Malibu East Dialogue

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The night shift, Part 2:

A night in the day of doorman LaTerry Dorsey

By Tracy Poyser

Unless you work very late or start very early, enjoy going out on the town and come home after midnight, or are a night owl



for any other reason, you probably will say "LaTerry who?" when you read the headline.

Yet, for a huge residential building like ours, a doorman's night shift from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. is important for our security, as well as the comfort of having a friendly face at the doorman's station no matter what time it is. Buildings tout the advantage of a "24hour doorman" - but, of course, that would be impossible! Our doormen work in three shifts: 7 a.m.-3 p.m., 3-11 p.m., and the crucial night shift of 11 p.m.-7 a.m. From Thursday through that's Monday nights, LaTerry's responsibility.

Like Froylan and Manuel Sanchez, our night maintenance guys, whom you met in a Dialogue employee profile last year (August 2013), LaTerry has a special love for his job and our building. When I interviewed him at the beginning of his shift a few weeks ago, I

Malibu East events and meetings

Board meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 18 7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

Thursday afternoon discussion Thursday, Nov. 20 (every 3rd Thursday of the month)

Dialogue staff meeting

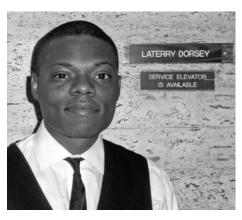
Wednesday, Dec. 3

2:00 p.m. - Community Room

7:30 p.m. - Community Room

Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the *Dialogue*. For more events: mal i bueast. org/cal endar realized I did know his smiling face and professional bearing from a couple of my own late-night returns, so I hope many of you will also recognize him from the accompanying photo.

LaTerry grew up in Chicago but moved away after school to try out some other parts of the country. For a few years he stayed in Albuquerque, N.M., where he worked and helped run the family diner of a good mentor and friend. But, he missed his family in Chicago, especially his mother and sister, and decided to return. At the time, his mom happened to be working



as a companion for a Malibu East resident and encouraged him to apply for a job here. Like many of our permanent staff members, he got his initial "in" about seven years ago, starting in maintenance and as a relief doorman. That's how he met almost all of our residents. When the night shift became available as a permanent position after a while, he signed up for it and decided that's where he wanted to stay.

So, I asked, how does he handle the night shift for five nights and then try to have two "normal" days off? It took awhile for him to find a good system, but now he "hibernates" a bit on Tuesdays until around 2 p.m. and tends to stay wide awake until late. After that, his Wednesdays are quite normal, and

on Thursdays he gets just enough rest so he can stay alert and awake through the night. It's a pattern he's actually come to enjoy.

Like a good concierge at a top-notch hotel. LaTerry is a shining example of discretion and tact. When I asked him to tell me a bit more about the habits of our human Malibu East night birds, he just smiled and couldn't find a bad word to say about anyone. He did share the plight of a somewhat inebriated party guest who thought he had left his house keys and phone in his host's apartment, but he could remember only the guy's first name. LaTerry patiently went through the entire list of 500 residents but couldn't find anyone named Omar so the man eventually ambled off and, LaTerry hopes, reached home safely.

Every night is a bit different, with Friday and Saturday nights a bit livelier until around 2 a.m. As a general rule, it gets really quiet between 2 and 5 a.m. Sunday nights are generally very quiet, but with the start of the workweek. there's much more traffic on Monday nights, with people working late shifts or starting early in the morning. Terry knows the habits of his "regulars" someone who always needs a cab at 4 a.m., or the lone smoker who takes exactly two minutes to get his nicotine fix. And, the last two hours of his shift get lively with dog walkers, runners and joggers out for their early-morning exercise, or health-care professionals starting or ending their shifts. LaTerry knows them all by name, and the interaction with people is what he enjoys most.

In terms of security, I was very glad to learn that the night shift is generally uneventful, and LaTerry has always felt safe, especially with our security cameras, the extra eyes of the garage

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Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014

Attendance: Nine Board members, two management representatives and eight residents

Excused: Marcel Molins, Richard Strauss, Martina Molins

Presiding: 2nd Vice President Thomas Vaughan

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

1) "Archive room" and "11K sale" were added to Old/New Business.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

1) Financial statement

No report due to early meeting date.

2) Delinquencies

No report due to early meeting date.

