



# The *House Special*

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Saturday, MARCH 20

First Day of Spring

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD



The Board sponsored on 10 February a town meeting for Skyline House residents and owners. The President and Vice President highlighted the key activities in which the Board had been engaged during the past months. This was followed by a lively questions and answers period with various comments from the floor. Many of the approximately 100 Skyline House residents who attended participated actively in the discussion.

The regular monthly Board meeting was held on 18 February. The issues which were covered included the following.

The Architectural Control Committee submitted a request for tables in the East and West wing mail lobbies. A sketch accompanied the proposal. The Board decided to request the interior decorator of the Smith Company to recommend an appropriate table, wastepaper basket and bulletin board in harmony with the decor of the lobbies.

The management agent reported that we can expect the annual window washing to occur some time in May. The Board asked the Management to make arrangements for taking down and putting up the screens for those residents unable to do so themselves.

The hours for using the Exercise Room are henceforth set for:

6:00 AM to 9:00 AM	daily
10:00 AM to 10:00 PM	daily

The Board requested the management agent to check into installing at the front desk a direct telephone to a taxi company for the use of residents and guests.

A request to check into the lighting situation at the entrance of the driveway into Skyline House West was referred to the Security Committee.

The recommendation of the Security Committee for giving East wing residents access to the entrances into the West wing was discussed and the management was instructed to change the security locks on the West wing building so that they could also be opened by the security keys of the East wing residents. Keys of West wing residents already fit the doors of the East wing building.

At the same time the Board deferred a recommendation to place new locks and keys on all security doors leading into both buildings. The very limited number of incidents that have occurred inside the buildings do not warrant the expense of rekeying the entire two wings at this stage.

The advisability of having a wheelchair available at the front desk was discussed. The Board decided to check with the legal counsel whether the condominium association could incur any liability by having a wheelchair.

The Recreation Committee's recommendation to hold Bingo games was discussed. The Board decided to check with the legal counsel whether there were any restrictions for sponsoring Bingo games.

Wynfred Joshua  
Vice President

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## SKYLINE MARKET

**\* NEW STORE HOURS \***  
**MONDAY THRU SATURDAY**  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
**SUNDAY**  
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

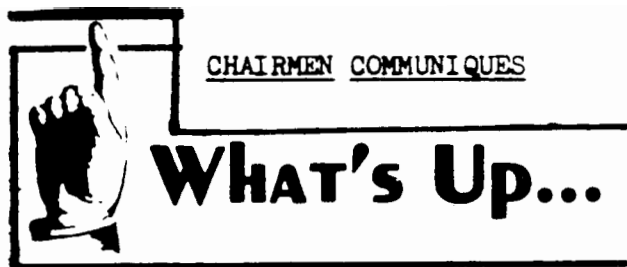
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**B-2 LEVEL**  
**SKYLINE PLAZA SOUTH C-5-S**  
**PHONE: 671-3705**

*Thank you for your continued  
patronage.*

*P.S. Coffee available in the  
morning.*

*management*

**DR. JEROME W. SPECHLER**  
ANNOUNCES  
THE RELOCATION OF HIS OFFICE  
FOR THE PRACTICE OF FAMILY DENTISTRY  
TO  
SKYLINE COURT TOWNHOUSES  
3610 FOREST DRIVE  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22302  
TELEPHONE  
578-4221



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Leslie Silverman

BE A FLOOR REPRESENTATIVE

The Skyline House Condominium Association through its Community Relations Committee wants to create a sense of community among residents on each floor so that our sense of security is enhanced and a forum exists whereby information about the building is provided and received. Each floor will have a representative to do the direct and individual communicating between residents and the Community Relations Committee. About every three months, when there is a need for communicating about the building, the floor representative will visit each neighbor on the floor and report back to the Community Relations Committee. All of the representatives together, will be the Welcoming Committee.

