

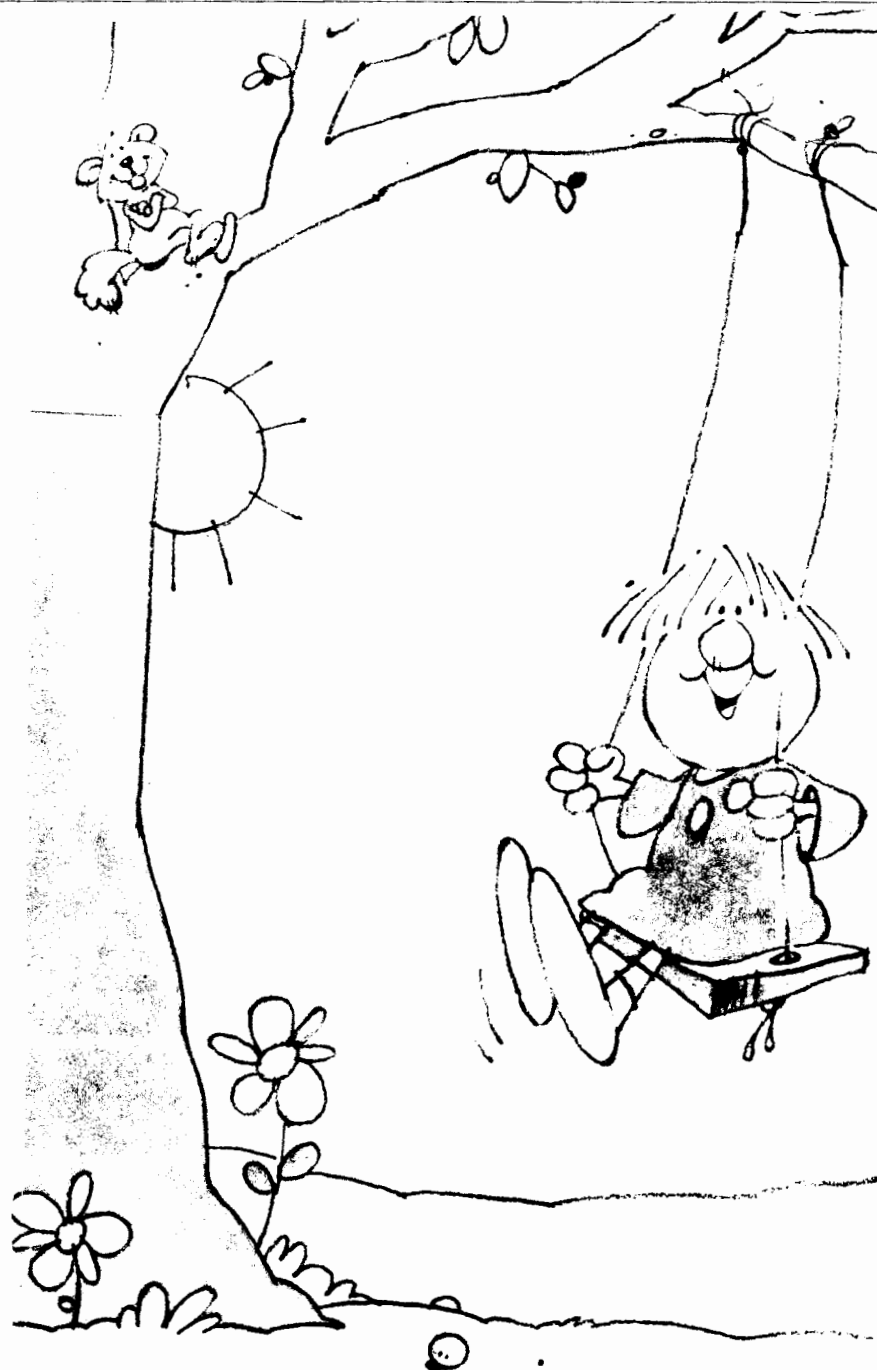


# The *House Special*

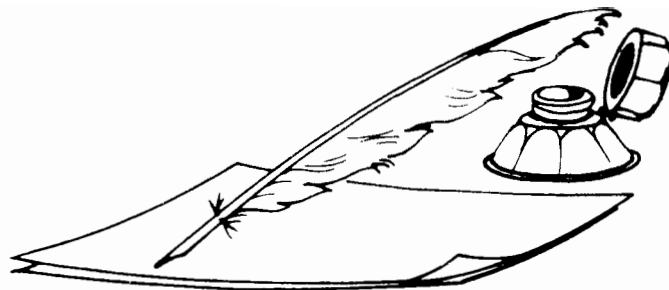
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# From the Board



Wynfred Joshua, Vice President

In his report at the Board of Directors' August session President Stolarun noted that he had alerted the Developer to the appearance of additional cracks in the C-level of the garage. He had urged immediate remedial action.