3) Audit

Mailed to owners in late September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Aesthetics & Building Maintenance - Carl Chadek

Management has received specifications for elevator modernization.

2) Communications & Cable - Thomas Vaughan

The TV/Internet wiring project is on schedule.

3) Legal - Arthur Arfa

The committee is working on a draft version of proposed new rules.

4) Security - Sandy Chaet

The City's inspection of our building was set for Oct. 29.

5) Sports & Entertainment - Neil Warner The swimming pools have been emptied for the winter. A new yoga class has

begun; the next class begins Nov. 3. **6)** *Social* – **Sandy Chaet**

Flu shots, Oct. 15. The Country Doctors band, Oct. 25. Halloween trick-ortreating, Oct. 31. The Zumba class has been suspended because of a lack of participation. The holiday party has been set for 6 p.m. Dec. 17 in the Lobby. Check the bulletin boards or the calendar at www.MalibuEast.org for updates on social events.

7) ASCO & Community Affairs - Sandy Chaet

ASCO would like feedback on the recent Edgewater 5K Run/Walk – whether the street closings affected you and how the event might be better-handled. Give your comments to our ASCO representative, Sandy Chaet. The scavenger rebate for condominiums is scheduled to end this year.

MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette Deschamps

<u>Items requiring immediate Board action</u> 1) *Approval of 2015 budget for distribu-*

tion

Directors voted to distribute the proposed 2015 budget to owners for their review. The proposed budget calls for no increase in assessments. Owners can send their comments about the budget to the Board's treasurer, Joan Scholl, or can come to the Nov. 18 Board meeting and voice their comments/ questions during the open forum.

2) Triennial reassessment appeal – attorney selection

Board set parameters for attorneys' fees prior to selection of a legal firm to represent Malibu East in a review of the triennial property tax reassessment and a potential protest of that valuation.

3) 10L hard surface flooring

Directors voted to replace the warped hardwood flooring in this Associationowned unit with new hardwood flooring, rescinding an earlier decision to install carpeting.

4) HVAC annual maintenance – vendor selection

Board voted to hire a new vendor, Oak Brook Mechanical, to maintain the Association's HVAC systems for a threeyear period.

5) Generator repairs and relocation

Directors approved a proposal to repair the generator and move it to the south end of the boat dock.

6) Request to display religious symbols Board approved two residents' request to

display religious symbols in the Community Room in celebration of Hanukkah.

7) Vehicle damage claim

Directors voted to deny an owner's vehicle damage claim.

8) Storage room photography violation Board voted to fine the owner \$500.

9) Short-term rental violation

Directors voted to fine an owner \$5,600 for renting a portion of the owner's unit on a very short-term basis through advertisements, in violation of the Rules and Regulations.

10)Construction violation

Board voted to fine the owners of a unit \$200 for not properly notifying management of construction that occurred in their unit.

Old/new business

1) 4L renovation

Directors approved funds for renovating Association-owned unit 4L.

2) Internet billing cycle

Please keep in mind that the meeting notes are not the official record of the Malibu East Condominium Board of Directors meetings. The official minutes are generally approved during the next meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

Beginning in November, Sudler will bill owners a \$24-per-month fee for HiPoint's high-speed Internet service on owners' monthly invoices, except for those owners who had notified management that they wished to opt out for a specified period and were approved to do so.

3) Noncompliant owners - City inspection Board authorized management to send a letter to owners informing them that they must either be present in their unit all day during the City's life safety inspection or else leave their unit keys with management along with permission for management to allow the City inspector to enter their units. Directors also authorized management to send letters to owners who were known or suspected to have been in noncompliance with the City's life safety codes, reminding them of the scheduled City inspection and the penalty that might be levied if they should cause the Association to fail its inspection.

4) Atrium lighting

Directors approved a proposal to replace faulty light fixtures in the atrium with round, canned light fixtures warranted for use in a wet location.

5) Sheridan Road railing repairs

Board approved an expenditure for the repair of the metal railing atop the concrete retaining wall in front of the Captain's Walk along the Sheridan Road sidewalk.

6) Captain's Walk north HVAC replacement

Nothing new.

7) Patio door preferred vendor Nothing new.

8) Elevator timing issues

Management will ask our elevator modernization consultant for recommendations regarding this problem.

9) Directors' training session

Annual sexual harassment training will be scheduled for directors and employees.

