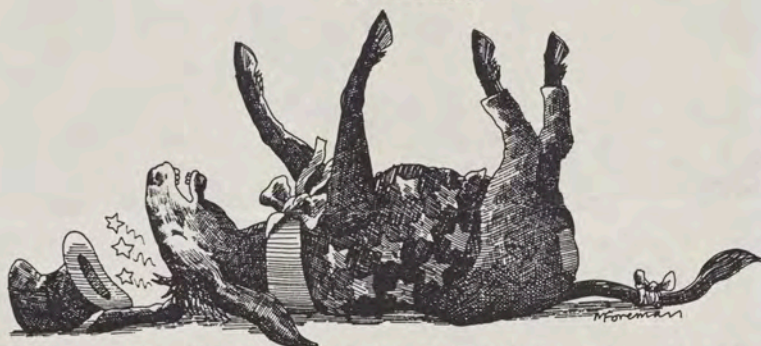
Fox wouldn't confirm a New York Newsday report that the group arrested Thursday also planned to kill U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Boutros-Ghali is an Egyptian and a member of the country's Confi-

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BACK TO THE DEMOCRATS' DRAWING BOARD

Ten teasing tips to a tumbled party for getting itself together again
by Al Capp



First, To show they're good sports, the Democratic Party must elevate George McGovern to the Elder Statesman level assigned to Harold Stassen by the Republicans, and treat him with equal respect.

Second, Stop looking backward and longing for the Good Old Days. Democrats must force themselves to face the present and prepare for the future. The era of Everything-for-the-Students-Radicals-and-the-Minorities-but-Nothing-except-Abuse-for-the-Rest-of-us-who-support-them was over long before the campaign of '72, but it was only the far-seeing forward-looking conservatives who realized that. The Golden '60s, with the grovelling at every lunacy erupting from the unhousebroken on our campuses and ghettos, are gone—impossible to revive. There are of course small and noisy pockets of leftover hysteria, but the party that again makes the mistake of appealing to them is appealing to the numerically most inconsequential, the most hopelessly out of touch, and the least attractive element.

Third, Leave Teddy Kennedy in Massachusetts, where he's safe. In Massachusetts it's not illegal to run against a Kennedy—it's simply considered bad taste. And ungallant to mention Chappaquiddick, Mary Jo Kopechne, or perjury. People in the other 49 states are not as gallant. Chappaquiddick could become as bitter a wailing wall for Democrats as the Watergate is for Republicans, and Mary Jo Kopechne, the best-known face on political posters. A Kennedy campaign must be fought along those repellent, but inevitable lines.

The candidate could not, in any audience in which there was a single non-admirer, with non-manners, utter such words as "law", "integrity" or

"trust" without risk. Defeated, Kennedy would be a tragedy. Elected, Kennedy would be a tragedy.

Fourth, Stop complaining about the Republican Department of Dirty Tricks. Establish a fouler one. The dirtiest would be to persuade Jane Fonda to back the Republican candidate.

Fifth, Never again hope to attract votes by promising to Soak The Rich or Close Tax Loopholes. All Americans hope to get rich themselves, by working a bit harder, or by their wives' getting part-time jobs, and they don't want to be soaked for it. As for tax loopholes, there isn't a laborer in the land who wasn't willing last year to spend a few bucks on those store-front tax counseling setups, to try to find some loopholes for himself. (The Democratic Party were so interested in non-laborers, they didn't notice.) What your average American wants is more tax loopholes, not fewer.

Sixth, Get someone to put up the money for another Shirley MacLaine TV series. This may be expensive, but it will be worth it. Thanks to an English tycoon, clearly out of touch with bankrupt American producers, Shirley made a TV series abroad that was shown in the USA. After a few episodes it was withdrawn. Yet, instead of realizing that a public that wouldn't give Shirley a few minutes of its spare time could hardly be expected to give her its precious votes, the Democratic Party permitted her to dominate its appeal for funds, to manipulate, in public view, its nominating convention, and to campaign all over the lot. The Republicans, on the other hand, stuck with John Wayne, who is proven big box office.

Shirley, no quitter, will unquestionably offer her services for the campaign of '76. Before the Democrats let her, let them get up a few million (I know you're

short of money, lads, but this could be matter of life or death) and back her in another TV series. If it doesn't go, the Party knows where to tell Shirley to go.

Seventh, Find husbands for Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan. If they're the right sort of chaps, they'll make their stop leading Women's Lib demonstrations, start wearing bras, and doing their housework. The Women's Lib movement, by backing the Democrats, along with Gay Liberation, universal abortion, and less strict dope laws, move millions of women over to the Republican side.

The last word on Women's Lib seem to have come from Golda Meir. Despite being a grandmother, a bra-wearer, an a homemaker, Israel's prime minister has achieved more than any Women's Libber dares even dream about. In late October, it was reported in the London press that she had remarked: "Women's Lib is a lot of foolishness". You can't claim that's the opinion of a male chauvinist pig. Mrs Meir knows that you can remain female and rise to heights equal to those of any man—and as for pig, she wouldn't touch it.

