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-- C-SPAN TELEVISES ASNE CONVENTION --

-- Editors Discuss Issues Facing The Print Media --

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- C-SPAN cable network plans televised coverage of the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) annual convention as print editors gather in San Francisco, California, April 7-10.

Cablecasts of uncut ASNE sessions begin Sunday, April 12 at Noon EDT with a luncheon speech by White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker. The nation's editors will hear Mr. Baker's views on the press and the presidency.

Monday, April 13 through Thursday, April 16, C-SPAN airs ASNE panel discussions -- tape delayed -- each evening. C-SPAN viewers can tune-in to see editors from the print media examine journalism and reporting on the provocative issues of the day.

ASNE sessions will address topics such as AIDS research and public policy coverage, national politics after Reagan, and literacy in America. Industry concerns such as First Amendment rights and newspaper circulation growth and retention are also on the editors' conference agenda.

Abe Rosenthal, columnist and former executive editor of The New York Times, will field questions from a panel of editors during a luncheon airing Wednesday, April 15 at 9:30pm EDT.

ASNE, an organization comprised of more than 900 daily newspaper editors from the United States and Canada, was founded in 1922 to serve the profession as a forum for the exchange of ideas. 1987 marks the fourth year C-SPAN has covered the ASNE convention as part of the network's ongoing examination of the fourth estate.

C-SPAN's program schedule for ASNE is as follows:

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

12:00pm EDT                      Taped                      "The Press and the Presidency: A Report from the White House Chief of Staff"  
Speaker: Howard Baker, White House Chief of Staff

MONDAY, APRIL 13

8:30-11:00pm EDT              Taped                      LUNCHEON ADDRESS  
Speaker: Vice Admiral Jim Stockdale, U.S. Navy, retired

ASNE GENERAL SESSION  
"AIDS: Medicine, Public Policy and Coverage"  
Moderator: Larry Kramer, Executive Editor, San Francisco Chronicle

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TUESDAY, APRIL 14

8:00-11:00pm EDT

Taped

ASNE GENERAL SESSION

"California on our Minds"

Moderator: Neil Morgan, Editor, San Diego Tribune

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"After 200 Years, A Sort-of-Free Press"

Speaker: Michael G. Gartner, Gannett Co., Inc., ASNE President

ASNE GENERAL SESSIONS

"Do Your Copy Editors Love You? - And Related Issues"

Speakers: Linda Cunningham, Editor, Trenton Times  
Earl Foell, Editor in Chief, Christian Science Monitor

"Why Do Your Readers Leave You? - And Related Issues"

Speakers: Bill Baker, Vice President/News, Knight-Ridder Inc.  
Virginia Dodge Fielder, Vice President/News and Circulation Research, Knight-Ridder Inc.

"Peace In Central America: The Next Step"

Speaker: Nora Astorga, permanent representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00-11:00pm EDT

Taped

ASNE GENERAL SESSIONS

"Literacy in America"

Moderator: Jay Ambrose, Editor, El Paso Herald Post

"Can Star Wars Save the World"

Moderator: David Perlman, Science Editor, San Francisco Chronicle

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"A Conversation with Abe Rosenthal"

Speaker: Abe Rosenthal, Columnist and Former Executive Editor, The New York Times

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

8:00-11:00pm EDT

Taped

ASNE GENERAL SESSIONS

"Politics After Reagan"

Moderator: Joe H. Stroud, Editor, Detroit Free Press

"SMU's Football Fiasco: Who Dropped the Ball?"

Speaker: Ray L. Hunt, chairman of the Southern Methodist University Interim Executive Committee

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