

PRIDE 90

Plans are well under way to make Pride 90 the most successful ever. The London Lesbian and Gay Pride celebrations will reach their culmination on Saturday 30th June with the annual march and festival. With regular attendances now well over 30,000, the London event is the biggest of its kind in Europe. This year's parade with music and decorated floats will leave Victoria Em-

bankment at 2pm on the Saturday afternoon, moving up Northumberland Avenue, past Trafalgar Square, down Whitehall, past the Houses of Parliament, across Westminster Bridge and down to South London's Kennington Park. The carnival in the Park, occupying more space than ever before, will get into full swing from 3pm, and for the first time will continue until 11pm.

Belgian singer Mathilde Santing, 60's superstar, long-time Pride darling Sandie Shaw and the consistently hilarious comedy duo Parker and Klein are among the stars who will appear on the main stage in the Park.

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OUTRIGHT

Gay Freesheet for the East Midlands

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Rights of Gays defended by Union

Nottingham University's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Society achieved a resounding victory at a union council meeting last month, when their motion - on lesbian, gay and bisexual rights - was carried by a large majority of votes.

By carrying the motion, the union acknowledged that love and sex between people of the same sex are as acceptle, valid and healthy as between people of opposite sexes, and that non-heterosexuals are scapegoats for accusations over the transmission of AIDS/HIV, when it is spreading faster in the heterosexual community.

The society will now be funded as a welfare service, with a post created for a non-heterosexual, non-executive person, who will represent non-heterosexuals. The new

office holder will ensure that any harassment of non-heterosexuals by other union members is dealt with by a strict disciplinary procedure and will liaise with a selected member of the union's executive committee, whose responsibilities will involve campaigning for lesbian, gay and bisexual rights.

This move was slammed by opposers to the motion as a "cynical plot by the left" to gain a foothold in union politics. But Richard Edmonds, NUS secretary and Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Society member, was adamant that the object of the demands was merely to make sure that there is someone with whom the union can liaise.

Meanwhile, gay and lesbian students were celebrating what they regard as a significant victory and assertion of their rights.



Trade Offs for Protesters

The recent, highly successful occupation of the Thompson-owned Nottingham Herald & Post newspaper by Nottingham Lesbian & Gay Group resulted in two positive spin-offs. Editor Mike Astill agreed to print an unedited statement of similar length to the offending article produced by their columnist June Wall. This statement, which appeared in late May, said, amongst other things: "Lesbian and gay relationships are as diverse, sincere, fulfilling and exciting as those of our heterosexual counterparts. Young eople should be encouraged to determine and express their

own sexualities, and this can only happen if they encounter respect and support rather than lies and prejudice disguised as false concern."

And, more seriously for the paper, the Nottinghamshire Welfare Rights Service, on reading the offending piece, withdrew a substantial amount of planned job advertisements, despite pleas to the Director of the Service from the paper's advertising manager.

"This just goes to show that direct action can have an immediate effect and produce positive results", said Geoff Whittaker, a member of the Nottingham Lesbian & Gay Group who zapped the newspaper.

Inside This Issue...

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New initiative on HIV and **AIDS in Leicester**

Leicester 854720

Leicester City Council, with funding from Leicestershire Health Authority, is taking a new initiative to stop the spread of AIDS and help people who are already affected.

Over the summer, Framework, an independent group of researchers, is undertaking a confidential survey throughout the City into attitudes towards safer sex, HIV testing and services for gay men with HIV and AIDS. This information will be used to create a three-year action plan with the cooperation of all relevant Agencies.

The two researchers, from Framework, Kevin Ford and Tim Pickles, have devised a short anonymous question-

naire which will soon appear in local venues. They will also be approaching gay groups in Leicester to carry out more detailed and confidential face to face interviews with willing volunteers.

Tim Pickles, who is himself gay, said: "we are very keen to involve gay men in this survey so that they can put forward ideas and suggestions to help us. In this way, the gay community can influence and have some control over the shape of future action".

