

## BIG DEAL

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### Now, Live From the West Coast

**D**AN AYKROYD, once "live from New York," may soon be gone from New York, or at least from his spacious penthouse on the Upper East Side.

Mr. Aykroyd, the comedian, actor and writer, who was a mainstay of "Saturday Night Live" in its heyday in the 1970s, along with John Belushi and Gilda Radner, is giving up his triplex penthouse atop a sliver of a postwar high-rise on the Upper East Side.

The apartment occupies half of the top three floors of the 46-story tower at 360 East 88th Street at First Avenue, and includes 3,400 square feet of space, four bedrooms, a terrace and two working fireplaces.

The apartment is in the Leighton House, a high-rise caught up in a housing slowdown in the late 1980s. When many of the condominiums could not be sold when the building opened in 1991, they were rented out.

The penthouse was finally sold for \$1.4 million in 1998 and then two years later was bought under the name of Mr. Aykroyd's wife, the actress Donna Dixon, for \$3.7 million, according to property

records. The asking price is now \$7 million.

"They bought it because it was on 88th and First and is the tallest building in the neighborhood," said Mr. Aykroyd's broker, Roger Erickson of Sotheby's International Realty.

But now the Aykroyds and their three daughters are spending more time on the West Coast and don't need the spacious New York penthouse.

Another penthouse shares the three top three floors and is a slightly smaller unit with a large terrace. It also has been on the

market recently for \$7 million, raising the possibility that the two units could be combined for a palatial spread on the top three floors of the building.

But Mickey Roth, a broker at Prudential Douglas Elliman who represents the second owner, said that apartment had recently been taken off the market because the seller hoped to be able sell it for an even higher price.

"This type of apartment is something unique," Mr. Roth said. "It has nothing to do with the price per square foot in the building."