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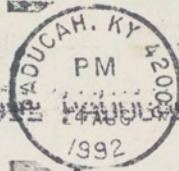
Enclosed is an article from our local newspaper, THE PADUCAH SUN, complimenting C-SPAN. Thought you might like to see it. C-Span is wonderful - keep up the good work. Brian Lamb is wonderful - he should be on the air 24 hours!

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A Paducah, Kentucky viewer.

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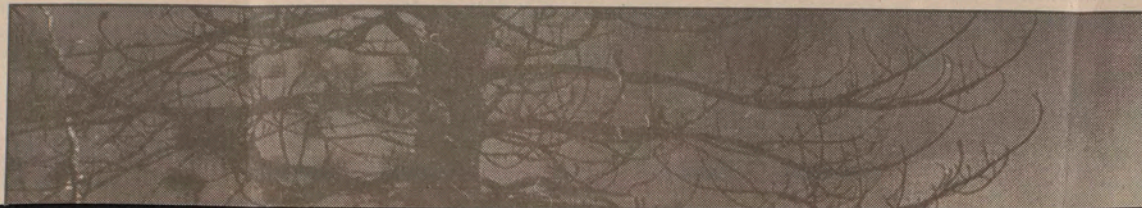
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up to 60 structures.

The fire passed Burney on Friday night, but authorities kept the town's 3,200 residents from return-



Looting unlikely to cease despite

Sixth convention last for Reagan?

Bill Bartleman has been a reporter for The Paducah Sun since 1972 and has covered government and politics since 1975. The following contains his opinions and observations.

Well, here we go again.

President Reagan was back in the saddle last week when he spoke on opening night at the Republican National Convention.

At 81, he's still pretty sharp and was able to fire up the partisan crowd of elephant lovers. His was one of the best, if not the best, speech of those given at either of the conventions.

The former president also had one of the best lines of the 1992 political season when he poked fun at his own age and provided a good dig for anyone who remembers the vice presidential debates four years ago when Democrat Lloyd Bentson said to Republican Dan Quayle: "I knew John F. Kennedy. He was a friend of mine. And, you are no John F. Kennedy."

Reagan's timing was perfect when he said: "Listen to me. This fellow they've nominated (Democrat Bill Clinton) claims he's the new Thomas Jefferson. Well, let me tell you something. (Slight pause). I knew Thomas Jefferson. (Longer pause). He was a friend of mine. (Still longer pause and plenty of laughter.) And, governor, you're no Thomas Jefferson."

Of course, Reagan didn't really know Jefferson — he died 166 years ago, or just 85 years before Reagan was born.

It was at least the sixth time Reagan has addressed a Republican National Convention. He spoke as a private citizen, a governor, a candidate for president, president and now former president, which probably is some sort of record.

To help put his age in perspective, there have been 21 presidential elections in his lifetime, and he's lived under the administrations of 15 presidents, which is one-third of the total who have served since the nation was founded.

The end of his speech was moving and seemed to have a hidden message.

The former president was joined on the podium by his wife, Nancy. He wrapped his arm around her as he listened to several minutes of whistling and

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cheering.

His eyes appeared to water and he was emotional as he told the thousands of Republicans that he wanted to "say goodbye" to his many friends and supporters.

The tone of his voice and the selection of his words left the impression that he has intuition that this might be his final convention.

They're still cleaning up the Astrodome and already people are talking about who the Republican nominee will be in four years.

Based on signs on the convention floor and the reception he received when he spoke to the delegates on Tuesday, Jack Kemp appeared to be the clear-cut favorite for 1996.

Two others also were mentioned: Quayle, of course, and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm.

Quayle would have to be considered a longshot, especially with the reception he's received from some GOP loyalists as vice president. He wouldn't make it past the first primary in 1996 if Bush loses in November because some Republicans will blame Quayle for the loss.

Quayle appeared on CNN during the convention and was asked if he would run for president. He said his first objective was to help get Bush elected and then he'd "talk about 1994." Obviously, he meant 1996.