The researchers are particularly keen to contact men who do not usually use the commercial gay scene or organised gay groups. Kevin Ford said: "these men have always been the most difficult to

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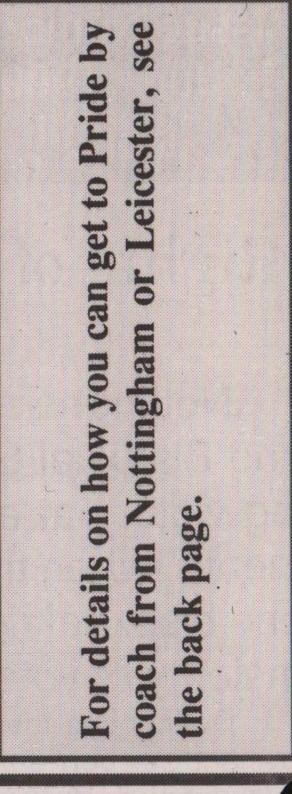
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Annie bows "out" in a blaze of glory

Annie Castledine, the flamboyant Artistic Director of Derby Playhouse, has prepared a theatrical feast which she hopes will please her sisters and brothers in the East Midlands before she leaves Derby for pastures new.

Her final two productions both have gay-related aspects:

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Self Portrait by Sheila Yeger is an intimate view of the life and works of artist Gwen John, now seen as more important than her more famous brother Augustus. Gwen John died in 1939 in Dieppe. She had collapsed and was taken to be a vagrant for she had no luggage. The whereabouts of her grave is unknown. Yet she had lived an extraordinary and passionate life behind the aura of composure, melancholy and introspection she exuded. Besides becoming the mistress of the sculptor Rodin, she also formed a series of intense relationships with women and, indeed, never drew or painted a man. A recluse who hated showing her work (there was only one exhibition during her lifetime), she painted in a tiny shed in her wild Paris garden, and became a Catholic. "A beautiful life,"

she wrote, "is one led, perhaps, in the shadow, but ordered, regular, harmonious." Yeger's play is set in a gallery showing a retrospective of Gwen John's work. It shifts cinematically back and forth between past and present, paralleling Gwen's relationship with Vera Oumancoff with that of two women, Karen and Barbara. The auditorium will be totally transformed into the gallery hung with Gwen's works (reproductions!), whilst one of the characters paints Gwen John's famous Self Portrait in Red Blouse on stage before the audience's eyes every night of the run! Theatre programmes

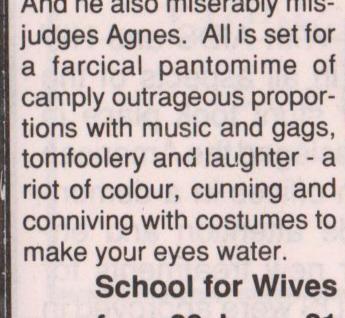
will resemble art catalogues. Self Portrait runs from 1 - 23 June.

Then follows Moliere's classic of marital deceit, School for Wives, adapted by Neil Bartlett (pictured below), the gay enfant terrible of 90s theatre whose A Vision of Love Revealed in Sleep,

about gay Victorian painter Simeon Solomon, saw a naked Bartlett in the title role. Hot on the heels of his version of Racine's Berenice at the National, Neil directs with Annie at Derby, the dramatic coupling the world has been waiting for.

Bartlett has set the fun and games in present-day Derby. Arnold is an ageing Tory Derby City Councillor who has nurtured his young bride-to-be, Agnes, in a convent since childhood. He figures she will make the perfect wife - too stupid to show any interest in other men and too doting to care. However, he reckons without

> handsome young Horace, the yuppie son of one of his old friends! And he also miserably mis-



School for Wives runs from 29 June - 21 July.