10)Building tour

A management-guided tour of the building for directors was scheduled.

11)Archive room

Board approved the purchase of new shelving to accommodate the storing of Association archives in a room that will be cleaned and renovated for that purpose.

12)11K sale

Directors elected not to exercise the right of first refusal on the sale of unit 11K.

The meeting ended at 9:40 p.m. and went into closed session.



What's happening around the building

By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager

BANG: A few of our residents haven't yet adjusted to the fact that their door is now closing by itself and occasionally slamming hard against the frame if not held back. Slamming doors can be very annoying, if not startling, to your neighbors or other occupants in your unit, particularly early in the morning and late at night. Please remember to slow down the movement of your door so as not to create a nuisance to your neighbors.

WINTER AND THERMOSTAT: We advise you to check the batteries of your thermostat before the cold season arrives.

HVAC REPLACEMENT: We have had several requests in recent weeks for HVAC replacement in units. Your contractor may not be aware of the fact that the existing refrigerant line partially embedded in your concrete slab is too small for the new environment-friendly refrigerant used in the air conditioner you are planning to install. Indeed, the refrigerant in your old A/C (R22) is no longer manufactured due to its damaging impact on the environment. Furthermore, the old R22 uses a 5/8 inch by 1/4 inch line set, as installed in your unit. The new refrigerant, 410A for example, works on a higher pressure and requires a bigger line set of 3/4 inch by 3/8 inch. Using an improper size of refrigerant line set may, and probably will, damage your compressor and burst the existing refrigerant line.

We advise you to request from your contractor a proposal that accounts for the installation of a new refrigerant line that is properly sized for the modern refrigerant. Building engineer Lou Colletti can show you where and how to pass the new line in your unit up to your condensing unit on the balcony.

You also have the option of installing a new A/C unit that works with the old R22 refrigerant, which we do not recommend. The old R22 is very costly; it is being phased out by the government because it contributes significantly to global warming, according to

the Environmental Protection Agency.

SUBWOOFER BOXES: We occasionally have a noise nuisance originating from one unit and affecting others as a result of subwoofer boxes that have been placed on the floor. Please remember that such devices are designed to enhance sound waves. As a result, stronger waves will travel through concrete, rebar and studs and inevitably become a nuisance to your neighbors above, below and on each side of your unit. Please refrain from installing subwoofer boxes on the floor or attached to a wall: instead, install them on acoustical pads on a desk, table or the like, away from your floor and

LONG-TERM VACATION: If you are planning to take a long vacation, we recommend that you inform the mail carrier of your travel timetable in order to retain your mail at the post office, unless you plan to have it forwarded to you. In addition, you should contact the Room and Receiving front-desk employees in order to better serve you, as well as alerting management so that your unit and the P-traps under your sinks can be checked every other month, at least, provided that you leave a set of keys to your unit in the Management Office.

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City inspection depends on us

By Neil Warner

As promised, the City inspected Malibu East for compliance with its life safety code on Oct. 29, with an inspector spending about seven hours here. Because he was unable to complete his inspection on that day, he will return Nov. 5 for a second round of inspections.

Contrary to the oft-heard comment before the first inspection that "there's no way they can inspect all of the units," the City inspector is doing just that, requesting access to all units. He checked all accessible door closers and water heater closets from the 45th floor to the 13th floor, and he's expected to do the same for floors 12 through 4 on the second visit, as well as checking the garage and common areas. He will also revisit all units that failed the first inspection and those to which he was unable to gain access, either because the residents told management that they would be home that day but weren't, or they didn't give management permission to enter their units, or they gave management keys that wouldn't open their doors.

If Malibu East fails its life safety inspection and fails to correct the violations by the end of the year, it could be fined as much as \$1,000 per day beginning Jan. 1. If the failure to pass the inspection is because a particular residential unit or units have failed to comply with the City's codes, the Board of Directors has ruled that any fines imposed on the Association by the City will be charged to the unit owner(s) who caused the Association to fail.

Management is willing to do what it can to help make certain that your unit is in compliance, but it needs your cooperation. In the end, passing the inspection is in the best interests of all unit owners, because it will mean that all of us are safer. Please do your part.

