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C-SPAN AIRS DEBATE ON FCC'S INDECENCY STANDARDS FOR BROADCASTERS

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The forum, sponsored by the Federal Communications Bar Association and entitled, "What's Indecent? Who Decides?" was recorded on Wednesday, April 18.

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C-SPAN SHOOT SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 1990

House: Noon

Senate: noon

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House Ways and Means Cmte.

"Trade Issues & Foreign Investment"

10am - Noon: Secy of State James Baker

2pm - 4pm: Treasury Secy Nicholas Brady (live if House is out)

1100 Longworth

National Press Club luncheon

Roger Smith, chairman, General Motors

1 - 2pm

AIRS: 4/21 6pm

White House Conference on Science & Economic Research Related to Global Change

closing plenary: Mod. by Allan Bromley
George Bush

1:45 - 3pm

JW Marriott

Info: 1019 19th St. NW #615; WDC 20036

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Supreme Court camera

10am - 12:30pm

producer: Lew

White House crew

8:30 am - tbd

10am presentation of Commander-in-Chief's Trophy

10:15 meeting with Congressional Leadership

5:15pm Earth Day Reception, Rose Garden

Standby

1:30-3:30

~~House Budget News Conf~~

← democratic leadership on

Association of Historically Black Colleges & Universities

Lauro Cavazos, Sec of Education

8:30-9:30am

NPC Ballroom

info: tba

Federal Communications Bar Association

panel: "What's Indecent? Who Decides?"

speaking: Quello, FCC; Timothy Dyk, atty; James Reilly,
Morality in Media; Peggy Coleman, Am Family Assoc;
& Allan Ginsberg, Poet

5:30-7:30pm

Wash Marriott, DuPont Room

info: 1150 Connecticut Ave NW WDC 20036

University of Hartford & the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce

speech by Gennady Gerasimov, chief spokesman, Foreign Ministry

11:45am - 1:45pm (pgrm. at 12:45pm)

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C-SPAN AIR PANEL DISCUSSION ON INDECENT PROGRAMMING

Washington, D.C., April 25 -- Indecency in the media will be the topic of a panel discussion which will air on C-SPAN on Friday, April 25, at 10pm ET.

The forum, sponsored by the Federal Communications Bar Association, is entitled, "What's Indecent? Who Decides?"

Former Federal Communications Commission Commissioner Tyrone Brown will moderate the discussion with panelists James Quello, FCC commissioner, Attorney Timothy Dyk, Joseph Reilly, Jr., president of Morality in Media, Peggy Coleman, legal counsel for the American Family Association, and Poet Allen Ginsberg.

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Sponsored by the Continuing Legal Education Committee
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→ M. Anne Swanson, Koteen & Naftalin
Coordinators

April 18, 1990

MODERATOR:

Tyrone Brown. A member of the Federal Communications Commission from 1977 through January 1981, Mr. Brown is currently on leave from the law firm of Steptoe and Johnson where he specializes in communications law. He is serving as President and a Director of District Cablevision, Inc. and as a Director of Black Entertainment Television. From 1971-1974, he was a Director and Vice President for Legal Affairs of Post-Newsweek Stations, Inc. He clerked for U. S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren during the 1967 Term. A graduate of Cornell Law School, he is a member of the Executive Committees of the FCBA and the National Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and was Co-Chair of the Washington Lawyers' Committee during 1987-88. He has moderated two programs in the Public Television Series, *The Constitution*, *That Delicate Balance*.

PANELISTS:

Commissioner James H. Quello. Senior Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Commissioner Quello was first appointed to the FCC in 1974 by President Nixon, and reappointed by President Reagan in 1981. He served as Vice President with Capital Cities from 1969 to 1972. His career in broadcasting began in 1947 with WJR, where he rose through the ranks to become Vice President and General Manager in 1960. He is a former President and Director of the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, his home state. He is a decorated war veteran who saw combat with the Ninth and 45th Infantry Division in the African and European Theaters. He has been the recipient of several honorary degrees and numerous awards in the field of broadcasting.

Timothy B. Dyk. Mr. Dyk is a partner with the law firm of Jones, Day Reavis & Pogue. He serves on the Board of Directors of People for the American Way, Migrant Legal Action Program, Farmworker Litigation and Justice Funds, and the ABA Forum Committee on Communications Law. Mr. Dyk lectures at Georgetown University Law Center, Yale Law School, and the University of Virginia Law School. A graduate of Harvard College and Law School, he served as clerk to Supreme Court Justices Reed and Burton and to Chief Justice Earl Warren. He participates regularly

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How long?

positioning for calls....

Because you cover the television industry, I wanted to alert you to a very interesting program about the broadcast industry we're airing this Friday

- 1) because I thought you may want to watch
- 2) because you may want to write it up for your readers to watch

It's a panel we recorded last week sponsored by the Federal Communications Bar Association debating the FCC's indecency standard for broadcasters.

Wed April 18th

The panelists debate "What's indecent...and who decides"

The five panelists include writer Allen Ginsberg and the president of Morality in Media, Joseph Reilly.

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Airs Friday at 10:00 pm ET

2:00:00

Who decides, the FCC or viewers

where to pitch it.

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1) comm daily (ask if they covered the panel...if so, they'll be familiar with it.

2) Jack Carmody early Thursday for Friday column

3) TV writers who do columns, not critics who review programs in papers in the eastern and central time zones.

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Jack: This is a very lively debate I think a lot of viewers will be interested in watching.

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Continuing Legal Education

For Immediate Release

April 4, 1990

PRESS RELEASE

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The seminar will be moderated by former FCC Commissioner Tyrone Brown, and will include the following panelists: The Honorable James H. Quello; Timothy B. Dyk of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue; (CB) James Reilly, President, Morality in Media; Peggy Coleman, General Counsel, American Family Association; and Allen Ginsberg, American poet. *well read poetry (under FCC) (banned) (24 hr ban on indecency)*

We expect some sparks to fly. If you would like to cover the event, please request a press pass by completing the enclosed registration form.

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