Thur 21 The War of the Roses (15) Thur 21 Roger and Me (15) The Body In Extremis Prog.4

Annie extends a warm welcome

to all lesbians and gays to Derby Play-

house, compounding a commitment

that has marked her nationally ac-

claimed (but locally ostracised) three

year reign. With only her second pro-

duction, The Children's Hour, she ran

into trouble. "It seemed to the critics to

be about lesbianism," Annie told Birm-

ingham's City X magazine. "It isn't. It's

about the power of rumour. The press

seized on an aspect of the play which

is infinitesimal and peripheral - and dis-

couraged an enormous number of

people from coming. It was my first

discovery of homophobia in a com-

munity. I never expected it to exist on

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Weds 4 DCHE BA Film Degree Show Weds 4 Monsieur Hire (15) S/T

Thur 5 Monsieur Hire (15) S/T The Fabulous Baker Boys (15) 6.30 Africa at the Pictures Prog.2

0 The Tin Drum (18) S/T Weds 11 The Fabulous Baker Boys (15) 6.30 Thur 12 The Fabulous Baker Boys (15) 6.30

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20 Santa Sangre (18) S/T

21 Lord of the Rings (PG)

ACT UP NOTTINGHAM!

The AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP for short) has just set up a base in Nottingham and is only the third outside London. Nick Walton, whose idea it was to set up the local group, explained: "I had been involved briefly in London ACT UP and it seemed a good idea to see if people wanted to get involved in direct action over specific issues locally. It's only a question of time before an issue presents itself", he added.

ACT UP began life in New York and was co-founded by "Normal Heart" author Larry Kramer, taking as its slogan 'Action = Life'. Incensed by increasing numbers of his friends dying from AIDS and governmental indifference to a doubling of the death rate in one year, he co-ordinated a series of stunts, occupations and demonstrations which gained maximum publicity, not only for the idea of direct action, but more importantly, dented the public image of several well-known multinational drug companies involved in the 'AIDS Industry'.

From the outset, People With AIDS and HIV have been centrally involved in all aspects of the organisation. The first major stunt took place in October 1989 when ACT UP besieged the American Food and Drug Administration offices in a demonstration which won nationwide attention and ensured dramatic results. Four new treatments for secondary complications of AIDS were approved in record time.

With the arrival of ACT UP in Britain last year,

a series of successful 'events' have already been pulled off, which have captured media interest, both nationally and internationally, on a wide range of issues.

All these issues have a common link - the homophobia, oppression and marginalisation of the

lesbian and gay communities. A member of ACT UP London said: "Direct action certainly produces results, and changes that might otherwise take months or even years to achieve, by this method can come overnight, especially if an organisation is bothered about its public image.

The Nottingham group is planning to meet fortnightly. Further details from Nick Walton on 0602 423729.



ACT UP London attracting the attention of the media with a protest at the offices of the Daily Mail about columnist George Gale's assertion that "active homosexuals are potential murderers"

ACT UP 'EVENTS'

On Budget Day, five members of ACT UP London, suffragette style, chained themselves to the gates of Downing Street in a dramatic protest which disrupted the departure to the House of Commons of Chancellor of the Exchequer, John Major, and grabbed the attention of the world's media in the process. They were demonstrating against "totally inadequate" benefit levels for people living with AIDS or HIV.

A further successful occupation of the Australian High Commission offices in the Strand drew attention to the new and draconian immigration rules banning people with HIV/AIDS from entering Aus-

And when George Gale wrote in the Daily Mail that "active homosexuals are potential murderers", ACT UP London successfully protested at the offices of that paper.

Edinburgh ACT UP staged a protest at the recent annual general meeting of Wellcome PLC, producers of the anti-AIDS drug AZT. The Edinburgh activists - including some who were shareholders in the company - questioned the huge profits made by Wellcome from AZT and other drugs. They argued that the price of the drug should be cut by

50% and that further money should be ploughed into community research and treatment.

A peaceful direct action protest by Leeds ACT UP last month had finally persuaded the Youth Hostels Association to reconsider its policy of banning people with HIV from its hostels, said a YHA spokesperson. Ten protesters had earlier occupied the YHA Adventure shop in Leeds by climbing into sleeping bags, whilst calling for customers to boycott the store. This followed several noisy and much-publicised pickets of the Association's London offices. (A picture opposite shows ex-Nottingham man Tom Boyle (left) holding the Leeds banner.)



