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- CAMPAIGN '86
 Fridays 10:30 pm 12:30 am ET
 Sundays 4:00 pm 6:00 pm ET
- LIVE VIEWER CALL-INS
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 CANDIDATE DEBATES

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C-SPAN's Thursday morning call-in program will feature political correspondents discussing trends and major issues of the campaigns.

C-SPAN is televising the candidate debates sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

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