Volunteer to be Floor Representative and have the experience and satisfaction of building a community. (We found that the words "community" and "communication" have the same root.)

HOW TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE: If you're interested in being the representative for your floor, or if you need to have a question answered before deciding, call or leave a message at the desk for Les Silverman, 808-E. Don't delay; please call today.

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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Philip & Pearl Heyman, 605-E

This Committee met on Monday, February 1, 1982.

The subject of draperies and potted plants in the "concourse" was brought up. The East Building does not have any. The West Building does. These were provided by the Charles E. Smith Company. We're asking the Board of Directors to take this problem up with the Smith Co. in their on-going discussions concerning the completion of the East and West Buildings.

The question of "climate control" in the halls was discussed. Some halls are too hot, some too cold. This has been noted before. The Physical Plant Committee will be informed of this problem.

The use of the unused space in the East Building Service Level was discussed. A suggestion was made that this space could be used for bicycle storage and for additional "caged" storage for owners who need more than one space allotted to them. A plan will be made and submitted to the Board of Directors.

Next meeting: Monday, March 1, in the East Building Card Room. 8 p.m.

SPONSORED BY

THE RECREATION COMMITTEE



COVERED DISH DINNER

When: Wednesday, March 17

Place: West Party Room

Time: 7:00 P.M.



The Skyline House Recreation Committee is sponsoring a Covered-dish Dinner on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, at 7:00 P.M. in the West Party Room.

If you would care to attend, please sign up on the list at the Front Desk. Reservations will be accepted ONLY until March 15th or until 125 reservations have been requested...whichever comes first. Please do not wait until the last minute and then be placed in the embarrassing position (for us too) of being refused.

Each person is requested to bring either a main dish, a vegetable, a salad, or dessert.....sufficient to serve four, generously. Guests of Skyline House residents are welcome, but remember, the host's contribution of food should be commensurate (that applies to wives bringing husbands and vice versa).

The Recreation Committee will supply coffee, tea and a smiling welcome!

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The Recreation Committee needs a secretary to take the minutes at its monthly meeting, the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at 8:00 P.M. in the West Card Room. The work will not be arduous. Please contact Anita Wright, Unit 106-W, if you would be willing to help out in this way.

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**MeT's**

5831 Columbia Pike  
Bailey's Crossroads, Va  
TEL-820-0070

Filet Mignon  
**Dinner**  
**\$6.50**

**Champagne**  
**SUNDAY**  
**BRUNCH**  
WITH FRESH FRUIT  
**Bar**  
11am to 3pm

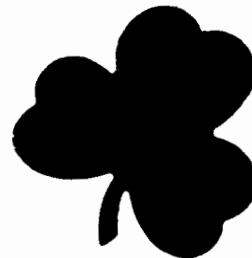
Dinner Menu  
Available

Featuring your Favorite Beef & Seafood Platters

**DAILY**  
**Businessman's Luncheon**

Input for the April HOUSE SPECIAL -  
Saturday, March 20

Board Member Liaison - Barbara N. Seymon  
Editor - Marden D. Kimball 513-W 820 1373  
Letter Editor - Elizabeth Grant 1408-W



Community Relations Committee

COMMUNITY NOTES

To those of you who have signed up to participate in the Red Cross blood donation program sponsored by this committee and that of Skyline Plaza - - - many thanks! If others of you have intended to sign up and have not yet done so, please add your names to the list which is at the Main Lobby desk. We shall need additional volunteers in order to guarantee the minimum of 40 persons required by the Red Cross to set up its equipment. Our community as a whole, as well as individual residents may be future beneficiaries of your generosity.

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Have you signed the petition to remove Skyline House from the Mason District #1 Leaf Collection District? Each co-owner's annual Fairfax real estate tax included \$20.-\$25. to provide a service that we do not receive. Tom Davis, the Supervisor representing our District (Mason) needs as many co-owners as possible to convince the Board of Supervisors to redraw the boundaries of the Leaf Collection District, excluding Skyline City. Please sign the petition at the Main Lobby desk.

