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LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS, INC. NEWSLETTER

FROM THE BOARD

What's Happening

By Frank Flores, President.

It was really good to see so many people involved in finding a new location for a **Bike Room!** Our current bike room which stores 30 bikes is filled to capacity!



Plus we have another 20 people on a waiting list! What we are proposing is to find a space on the first floor where it is a

convenient to store your bike! Unlock, open a door and get on your merry way with your bike! No more dealing with elevators or a need to fine people riding bikes in the lobby, etc.! We have a couple of options for racks and some very enthused people!!! Thank you, guys. I can see this happening in a month or so without spending much money and using existing vacant space! Let some of this empty ground floor space we have start doing a little work for us for a change!

For those of you that use our **gym**, I think you have been pretty frustrated to walk in and see that the equipment has gradually been disappearing and then finally gone! This was not our equipment! But now this gives us the opportunity to purchase good equipment that can be used by our residents and for the first time give our residents a nice gym we own as an amenity! We have a couple of guys we have asked to identify equipment that is in decent shape and a good value so we can start the process of building

our gym back! I hope to have some equipment in the gym sooner rather than later!

Anybody need **storage**???? We are once again looking at using space we already have in the building that is sitting vacant and not working for us! Building some simple bins which can be rented to our residents to store their belongings!!! If you have any suggestions, we would love to see you at the next HOA meeting.

We are about to put the last **roof** needed on the Broadway building! This will have us completely covered in new roofs in quite some time!!! We are also in the process of doing some **plumbing** work! We are very fortunate that we have enough money to do roof and plumbing work without having assessments! We have had to do this work on an as-need basis but it has worked !!!!

For those of you who aren't aware, nonprofit president Jack Nendel was successful in getting the Lafayette a **\$14,000 grant** to restore the camel mural found on Marilyn Jolley's 1th floor penthouse patio when putting a new roof on that area last summer! The camel will be professionally restored and put on the side of the Campbell building in the garden area behind the gate facing Linden!

We need a new design and thought process for our **garden!** I was on the

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telly with "digalert" this morning! It is my understanding that we need to hire a contractor who then marks area he is going to demo and then the city in a legal affidavit advises us what is underneath our garden area so we do not dig in an area that could cause damage! I would love to see something completed in the garden before the mural is installed! We need some ideas on this project! Wouldn't it be nice to have a new nice clean garden space when we have the press out for the unveiling of our new mural!



We may have a couple of **new commercial property tenants!** We are working on getting the **Bike Shop** across the street moved into our old KOO's space! Wow, finally we can stop referring to that space as the old KOO's space! This could happen soon! Please welcome Carlos, the bike shop owner, to our building if you get a chance!

I was also in a meeting with a gentleman last night who wants to put a very nice **restaurant** in the old UVAS space!!!! We're very early in that

process but what would you think about having a restaurant in the building where you could call down to and have your dinner delivered?

We will keep you posted and let's all keep our fingers crossed!

Finally we need **volunteers**, suggestions and ideas! As you can tell we have a very active board this year and we want to get a lot done for you and this great old building! The next HOA meeting is Thursday, May 7. If you can let us know if you are going to be at the meeting, perhaps we could arrange some **Coronas and nachos** for the attendees and members!

Thanks and lets get these projects off the drawing board and into service!!!

Beginning May 11, 2009, the Board will enforce the **NO SMOKING** policy in all the common areas in the Lafayette (i.e. the garden and 7th floor patio) as stated in the Rules and Regulations adopted on March 17, 2006:

Common Area Conduct

3.9 Smoking is not permitted in hallways, lobbies or any area except inside the units.

Individuals violating the rule will be subject to a **\$50 fine**.

FOR RENT

1 bed	\$1,250*	323-423-2285
7 th floor condo (630 sq. ft.) with an ocean view.		
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1 bed 2 bath	\$1,200	310-301-1957
6 th floor condo, corner unit with view.		