Eighth, Find work for Kenneth Galbraith. In the interests of the Democratic Party, he ruined his reputation as an economist by helping to devise the \$1000-a-year-Plan-for-Everyone-Who-Can-Breathe. The Party was smart to abandon the plan, but it would be callous to abandon Galbraith. He will no doubt lose his job at his Ivy League university for backing an unpopular cause, as Walt Rostow lost his. It is inconceivable that the Ivy League would treat one professor less sternly than another.

Work must be found for Galbraith, at a decent week's pay, and above all work with dignity. He isn't bad on TV. He isn't good on TV. But lots of people who

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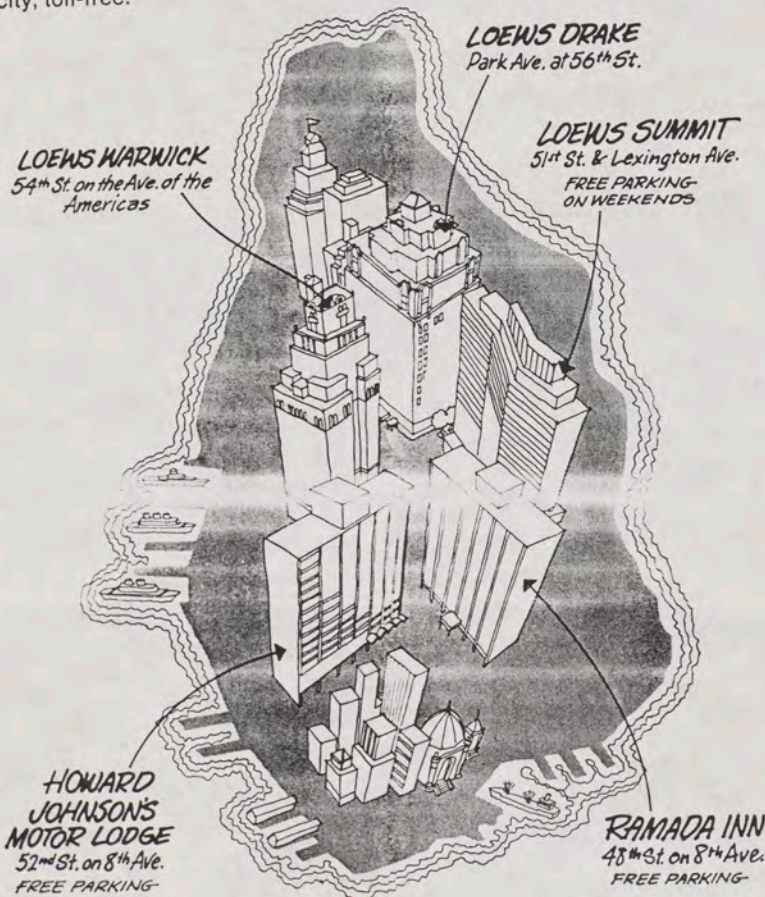
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
Ninth. Give the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* a rest. They must be exhausted after four years of filling their columns with daily unremitting hate for Nixon and Agnew. It is inhuman to expect them to go into four more years of it, without a rest. Tell them they can now tell Reston, Wicker, Lewis, Frankel, Buchwald and Herblock they can lay off. If they *can't* lay off, if they are so far into it that they're incapable of turning out anything but hate Nixon and Agnew stuff, give them a couple of years' sabbatical. Then they can come back and go at it again. Give their space to commentators who don't give a damn if the guys running the country aren't the guys they picked, and who will not consider it unethical to give them credit for making sense anytime they happen to.

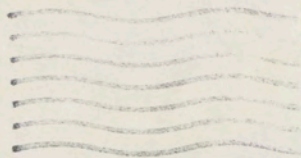
Tenth. Never again tell us "there are millions of Americans who go to bed hungry every night". No American who knows the way to the welfare office needs to go to bed hungry any night, except junkies who blow their welfare money on junk, winos who blow it on wine, and fun-lovers who buy color TV sets.

One more thing. Sell anything you don't need any more. For example David Brinkley's sneer. It's not new. It was used, over the last four years every time he said "Republican", but it's still good for a lot of change. It would be worth a fortune to any judge who wanted to look properly contemptuous while giving a convicted criminal the maximum.

And then there's Larry O'Brien's look of confidence. A sound investment for any prizefighter who knows, from the opening bell, he hasn't a chance, and is guaranteed to last until the referee counts 10.

The Democratic Party can get a pretty price, I'm sure, for all Senator McGovern's wide-lapelled suits and wide ties, which gave him the look of an unfrocked clergyman. Once he gets rid of them, he can also stop combing his hair up from his armpits.

Finally, give up trying to convince us that there's something shameful about being a middle-class American. It doesn't work, as you've seen, because that's what most of us already are. That's also what the rest of us, whether we're on campuses or in ghettos, are eager to become, and frankly I'm surprised the Democratic Party, in '72, didn't notice that. 



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