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HELP SOMEONE ELSE . . . . . AND HELP YOURSELF!!

Volunteer opportunities can open the door to fun, challenge, learning, friendship, growth, work experience and involvement. If you want to be involved, you can find volunteer opportunities throughout the Metropolitan area in the Arts, Parks, Recreation, History, Education, Libraries, Health, Mental Health and Criminal Justice. There are also opportunities to work with youth, senior citizens, the disadvantaged and the handicapped.

The Voluntary Action Center of Fairfax County can place you in any one of hundreds of jobs where you can serve others and at the same time develop your talents and learn new skills in "real life" situations. Many of these "jobs" include special on-the-job-training.

For example, the Mount Vernon Hospital needs volunteers for many types of work. Morning, afternoon and evening shifts are available during the week. Training and orientation will be provided. Call Action Center: 691-3460

Also, the Fairfax County Parks Adapted Aquatic Program provided exercise in the water for physically handicapped persons. Sessions will be held to train volunteers to assist staff at four County Centers. For these dates and other pertinent information, call: 691-3460

If you are interested, call the Voluntary Action Center for an interview or a registration form. Phone: 691-3460. At the interview the Volunteer Clearing House will try to match your skills and interests with possible volunteer opportunities. Also, watch the Skyline House bulletin boards where notices concerning immediate needs for volunteers will be posted from time to time. Our contact at the Agency is Judith V. Helein; it is she who has supplied the information for this article and will maintain contact with this committee.

INVOLVEMENT BRINGS JOY!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WPR West Party Room WCR West Card Rm. EPR Fast Party Rm. ECR Fast Card Rm. *Reservations Required/See back of calendar.	1 Bridge 7:30 PM WCR Architectural Planning & Control 8 PM ECR	2 Financial Mgmt. & Administration 8 PM WCR	3	4 Recreation Committee 8 PM WCR	5 Cocktail Party 6:30 PM WPR	6
7	8 Bridge 7:30 PM ECR	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Bridge 7:30 PM ECR	16	St. Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner 7 PM WPR	18	19	20
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Friday Night World - March 1, 7:30 PM West Party Room.  
Everyone's invited: singles, couples, and guests of both. No charge. No  
reservations required. Bring your own drinks, mixes and, if you wish, snacks  
to share. Casual dress. Come join us!

Potluck Dinner - St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17, 7 PM West Party Room. Watch for  
Sign up sheets at front desk. Singles bring enough for four, couples bring enough  
for eight. Bring a main dish, vegetable, salad or dessert. (Guests are invited,  
but please bring proportionate increases in your donations of food.)

Slimnastics - 8 week Wednesday night classes begin March 24, 7 PM West Party Room.  
Advance payment required. Watch for flyers.

Fire Safety Meeting - Wednesday, March 24, 8 to 9 PM, East Party Room.  
Sgt. Wilson of the Fire Marshall's Office will show a short film, talk about  
fire safety and be available to answer questions. All residents invited.

Bridge - No partner needed, separate Duplicate and Rubber bridge games.  
Every Monday, 7:30 PM, East Card Room. For information contact Dick Atchison, 1101E.  
Note: March 1 bridge to be held in West Card Room.

Committee Meetings - All meetings held at 8:00 PM:

- Architectural Planning & Control - Monday, Mar. 1 - East Card Room
- Community Relations - Tuesday, Mar. 9 - West Card Room
- Covenants - to be announced.
- Financial Management & Administration - Tuesday, Mar. 2, West Card Room
- Physical Plant Operations - Thursday, Mar. 11, West Card Room
- Recreation - Thursday, Mar. 4, West Card Room
- Security & Fire Safety - Tuesday, Mar. 16, West Card Room

Board of Directors' Meeting - Thursday, Mar. 18, 7:30 PM West Card Room



Community Notes . . . .

