

☞ **NEXT MONTH** I will continue with explaining Means of Egress in the *International Building Code*.

GUESS & WIN !

THE ANSWER TO last month's question: The infamous fire that made revolving doors illegal for main exiting was the **Cocoanut Grove** in Boston, MA in 1942 where 492 person perished. A new book titled "**Fire In The Grove**" by John C. Esposito (De Capo Press) gives an excellent account of what happened that fatal night through interviews, diagrams and photos.

HERE IS THIS MONTH'S QUESTION! "Where and when was the single largest number of fire deaths in a U.S. school?" **YOUR PRIZE** - The first five correct winners will win lunch on me at **Applebee's Restaurant**. Send your answer to: codexperts@aol.com

CODE QUESTIONS ?

QUESTION? "This is a two part question. 1) Is exterior lighting required at the exit discharge; and 2) if required, must those exterior lights be on a battery back-up or emergency circuit?"

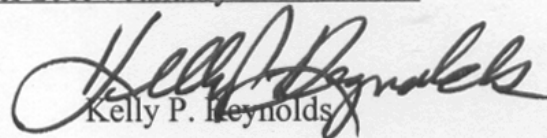
ANSWER: Yes to both questions. Section 1006.1 of the *2003 International Building Code* requires illumination of the exit discharge. This is one of the most common missed items on our plan reviews.

LAW REVIEW

NEW YORK - A COURT has held the Port Authority of NY & NJ guilty for the noontime bombing of the World Trade Center garage on February 26, 1993. The jury held the Authority for 68% of the bombing and the terrorists only 32% for liability. The crucial piece of evidence was a report written in 1985 by their own security officials warning that the 400-space public parking was a likely site for an attack. One of their recommendations was to restrict parking. Instead, the Authority chose to ignore the report and it's own security staff's recommendations because they were inconvenient and would cost too much in lost revenues. They didn't take their own report seriously. They are appealing the decision.

◆ **EDITOR'S NOTE:** How often in business do we ignore the recommendations of our experienced staff? Here is a perfect example of what could happen!

☞ **NEXT EDITION WILL** be our combined December 2005 / January 2006 edition.


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"Time Was Invented By Man So He Wouldn't Have To Do Everything At Once."