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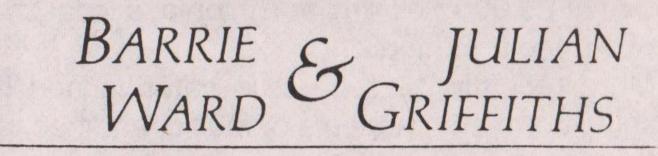
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Success at Women's TUC

NALGO's delegation to the Women's TUC argued successfully against a motion which supported attempts to restrict the availability of donor insemination. These restrictions are proposed in the 'Embryo Bill' which has been going through Parliament, and could be used against lesbians.

Amanda Baird, (pictured above), co-chair of the National Lesbian and Gay Steering Committee, gave an impassioned speech to the conference demanding her rights as a lesbian to have children. NALGO's amendment was passed. (Amanda is believed to have broken new ground by being the first speaker at Women's TUC to use the word 'lesbian' in public.)



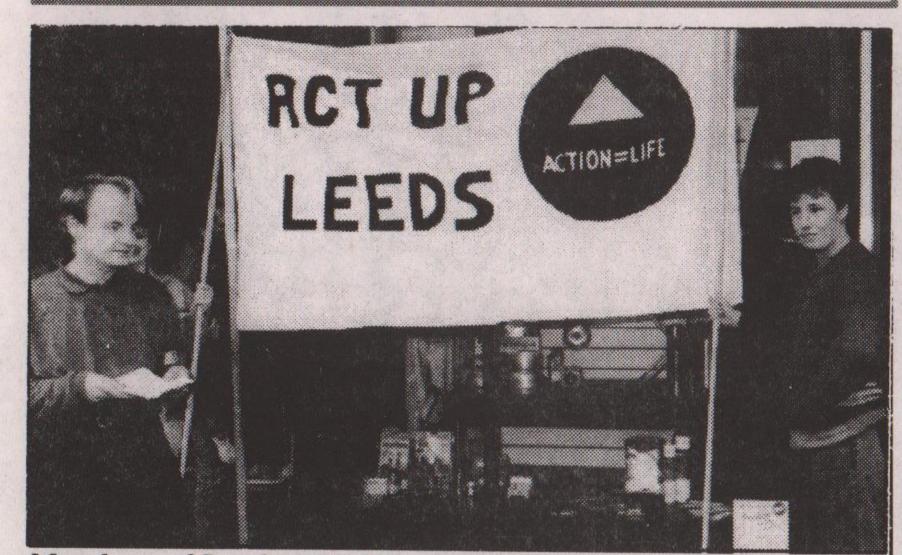
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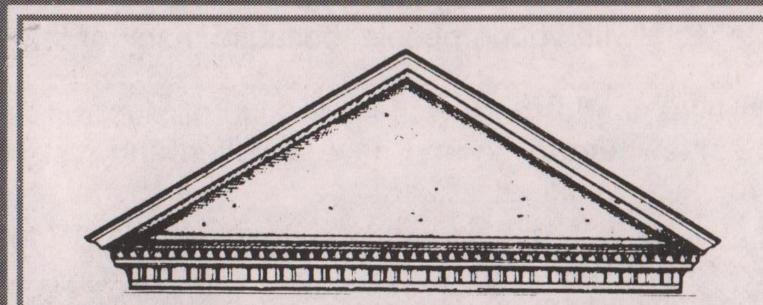
NALGO in sponsorship shocker

NALGO is the first trade union to officially sponsor the annual lesbian and gay Pride celebrations. The sponsor-ship deal means that NALGO's support for lesbian and gay rights will be even more visible, with the union's logo splashed across posters, programmes and carnival advertising.

In London, much excitement has already broken out at the possibility of NALGO having a float in the march itself (which will ease aching feet over the longer-than-ever-before route from Victoria to Kennington Park, by way of Trafalgar Square and Waterloo bridge). Other attractions on the big day, 30th June, will be a NALGO stall with plenty of freebies, and NALGO entertainers.



Members of Leeds ACT UP protest at their local YHA shop



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Postman Pete's Mailbag

I was just finishing my morning delivery when I bumped into that man about town, Michael Yeomans, and so, depositing by shoulder bag, we indulged ourselves in coffee and croissants, while I did a quick update for my malebag.