If you have a consumer problem or question (and who has not at one time or another) and are a resident of Fairfax County, call, write, or visit the Department of Consumer Affairs at: 4031 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Phone: 691-3214. Office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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¿Sabía usted que en la Biblioteca Woodrow Wilson hay de servicio siempre una persona que habla español? La biblioteca queda en 6101 Knollwood Road (detrás del Centro Comercial Culmore en Leesburg Pike). También hay disponibles: periódicos, cintas magnetofónicas, libros, magazines y libros de texto en inglés para personas de habla hispana . . . a todos los niveles. Para más información, llame al teléfono: 820-8774.

Otra cosa interesante: el comité de Habla Hispana de Virginia tiene una oficina en Bailey's Crossroads: 5881 Leesburg Pike. Esta oficina ofrece información con respecto a clases de inglés, oportunidades de trabajo, procedimientos legales y otros asuntos. Llame al teléfono: 671-5657.

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SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNTS (over 900 area merchants provide discounts to seniors 60 years and older)

ID Cards will be issued -

Place: Woodrow Wilson Library (behind Culmore Shopping Center)  
6101 Knollwood Drive

When: Friday, March 5

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Phone 820-8774 to verify the hours)

For Skyline residents who are 60 or over. MANY BENEFITS!

Cards may also be requested at the Massey Building, 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 P.m.

If you have any questions contact Juanita Mayer, 713-W.

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Are you aware of recent changes in the Federal Estate and Gift Tax Law? No tax will now be imposed on property transferred or willed from one spouse to another. Recently the Virginia General Assembly adopted its own law which means, generally, that if an estate is tax-exempt under Federal statute, it is also exempt under the Virginia estate law. This is not the case in all of the 50 States. So, if your will was not drawn and witnessed in Virginia, it may pay you to seek legal advice on the matter ... or read the laws governing the estate and gift tax changes for yourself in the Virginia Room of the Central Library, 3915 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax.

This information was taken from "The Golden Gazette" published by the Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging. It is dedicated to keeping senior adults in touch, informed and entertained. To get on the mailing list or to offer ideas and suggestions, write: Editor, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 . . . or phone: 691-2185 There is no charge for this service.

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The Community Relations Committee hopes to make this column a regular feature of "The House Special". Its aim is to inform and alert residents to matters of interest in Skyline House and the greater community.

# From Management



## STORAGE ROOMS

Please do not leave personal belongings in the common area of the storage rooms. Any items left outside the storage areas will be disposed of on a regular basis.

## EXERCISE ROOM

We have received several complaints from residents that the bicycle seat has been tightened so the seat cannot be adjusted. Please be sure that you leave the seat adjustment knob loose enough so that the person following you may adjust it to suit himself/herself.

## TRASH DISPOSAL

Contrary to the Condominium's Policy, trash is being left in the disposal rooms located on each floor. To enable us to keep the building clean and insect free, it is imperative that all trash, newspapers, etc. be placed inside the trash chute. Boxes or items too large for the chute are to be taken to the receiving room via the service elevator. Please be sure that what you place into the chute is not so large as to cause a blockage in the chute. This creates a potential fire hazard and an unnecessary inconvenience to other residents.

Garage trash cans are to be used only for trash accumulated in your vehicle. Please do not place large boxes or trash from your Unit in the garage trash cans.

## FIRE LANE ENFORCEMENT

The fire lane is to be used only as a drop-off point. Vehicles which are left unattended will be ticketed by the Fairfax County Police or towed by Management. Leaving a vehicle in the fire lane endangers the lives of all the residents of our building in the event of fire. The fire lane must be kept clear at all times.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS

All guests are to be announced by the desk personnel unless you as the resident have given the desk a written list of guests. If you are expecting several guests, please advise the desk in writing. This will enable the desk clerks to give faster and better service to you and your guests. Please advise your guests that they will have to check in at the front desk, be announced that they are in the building and to obtain a parking permit.

