

Dear Mr. Lamb, Friday
Herewith are two
suggestions for your "Books" pro-
gram:

1) Landmarks of American
Presidents - A Traveler's
Guide by Carl Wheelless
(Gale Research, Inc.,
ISBN 0-8103-8301-2); and

2) A Rogue's Paradise - Crime
and Punishment in Ante-
bellum Florida, 1821-1861
by James Denham.

My husband
has heard Professor Denham
speak. Carl Wheelless is a
friend of ours. His address is
[REDACTED] Lakeland,
FL 33815 ([REDACTED]). He

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and his wife, [REDACTED], are traveling
in South America for the month
of May.

I am quite concerned
over what Time-Warner (the
cable company we use) does to
C-Span (Channel 19 here) when-
ever they want to. Once that
channel was vacated for a
basket ball game (some sort of
special event) and on Sundays
it has been vacated for
local mass celebrations. This
arbitrary action on the part
of TW I do not like. My hus-
band and I are willing and
eager to sign any petition to
keep C-Span on all its existing
channels and for 3 additional
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