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EVERY CONDO HAS A SILVER LINING

Reach Out And Touch Someone's Hand

By Joanne Lovejoy

There is so much going on in our world these days. At times it can almost be overwhelming. We are in the midst of a **global economic crisis**. Our national unemployment rate is at 8.5% as of March 2009. This translates to 13.2 million people! And, for



the same period, California's unemployment rate is 11.2%! Our state's unemployment rate is the fourth highest in the nation. The state's number translates to

almost 2.1 million people. These are large numbers! And chances are with these large numbers, you have been impacted personally, or someone you know has been impacted, losing their job.

The American Heritage Dictionary's definition of **compassion** is "Deep awareness of the suffering of another coupled with the wish to relieve it." Compassion is deep caring about someone. And, then, there's an added dimension, an action behind the caring, in the desire to help.

Shouldn't we care about others? We might not be in such dire straits if more people had a sense of compassion. Yet in the midst of these **challenging times**, we have an opportunity to change things in a positive way, if we care for others, and practice compassion. A quote from the Bible's Old Testament about compassion from the book of Psalms: "The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made." Psalm 145:9 (NIV) God has great compassion for His people, and we are all His people. Shouldn't we also have compassion for others, too? It is even more important during these times. Think of the impact we could have if we practiced a little compassion each day.

To exercise compassion, what might that mean? You might call an unemployed friend to see

how their job search is going. Maybe you can invite them to dinner. Or, you might call them to give some words of encouragement. These are just a few suggestions, but there are many possibilities. And, the gesture of compassion will mean so much. Give it a try!

You may remember the song "Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand." It was sung by Diana Ross, and written by the famous husband/wife writing team of Nickolas Ashford and Valerie Simpson. At one time, Diana used it as a "theme song." Some may think it's a corny song. I used to tease my late husband about Diana because he liked her too much. I'd pretend to be Diana, and dramatically sing that song to him to make him laugh. It worked. But, if you listen to the words, it is a song of compassion. It has meaning, especially during these serious economic times. Here's an excerpt from the song:

*Reach out and touch Somebody's hand
Make this world a better place*

If you can,

*Reach out and touch Somebody's hand
Make this world a better place*

If you can,

(Just try)

If you see an old friend on the street,

And he's down,

*Remember his shoes could fit your feet.
(Just try)*

Try a little kindness you'll see

It's something that comes very naturally

We can change things if we start giving

Think about making yourself available, and reaching out to someone with kindness. Perhaps you know someone here at the Lafayette who has been impacted by the economy. **It can begin right here.** Let them know you are thinking about them. Give them some words of encouragement. It will mean so much to show you care. It begins with each of us. We have the power to make a difference.

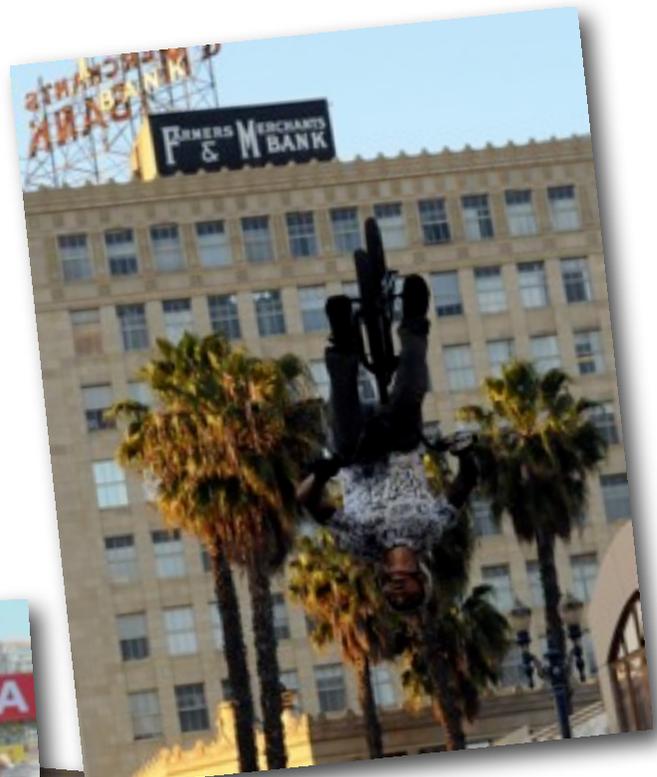
And, speaking of caring, I'd also like to express gratitude for two very important people at the Lafayette. They are Sharon Hays and Geronimo Quitariano. We are fortunate to have them in our midst. Have you stopped by the office today to say "Hello" and "Thank you" for all that they do for us each day? A little **gratitude** is a fabulous thing; more about gratitude perhaps another time? ☺