## HUMIDIFIER DRAIN OVERFLOW

Most humidifiers at Skyline House are the overflow type which allows a little water to run out of the drain line. Constant running of this water into the condensate drain line causes algae to build up in the humidifier drain line and condensate drain line. To eliminate the algae it is suggested that you shut off the humidifier, take the drain pan loose from the bottom and pour about two (2) quarts of hot (almost boiling) water (or one part vinegar and three parts water) through the line about once a month as you change the filter in your heat pump unit. This is necessary in the summer when the humidifier is off because as the unit is in the cooling mode, condensate water drains from the heat pump unit down the condensate line. If the condensate line plugs up, because of algae, it could overflow in your unit and leak into the unit below causing damage to your neighbor's ceiling and walls.

## A SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

We wish to thank you for your cooperation and assistance in January when the assessment fees were changed, and a new billing procedure was put into effect. Please remember to make your assessment checks payable to SKYLINE HOUSE CONDOMINIUM, and there is a mail slot with an attached box in the Management Office door for you to drop your assessment check when the office is closed.





## LETTERS

The Editors of "The House Special" welcome letters from residents of Skyline House. Let the Letter Editor, Elizabeth Grant, 1408-W, know if you have a question; want to express an opinion, or simply have something of interest you would care to share.

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I would appreciate your putting something in the monthly newsletter regarding tenants playing stereos at 6:00 A.M. at full-blast, so that the noise can be heard half-way down the hallway!

Some of us work at night, but even if you don't, it is infuriating to be awakened at that hour. Please, please, mention this horrendous problem!

M. Shaw

Editor's Comment: At ANY hour the blaring of radio, stereo or TV constitutes a nuisance and demonstrates a lack of sensitivity to the responsibilities involved in condominium living. It doesn't have to be Rock and Roll to make those partitions shake!

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An informal discussion with a Metrobus supervisor indicated that the Skyline House bus stops could be moved from their present locations to ones opposite the steps leading to the Reception Building.

This would be more convenient...and safer... for residents of both East and West Buildings, eliminating the need to walk out and around the brick wall. The benefit would be felt particularly in bad weather.

If you are interested in pursuing this change of Bus Stops, leave a note for me with your name, unit or telephone number; I will take it from there.

Barbara Bear, 1410-E

Editor's Comment: This is an eminently sensible suggestion and, as another "plus", would facilitate children getting on an off the School Bus.

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**N O T I C E:** Advertisements appearing in this Newsletter do not constitute endorsement nor reflect approval thereof by Skyline House Condominium Association or its Board of Directors.



The Fairfax County Police Department offers a wide range of crime prevention services to citizens. The Police District Station nearest Skyline House is the MASON DISTRICT STATION

6507 Columbia Pike  
691-2244

Officers Larry Clark/Al Santiago will welcome your request for assistance.

#### WHAT IS 911?

**911** is a three-digit **emergency telephone number** operated by the local governments of the Northern Virginia Region and the telephone companies to provide emergency help to you as fast as possible. **911** connects you directly with operators who have been specially trained to handle your call. The **911 emergency telephone** system is equipped to respond to requests for **emergency** police, fire and ambulance services.

#### WHY SHOULD I CALL 911?

Calling **911** could save a life. It's easier to remember and faster to dial than a seven-digit number. It is recognized nationally as the **emergency telephone** number. **911** answering points are staffed around the clock by people trained to handle emergencies.

#### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I CALL 911?

When you call **911** an operator will answer your call by stating the name of the jurisdiction — for example, "Fairfax County, what is your emergency?" You should respond by stating the nature of your emergency — a house fire, for example. You will immediately be connected to a fire dispatcher. Give your name, street address and telephone number. **DO NOT** hang up until instructed to disconnect. The information you have provided to the operator will be relayed instantly to fire dispatchers who will send help to your location.