28 year-old Nottingham born Michael reckons he's a veteran of the gay scene, and in his 12 years as an out-gay man, he's done more than most, including a spell in a House of Boys for 18 months in Amsterdam during those heady, pre-Aids days of the late '70s.

"I was pretty impressionable and never fearful then," he sighs.

People may remember it was Michael who, several years ago, hired MGM, put on a cabaret and in the process raised over £3,000 for Famine Ethiopia, a local charity, enough to equip and send an ambulance to Ethiopia.

More recently, he's been in catering and has just set up his own music publishing company, Aspects of Music, and has plans for another record release.

But right now his mind is on unemployment. "The last ten years in Thatcher's Britain have left thousands and thousands of young people with high expectations but no jobs, so it means some young gay men have drifted into drug-taking and prostitution as a way of making a living. With no money, and the prospect of making £20 or so a day from several customers, kids often forget about the risks of Aids and un-safe sex.

"When I used to work for this escort agency in Amsterdam, at least there was some kind of supervision, you had somewhere to live. There's a real need for someone to work with young people, because many of them are exploited and isolated."

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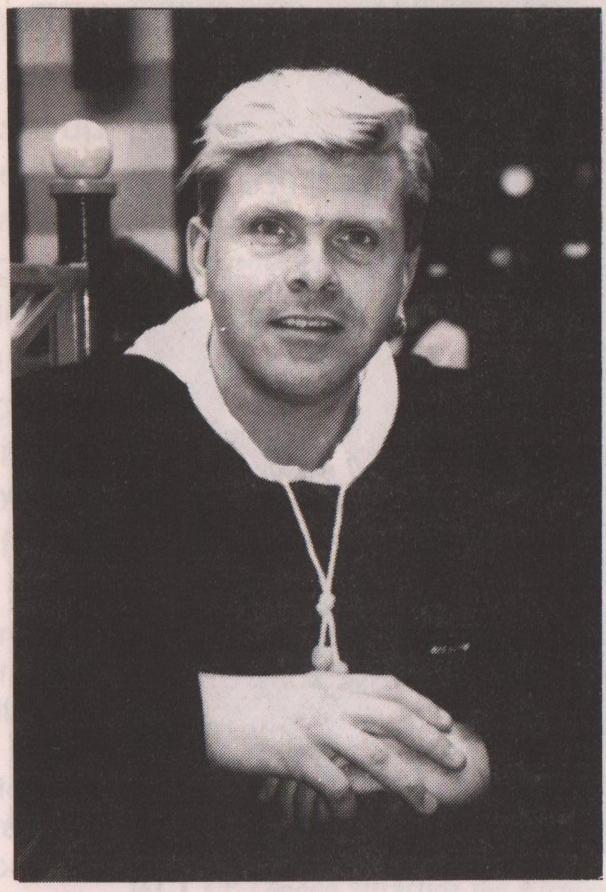
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inexpensive, that would be a help.

"The commercial club scene in Nottingham is not very friendly and has been dominated by the same greedy people for the last ten years or so."

It was getting late and I had to finish my round, so gathering up my shoulder bag, I bade farewell to Michael Yeomans who, by the way, is just off for a bona sixweek cruise on a liner up the Norwegian fjords; but not one to take chances, he was about to sign up with his union. "You never know when you might need them", he laughs.