Reminder: Bulk Internet charges begin this month



Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BROADWAY ARMORY

Indoor park, six gym floors, trapeze classes, senior activities, athletic equipment, meeting room, computer center, dancing floor, shuffleboard, weights, arts and crafts, aerobics, ping pong, after-school activities and more. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 5917 N. Broadway 312-742-7502 goo. gl /MSZSES

COMMUNITY GLUE REPAIR CLINIC

Revive your well-worn possessions and meet our growing community of fixers. We've got handy volunteers and tools available. So bring an item in disrepair and a can-do attitude, and we'll do our best to breathe new life into your old items and keep them out of the landfill. This is a community effort to get your hands dirty and fix, instead of trash, your goods.

Sunday, Nov. 16, 4-7 p.m.

Edgewater Workbench

1130 W. Thorndale

Communi tyGl ueWorkshop. org

EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

6000 N. Broadway Mon. and Wed.: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue. and Thu.: noon-8 p.m. Fri. and Sat.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed on Sundays) 312-742-1945

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EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Current exhibit: "Motoring Thru Edgewater" (thru March 13, 2015). Regular museum hours: Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m. 5358 N. Ashland Ave. 773-506-4849

www. EdgewaterHi story. org

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1355 W. Foster Ave.
773-271-9001

THEATER / SHOWINGS

CITYLIT THEATRE

"Holmes and Watson," adapted by Terry McCabe

The super sleuth and his chronicler share some secrets.
Nov. 7 thru Dec. 14
1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682 citylit.org

JACKALOPE THEATRE

"Crumble (Lay Me Down, Justin Timberlake)" by Sheila Callaghan

A darkly humorous narrative that is odd, genuine and hilarious. Nov. 13 thru Dec. 20

Broadway Armory Park 5917 N. Broadway

j ackal opetheatre. org LIFELINE THEATRE

"Jane Eyre," adapted by Christina

Calvit
A highly theatrical exploration of one woman's independent spirit in a beloved adaptation based on the classic 1847 novel by Charlotte

Bronte.

Thru Nov. 16

Kid Series: "The Velveteen Rabbit," adapted by Elise Kauzlaric

Heartwarming story of the transformative power of love.

Thru Nov. 23 6912 N. Glenwood 773-761-4477

lifelinetheatre.com

NEWHART FAMILY THEATRE

"The House of Bernarda Alba" by Federico Garcia Lorca

A widow places her Spanish household into an eight-year period of mourning.

Nov. 14 -23

Mundelein Center for the Fine and Performing Arts

1020 W. Sheridan 773-508-8400

goo. gl /G50KXM

RAVEN THEATRE

"All My Sons" by Arthur Miller

Just after World War II, a tragedy haunts the Keller family and threatens to break the bonds between father and sons.

Thru Nov. 15 6157 N. Clark 773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

REDTWIST THEATRE

"Dancing in the Storm" by Tonia Sina

A story of survival, social media and stilettos.

Thru Nov. 10

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

773-728-7529

redtwist.org

RIVENDELL THEATRE

"Women at War" by Megan Carney

Join the debate over women serving on the front line.

Nov. 5 thru Dec. 6

5779 N. Ridge

773-334-7728

ri vendel I theatre. org

STEEP THEATRE

"Vandal" by Hamish Linklater

A startling and funny new work on how we carry on without the people we've loved.

Thru Nov. 8

1115 W. Bryn Mawr

773-649-3186

steeptheatre.com

STRAWDOG THEATRE

"Great Expectations" by Charles Dickens

An orphan is plucked from poverty and thrust into the middle class.

Thru Dec. 13

3829 N. Broadway

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"Town Crier" announcements by Caitlin Gilman

We welcome all new residents to our building, including:

If you have information concerning talented or famous Malibu East residents, please contact the *Dialogue*.

Commentary

Trend-setting Paretsky should rejuvenate 'Vic'

By Barbara Abarbanell

The library in the Community Room has many of the books in the V.I. Warshawski series, but they're often out on loan.

V.I. Warshawski predates Stephanie Plum by 13 years, a fact I didn't realize until I began this review, one that distresses me. Sara Paretsky invented the genre, and I didn't attribute this to her when I reviewed the Stephanie Plum series in my first book review (October 2013 *Dialogue*).



Sara Paretsky

I apologize, Sara. I was lax in my research. You deserve much credit for inventing the genre of competent female PIs with a twist: a complicated white-collar context. Cerebral, I like that.