Ed Stolarun further explained the reason for the delay in starting with the building of the pedestrian overpass over S. George Mason Drive. This was primarily caused by our review and revision of the easement agreement. To protect our Association our attorney had modified the agreement to insure that Skyline House will have no responsibility or liability for the maintenance and use of the overpass. The agreement now specifies that Fairfax County or the State of Virginia assumes all liability. County officials are presently checking whether the State will take this responsibility.

Ed Stolarun also reported the rejection of the Developer to replace the carpet of the bridge between the East building and the garage. The Resident Manager has been asked to proceed with the installation of new carpeting, the expense of which will be included in our warranty claims against the Developer.

Our attorney has given us advice on how to control "Open House" techniques by Owners who are trying to sell their apartments. The Board asked the Security/Fire Safety Committee for a recommendation keeping in mind the attorney's points as well as the arguments for and against which were raised at the Board session.

Along with the recommendations of the Physical Plant and the Financial Management Committees, the question of painting the exterior balcony doors and panels was

discussed at length. Board member Joe Strahs pointed out how easy it is to clean and restore the luster to the doors by using a special liquid which is available from the Resident Manager. The Board decided to postpone such painting, leaving this for the time being to individual Owners. Elsewhere in the newsletter, readers will find Sandy Ziegler's discussion on how to clean the doors with 'Shilashine' which can be bought from her office. Funds for painting will be included in next year's budget.

Regarding the need for more light at the rear of the East building, the Board weighed the advice of both the Financial Management and the Physical Plant Committees, as well as that of the Security Committee. The Board instructed the Manager to proceed with the installation of a light above the resident entrance door into the East building and a flood light at the southeast corner of the garage to illuminate the entrance to the garage. The Board accepted the recommendation to include in the 1986 budget \$2,000 for another upright light pole in the parking area.

When the Board considered the need to repair leaking planters in the pool promenade area, the Property Manager reported that he had investigated the issue. Only one company was prepared to tackle the problem but had insisted that it first remove the plants and soil from one planter to determine the cause of the leaks. The whole project could be a major one and involve significant expenses. The

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Board agreed to proceed with the above-described procedure which will be scheduled for September.

The Board endorsed recommendations to:

-- Award a contract for \$863 to Portugal Construction for the installation of a sidewalk over the grassy slope at the rear of the West building to the pedestrian door. The area is becoming too unsightly and too muddy (when it rains).

-- Order a cover for the swimming pool for \$3,650 from Aqualin to protect the newly coated pool.

-- Replace two defunct compressors in the East and West buildings with copelematic compressors for about \$8,000 each.

-- Instruct the Property Manager to compare costs for buying a new copy machine with those for leasing one so that the Board can make a decision as to which approach will be the most cost effective for our Association.

A major item of discussion involved the findings of the annual inspection of

the roof by the Smith Company's engineering department. The Physical Plant Committee agreed with the recommended repairs and replacements, and listed some additional repairs that are required. Board member Bob Lowry and Physical Plant Committee Chairman Dietz Gerstner explained that the roof problems are not a warranty item but are the responsibility of the Association. It is clear that the repairs have to be made before the winter to avoid further deterioration. The Board voted for an expenditure of no more than \$10,000 to be charged to the Replacement Reserve Fund.

The final action of the Board at this lengthy and, as Bob Lowry noted, expensive session was to approve repairs to the columns on the East penthouse patio. Mr. Lowry's recommendation to remove the cover of the columns and paint the pipes was accepted.

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# Committee Communiqués

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Committee met on August 14th. A number of members were on vacation, but we hope they will attend in September. All Skyline House residents are invited to join and participate.

The big, big activity planned for September is the OMELET BRUNCH on Sunday, September 22nd, at 12:30 p.m. in the East Party Room. See the form on the next page for complete details.

### Other Activities:

September 6 T.G.I.F.  
October 4 T.G.I.F.  
October 6 Oktoberfest  
October 30 Mexican Dinner  
November 1 T.G.I.F.  
November 13 Covered Dish Supper  
November 20 Flea Market

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### SKYLINE INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The Skyline International Club presented a program entitled "Britain in Brief" at the Skyline Plaza Party Room on August 20th. The program consisted of a very informative talk on Britain, followed by a film showing the relationship of the George Washington family of Virginia and the Washington family of England tracing the Washington ancestors for centuries. Refreshments were served following the program.

The previous International Club programs were on Greece and Ecuador. Each program was attended by over 100 people of the Skyline community (unfortunately, very few faces from Skyline House).

The next program, entitled "A Day in America", will be presented at Skyline Plaza on Tuesday, September 24th, at 8 p.m.