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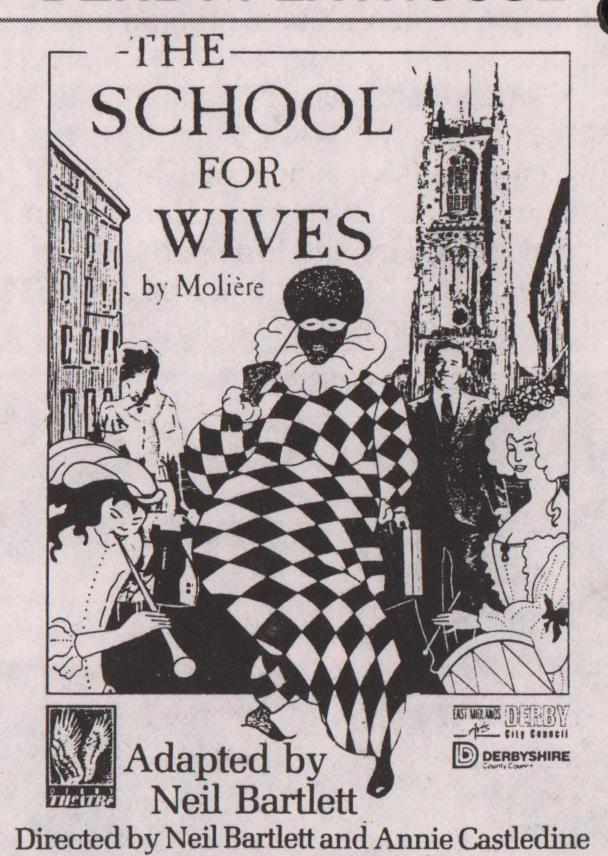
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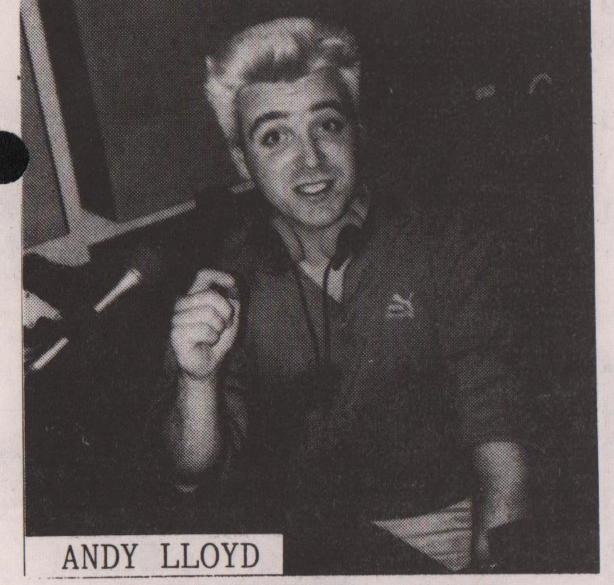


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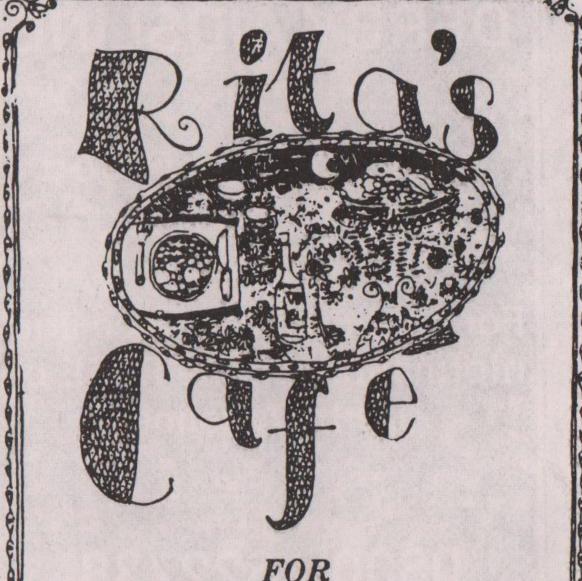
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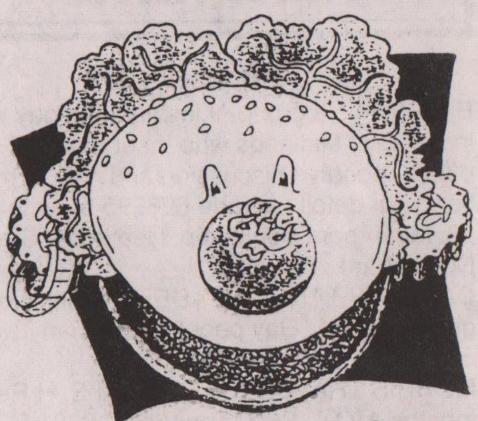
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