A VIEW FROM THE 6TH FLOOR

Vroom!!! Vroom!!!

Photos and text by Thomas Wasper

Halfway through the last day of the races, it hits me that I don't have a single shot of a moving car from the **Grand Prix**. I think I meant to, but I got busy shooting other shiny things. Like Adrian Brody falling for the classic "pull my finger" gag. Daredevil bicyclists doing flips off a ramp at Thunder Thursday. Lascivious ladies inciting motocross exhibitionists to pop shocking wheelies. Yesterday's heroes, The Blasters and Puddle Of Mudd, delivering concerts for free! Copious amounts of food and cops and bikini-clad patriots kept my interest from flagging on everything Grand Prix related. Except, apparently, for actual races. 📷





The East Village Neighborhood Association
presents

SUNDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Sunday April 26th
Harold and Maude
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Sunday May 3rd
The Big Labowski
...

Sunday May 10th
Taxi Driver
...

Sunday May 17th
Citizen Cane

All shows start at
4PM

Sponsored by
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\$3.00

LaFayette Homeowners Association Historic Dome Room
528 Broadway Long Beach CA 90802

WELCOME

New Residents

Welcome to the Lafayette!

Unit 603

“Sasha” Garrick (pictured)

Unit 962

Candace Johnson

Remember no bicycles in the main lobby. Window coverings must be white or off-white and there are two bins in the trash closet (one for trash and the other for recycling). ↵



Photo by Annie Proffit

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Who's Who at the Lafayette

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Frank Flores
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CONTACT THE BOARD

In **writing**: Email them. Also, each board member has a mailbox in the office. All written comments will be addressed in a timely manner.

In **person**: Come to the board meetings usually every first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Solarium (11th floor Campbell Building) unless a schedule change has been posted. **NOTE: Thursday the 7th this month!**

OFFICE MANAGER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Such Varied Atmosphere Under One Roof

by *Geronimo Quitoriano*

- Any **musicians** in the building interested in getting together and jamming once a month in the French Room? If so, please contact Eddie at 562-435-1297 or estantonca@yahoo.com.
- Things to look forward to in **June**:
 1. The spring social was so successful, that we're planning a **Summer Social** to dedicate the newly decorated 7th floor patio! Date and menu are still TBD. If you want to help, contact Geronimo at 562-435-4775 or gpolaroid@mac.com.
 2. The Long Beach Fire Department is giving a **Fire Safety class** to residents on Wednesday, June 10 in the solarium. Free refreshments will be served. Mandatory for floor monitors and highly encouraged for all residents!
 3. An unannounced **Fire Drill** sometime in June after the above mentioned Fire Safety class. You will definitely hear it, so be prepared! Do you know where the Lafayette's official evacuation area is? Take the class and find out! Did we mention free refreshments? ☺

C A L E N D A R

Saturday, May 2, 2009

CSULB "Fusion Art Show"

I Lam art gallery opens,
 5-10pm short films and performances
 in the French Room

Sunday, May 3, 2009

"The Big Lebowski"
 4pm in the Embassy "Dome" Room

Thursday, May 7, 2009

Cinco de Mayo Board Meeting
 7pm in 11th floor Solarium

Sunday, May 10, 2009

"Taxi Driver"
 4pm in the Embassy "Dome" Room

Villa Riviera Mother's Day Tour
 \$25 per person
 For tickets call 562-437-6703

Sunday, May 17, 2009

"Citizen Kane"
 4pm in the Embassy "Dome" Room

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