I watched most of the convention coverage on C-SPAN, the network sponsored by cable companies which simply turned on the cameras and allows viewers to watch the proceedings as though they had a seat in the Astrodome.

I tried watching CBS, NBC, ABC and CNN, but got tired of the reporters and anchors talking so much.

They first told us what they expected a major speaker to say and, after a speech, they told us what the speaker really meant to say.

After the acceptance speeches on Thursday, I scanned the networks. One so-called expert said it was the best speech Quayle had ever delivered. Another so-called expert said it was a terrible speech.

One said Bush was too negative, another said it was right on target.

I turned back to C-SPAN, which was taking telephone calls and allowing viewers to express their opinion on the convention and politics.

It was much more interesting, because C-SPAN had the views of *real* people who represent the *real* views of Americans.

Many of the national reporters lose touch with what's really important. They spend too much time in Washington and talking to one another, and not enough time in western Kentucky talking to people who farm for a living or work in a factory.

Kentucky may not be a state dominated by Republicans, but several of those from the Bluegrass state played visible roles at the convention.

Sen. Mitch McConnell gave the first of several speeches which seconded Bush's nomination. It was evidence of the close relationship McConnell has with the White House. McConnell and Bush became close because McConnell was the first U.S. senator to endorse Bush four years ago.

State Rep. David Williams also has his moments in the spotlight. He's challenging U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford in November and was given two minutes to speak.

He used his time to bash the Democratic-controlled Congress, including Ford, who is a member of the Senate leadership.

State Rep. Ken Harper of northern Kentucky also was given two minutes. He's the president of the National GOP State Legislators and talked about problems facing states.

However, you didn't see McConnell, Williams or Harper if you watched the major networks. The anchors and reporters were too busy telling viewers what was going on to actually show viewers what was going on.

I saw them on C-SPAN.

Kurth outlines MSU's strong, weak points

MURRAY, Ky. — Several serious challenges face Murray State University in the 1992-93 school year, says President Ronald J. Kurth.

Kurth spoke to members of the faculty and professional staff during an opening convocation of the fall semester. He said the eight new regents represent a new beginning.

"I proposed to the board and I now propose to you that we take advantage of the opportunity with a new board at Murray State to build on the many strengths of the university," he said.

Among the strengths mentioned by Kurth:

- A statewide reputation for the quality of its undergraduate programs.
- The MSU faculty and staff.
- The spirit of MSU as a regional university.
- Cooperation and support with regional public school systems.

■ MSU's alumni and their willingness to help the university through gifts.

■ The Board of Regents.

Kurth also discussed some areas of internal weakness and challenges facing Murray State, including a "lack of mutual trust."

"I pledge to you an open, honest and direct manner of business, with my principal focus always on the good of the university. Let us live up to our calling and leave intrigue and rumors to the scripts of soap operas," he said.

Kurth also said he believes "an understanding of good fiscal policy has not been widely held on this campus. This characteristic has led to misunderstanding and missed opportunities."

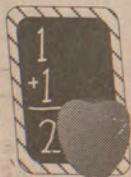
He said he doesn't think the university has adequately encouraged the relationship between alumni services and development activities, but said new efforts are being made.

However, Kurth told the group Thursday, the most pressing challenge facing the university is the

growing cost of health care.

"To put it bluntly, growing health costs threaten to eat up funding at this university," he said. "Thus, this spending threatens program quality, program flexibility, innovation and progress toward salary benchmarks."

Kurth said he will attend a retreat Sept. 1-2 with other presidents of universities in the Ohio Valley Conference to discuss options concerning another problem — the cost of MSU athletic programs, especially football.



IN OUR SCHOOLS

PTA, site-based decision making meetings and other items of interest.

HEATH HIGH's school-based decision-making council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in room 100 of the new high school. Items on the agenda include girls soccer, school policies and personnel.

THE McCracken County school board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at board offices on Bleich Road.



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