I'm not sure it's good form to begin a book review with an apology, but there you have it.

The year her first book was published, 1982, some sources say, was the first year Chicago allowed women to serve as regular police officers. There's an attribute to Paretsky somewhere in this factoid, but it eludes me. Authors begin writing books long before the book is published, so I think the factoid is stretching too far. Other sources say 1974 was the first year Chicago allowed women to serve as patrol police officers. I guess the distinction is the word "patrol" in 1974 and the word "regular" in 1982. Both factoids are interesting, don't you think? To bring the factoid up to date: Today, women make up 30% of the regular police force. As an aside, Richard Brzeczek, superintendent of the Chicago Police Department in 1982, unfortunately crashed and burned.

My absolute favorite Warshawski book was *Killing Orders*, 1985. The

setup was fraudulent stock certificates; the complicated white-collar context led to reinsurance, an obscure but fundamental financial arrangement that funds all insurance companies, the very industry I was involved with. She did such a good job leading the reader into reinsurance.

Her sidekicks are interesting; Lotte is her mother figure; Mr. Contreras is her father figure. Her observations on bad human behavior are on target, albeit sarcastic. Her GPS is fun to follow, if you know Chicago well.

She doesn't always eat nutritiously. She often doesn't dress well or in clean garments. She rarely gets enough sleep; sometimes she sleeps in the nude, other times in the garments she wore that day. She's serially monogamous; she's often wounded. She runs five miles per day. She always gets her "man." She's an overachiever. I like her and her style. I'm not sure I'd be friends with her. She'd exhaust me.

I've read all the books in the series, and Warshawski has changed during the years as, I'd guess, Paretsky has changed. Both are more restrained, now. Does this mean the edge has dulled in her 30-year body of work? Yeah. It's a six-cylinder PI we're involved with, not the eight-cylinder PI we formerly knew. Neither goes zoom-zoom-varoom anymore; rather they go put-put-put. The white-collar displeasure has become more obscure and procedural background.

I peg the slower simmer at *Total Recall*, 2001, 20 years into her body of work.

Is this a failing? Kind of. I've aged along with Warshawski-Paretsky, yet escapism is still fun. I don't want Warshawski to age. Why should she? She's a pretend character. So, pretend she stays the same age, full of vim, vigor and vitality; find other white-collar displeasure or give a new twist to existing white -collar displeasure.

Don't go all cloudy on me, Sara. Rejuvenate "Vic" and keep her steady on or, failing that, stop writing about Vic and invent – if you have the strength, energy, and inclination – another PI who is an interesting put-putter or a voomvoom-varoomer.

What do you think?

Country Doctors have feel-good remedy

More than 40 Malibu East residents were treated to an evening of toe-tapping honky-tonk music by The Country Doctors in the Windjammer Room on Oct. 25.

The event featured more than two hours of music by the band, including some audience requests. The band, which was recommended by resident Marissa Michaels, performed a range of country music, showcasing some superb vocal harmonies.

The Social Committee, which provided beverages and snacks for the evening, is planning more music events in the coming months.









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New businesses spring up; Whole Foods reveals plans

By Beth Robinson

Development along Broadway has changed the face of our immediate neighborhood over the past few years. A brand-



new LA Fitness is housed in the rehabbed structure where Hancock Fabrics used to be located, at the corner of Glenlake, and the Walgreens next door has been completely rebuilt. We have a new MB Financial Bank (5918 N. Broadway), as well as Physicians Immediate Care (6140 N.), a provider of urgent care. Remodeled storefronts house Independent Spirits Inc. (5947 N.), offering a curated selection of wines and spirits, and Mas Alla del Sol (5848 N.), a Mexican restaurant.

In the midst of this growth, the fenced-in, empty parking lot at the southeast corner of Glenlake and Broadway is a daily reminder that the Dominick's grocery store left the neighborhood. The signs hanging on the building promise a new Whole Foods but provide no details for curious residents. So, it was not surprising that a standing-room-only crowd of at least 100 people showed up at the Edgewater branch library on Oct. 2 to hear Whole Foods representatives lay out their plans for the new store at a community meeting convened by Ald. Harry Osterman to discuss Whole Foods' request for liquor licensing.