#### WHEN SHOULD I USE 911?

Dial **911 emergency telephone** service **ONLY** when there is an emergency requiring fire equipment, a police officer or an ambulance. Crimes in progress, automobile accidents, serious injuries, emergency illnesses such as heart attacks or strokes, brush fires, house fires, fallen power lines, and similar incidents should be reported on **911**.

#### WHEN SHOULD I NOT USE 911?

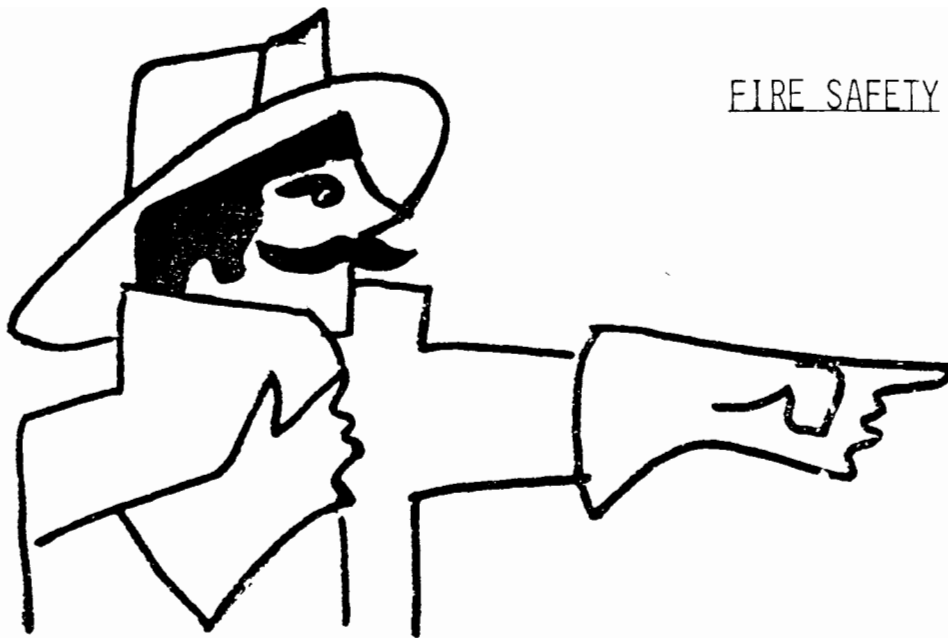
**DO NOT** dial **911** for non-emergency calls. Routine calls for information or public safety calls concerned with problems which are not life-threatening should be dialed on the seven-digit non-emergency numbers listed on the back panel of this brochure and in the white pages of your telephone directory. **911 emergency telephone** service should not be abused or misused. False alarms and other abuses are a violation of law and will tie up **911** lines, making them unavailable for legitimate emergencies.

#### WHAT IF I AM AT A PUBLIC PAY PHONE?

From a public pay telephone, dial **911** without depositing a coin. The geographical location of the pay telephone will be indicated on the information card below the coin slots. Describe this location to the operator who answers your call so that emergency units from the nearest locality may be dispatched.

#### WHAT IF I AM HEARING IMPAIRED?

Those persons with hearing impairment and who have access to teletype equipment should continue to use the following telephone numbers: in Arlington County, 558-2096; in Fairfax County, 691-2267; in the City of Alexandria, 838-4896; in Falls Church, 241-5053; and in Loudoun and Prince William Counties and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park, 911.



## FIRE SAFETY

WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 24, 1982  
EAST PARTY ROOM

SGT. WHITE OF THE FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE  
WILL SHOW A SHORT FILM, TALK ABOUT FIRE  
SAFETY AND BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.  
THIS PRESENTATION WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED  
FOR FEBRUARY 17, 1982, BUT WAS POSTPONED AT  
THE FIRE MARSHALL'S REQUEST DUE TO INCLEMENT  
WEATHER.