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### ARE YOU SINGLE?

Would you like to meet other singles in Skyline House? The Recreation Committee is taking a poll. If there is enough response, we will have a T.G.I.F. party, and if the group so wishes, we will plan some regular "other type" gatherings.

If you would like to come to a Singles T.G.I.F. party, please call Maggie at 931-6196 or drop a note in Box 415E at the front desk. See ya!

*What's Up . . .*

# OMELET BRUNCH

The Skyline House Recreation Committee is pleased to have the "OMELET KING" back again for your pleasure.

DATE: Sunday, September 22nd  
PLACE: East Party Room  
TIME: Doors open at Noon for B.Y.O.B. cocktails  
Brunch served between 12:30-1:15 p.m.  
COST: \$7.50 per person  
MENU: Seasonal Fruit Compote  
3 EGG OMELET OF YOUR CHOICE  
Rolls and Assorted Danish  
Coffee, Tea, Milk

Please fill out the form below with names as you want them to appear on name badges. Return the form and your check to Box 1715E at the front desk. Reservations and checks must be received by September 12. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Skyline House Recreation Committee.

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I/We would like to attend the Omelet Brunch on Sunday, September 22. My/Our check is enclosed in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$7.50 per person).

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Deliver this form, along with your check, to Box 1715E at the Front Desk.

An Oktoberfest is planned for late October. Skyline House residents are invited to attend all programs presented at Skyline Plaza. For more information, call Mohebat Ahydiyyih at 578-0982 or Lisa Astudillo at 998-5460.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

TO: Unit Owners and Members of  
the Covenants Committee

FROM: Howie McClennan, Chairman

RE: Next Committee Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, September 19th  
7:30 p.m.

WHERE: West Card Room

The agenda will be posted prior to the meeting. Make your plans now to attend. Let's get back to work.

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Dr. Brian Sullivan, chief chiropractor at the Winchester Chiropractic Center, P.C. has expanded and opened a second office in Skyline Courts Professional Park, to meet the needs of his patients in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax.

Dr. Sullivan blends a number of natural health care approaches to obtain optimum patient results and satisfaction. He is presently taking patients for complete nutritional workups, chiropractic analysis for low back, headache, stress related conditions and wholistic health exams.

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8	9 BRIDGE 7:30 p.m. ECR	10 FINANCE CMTE. 7:30 p.m.WCR	11	12 PHYSICAL PLANT 8:00 p.m.WCR	13	14
15	16 BRIDGE DINNER 7:30 p.m. EPR	17 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:30 p.m.EPR	18 SLIMNASTICS 6:30 p.m.EPR	19 COVENANT CMTE. 7:30 p.m.WCR	20	21
	Kosh Hashemah	Membership Day				
22 OMELET BRUNCH 12 EPR	23 BRIDGE 7:30 p.m. ECR	24 SECURITY CMTE. 8:00p.m.ECR	25 SLIMNASTICS 6:30 p.m.EPR	26	27	28
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## SECURITY & FIRE/SAFETY COMMITTEE

Les Boykin

A review of the Resident Watch logbook reflects that the mid-summer doldrums have taken their toll in the mid-July to mid-August period. During this time we had an extremely low number of patrols (only 15) for a total of 11½ hours. Thanks to Helen & Ross McAskill, Wilma McDonald, Herbert Jung, Jerry Schumaker, and Pat Fredette for keeping us afloat. As noted in earlier issues of The HOUSE SPECIAL, three of our heaviest hitters are no longer with us, which accounts for a good proportion of the drop in patrols.

It should be mentioned that Jerry Schumaker reported a leaking pipe which might have caused another resident to slip and be injured. Herbert Jung personally kept two mopeds from intruding through the exit door of the garage.

Any resident who needs some occasional walking exercise (WHO DOESN'T?), combined with a useful purpose, should join the Watch. We have armbands for you along with instructions.

For those many neighbors who have armbands but haven't yet figured out how to use them, please: (1) pick it up; (2) put it on either arm; and (3) start walking -- anywhere -- for at least 15 minutes. Take a friend if you wish, and sign them up!

As you all know, our main purpose in having the Watch is to deter burglary, especially during the daytime. The fact that we have had no burglaries since we

started the watch last December is no reason to be complacent. We need residents to report on the never-ending problem of security doors being open or malfunctioning due to wind pressure, even though this situation is much better than it used to be, thanks in part to the Watch.

## SUBSTANCE USE SURVEY -- CORRELATION WITH CRIME

A 1985 substance abuse survey was conducted on the inmates confined in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Two hundred sixty-four inmates in the permanent population were interviewed.