With a targeted opening date in late

spring 2015, Whole Foods is completely gutting the building and plans a \$10 million build-out aiming to meet Green environmental Globes certification standards. The company seeks to incorporate local flavor into the design, with a mural inside by local artist Aaron Wooten, and artwork added to the outside wall along Broadway. In response to concerns raised by community members, the company will review the design to determine whether additional windows can be added to the façade along Broadway.

The 52,000-square-foot space will offer a full range of groceries and personal-care products with a focus on organic, healthy foods and products that meet animal welfare and sustainable fishing standards. The store will feature a scratch bakery, smoked cheeses and meats, gelati, a wood-fired grill and pizza, a diner/bistro, a coffee/ espresso bar, as well as a wine and beer bar. Their leftover foods will not be discarded, but donated to food pantries. churches and schools. There will be an area in the store devoted to children. with a reading station. The store will employ about 200 people, with 60% of the positions being full-time.

To allow Whole Foods to apply for liquor licenses, the alderman has to suspend moratoriums in place on the sale of packaged liquor and the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises that cover the east side of Broadway from Granville to Elmdale and the west side of the street from Norwood to Elmdale. This will make it possible for Whole Foods and any other business in the affected area to apply

for a liquor license. At the meeting convened to solicit residents' opinions, those present voted unanimously to suspend the moratoriums for one year, after which they will be reinstated.

Beyond Broadway, recent additions along the side streets are adding variety to the neighborhood commercial scene. Just west of Broadway, on Granville, two new businesses appeared this summer. In July, Ruff Haus opened at 1206 W. Granville. This is the second location for the pet store, which has been in Lincoln Square since 2000. Kwai Fah Acupuncture Clinic opened right next door. East of Broadway, on Granville, M. Henrietta closed in October and will be replaced by Revival Social Club (1133 W.); INS Market chain is due to open a healthy food snack shop near the "L" station; and Sand Bake (1051 W.) is a recently opened sandwich shop.

On Thorndale, the Edgewater Workbench (1130 W. Thorndale) provides workstations and access to a 3D printer and a laser cutter for artists and anyone with a project under way. It offers classes and sells locally made artwork and crafts. Rice Thai Asian Kitchen (1136 W.) moved into the intimate space formerly occupied by M Kafe, and Thorndale West Cafe #1 (1124 W.) opened this summer next to the "L" station.

It is hoped that the opening of Whole Foods next year will draw new customer traffic to the neighborhood, which will benefit other local businesses and spur further development.

Betty Mayian contributed to this article.

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"after" photos:









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The night shift

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attendants, our night-shift maintenance guys Froylan and Manuel, and our own security patrol inside the building. He keeps his eyes on nine screens with full-time camera coverage for the front-door entrance, garage lobby, garage car entrance, Captain's Walk, atrium view, pool deck, Laundry Room, garage interiors, the stairs to the Captain's Walk, and the elevator lobby. All doors are locked after midnight, with residents required to pick up guests at the doorman's station.

Since homelessness is a fact of life in a big city like ours - and particularly difficult to cope with in our cold winters - I assumed that people might try to find shelter and a warm spot in public areas like the atrium. But, according to LaTerry, that's not the case. Still, he reports seeing all kinds of interesting wildlife after midnight, like a possum. raccoons and even a fox trying to sneak into the garage. One of the most amusing episodes was his and Manuel's attempt to chase a little bird - most likely a sparrow - out of the Lobby. Every time they had shooed it close to an open door, it flew on top of it and sat

there. Finally they managed to get it down the ramp and out of the handicapped-accessible side entrance, but not before it had parked itself on top of that door, too. It took them at least 15 minutes and was a lot more fun than a police chase.

Emergency calls or complaints generally revolve around maintenance issues or excessive late-night noise from lively parties and loud music – so it's always a good idea to ask guests who are leaving late at night to keep their talking in the hallways to a minimum. It's always good to remember that our walls, although solid, are not sound-proof. According to LaTerry, it's not always easy to determine the source of noise, so please just be neighborly and err on the side of "lower is better."

On the day of our interview, I had a chance to observe a number of residents coming and going, since it was still early. It was clear how much they enjoyed being greeted by LaTerry, who, of course, knew them by name. There's a genuine warmth and dignity about him that adds so much to the joy of residents being home and safe. I'm quite sure life has many more good things in store for him, but I hope he'll stay at Malibu East for a long time!

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