Only 10% of the inmates did not use alcohol or drugs. Alcohol and/or drug abuse began under the age of 16 for 54% and between 16 and 18 years for 23.3%. Two-thirds of the inmates said alcohol and/or drug abuse was a factor in their incarceration. Almost 60% felt they had a substance abuse problem and 31.5% had been treated for it. It would seem that jail would be a very good place for an intensive alcohol and drug rehabilitation program.

The number of inmates from 17 to 25 years dropped sharply, while the number of those over 26 climbed. Perhaps the increasing numbers of adolescents completing drug rehab programs are no longer getting involved in crime, while those who continue to abuse, continue in crime.

This jail survey seems to challenge the popular belief that heroin is the drug which causes the most crime. Alcohol was used by 52.2% of the inmates, marijuana by 32.2%, cocaine by 22.6%, heroin by 13.6%, PCP by 11.3%, and other drugs by 7.1%. Almost 70% used more than one substance. (continued next page)



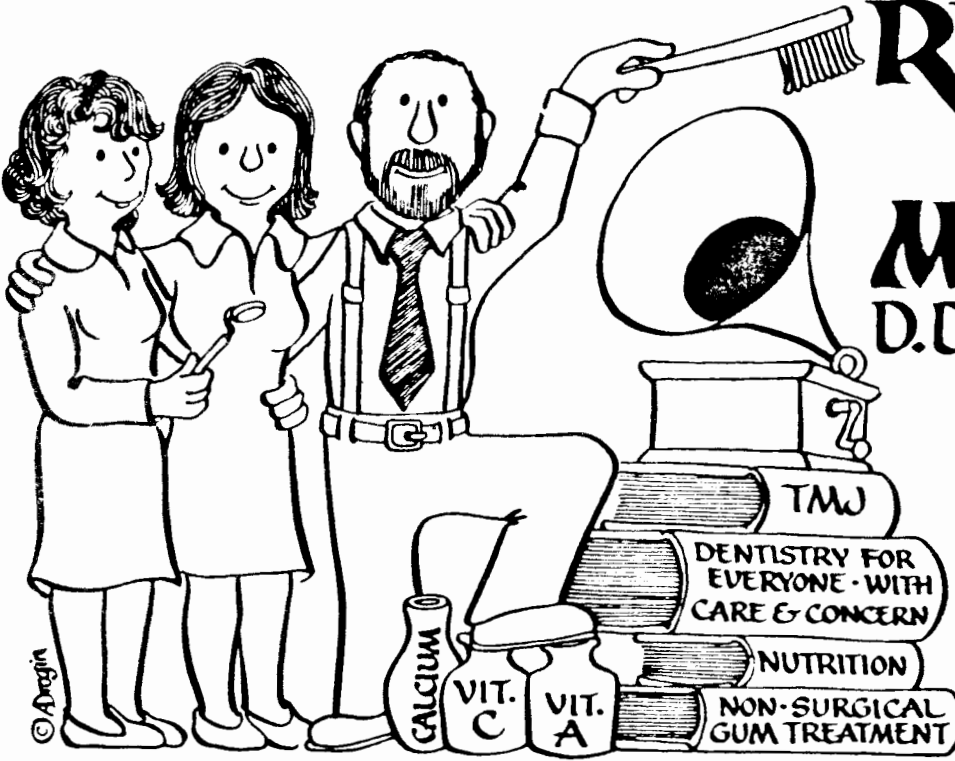
CRIME SOLVERS  
CURRENT STATISTICS

Enumerated below are the current statistics concerning the Crime Solvers program. These are totals from the inception of the program, October 1979:

3,208 calls received  
778 cases closed  
3 homicides solved  
8 rapes solved  
75 robberies solved

255 burglaries solved  
32 fugitives apprehended  
268 misdemeanor cases closed  
276 arrests made  
\$68,750 in rewards authorized for payment  
\$430,287 in stolen property recovered and narcotics seized  
22 "crime of the week" cases solved.

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# **From Management**

## HOW TO MAKE YOUR BALCONY DOORS, PANELS AND RAILINGS SPARKLE !

"Sheila Shine" does the job. This is an aerosol product which cleans and shines the doors, panels and railings of your balcony with very little effort. This product is available in the management office for \$4.00 per can. Joe Strahs, 213 East, says his balcony looks better than new after using "Sheila Shine".

## BALCONY ETIQUETTE

The management has received several complaints from residents stating that they find garbage, dust and cigarette butts on their balconies which had to have been thrown from another balcony. Please, do not allow any item to be thrown from a balcony. If an object is heavy enough it could cause injury. Please, make sure that all occupants of your unit realize the danger and unsightliness in throwing any object from a balcony.

## ERRATA

Jeanne Levy (1512-E) appreciates the help she received from residents who drove her to her radiation therapy (not chemo therapy).

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