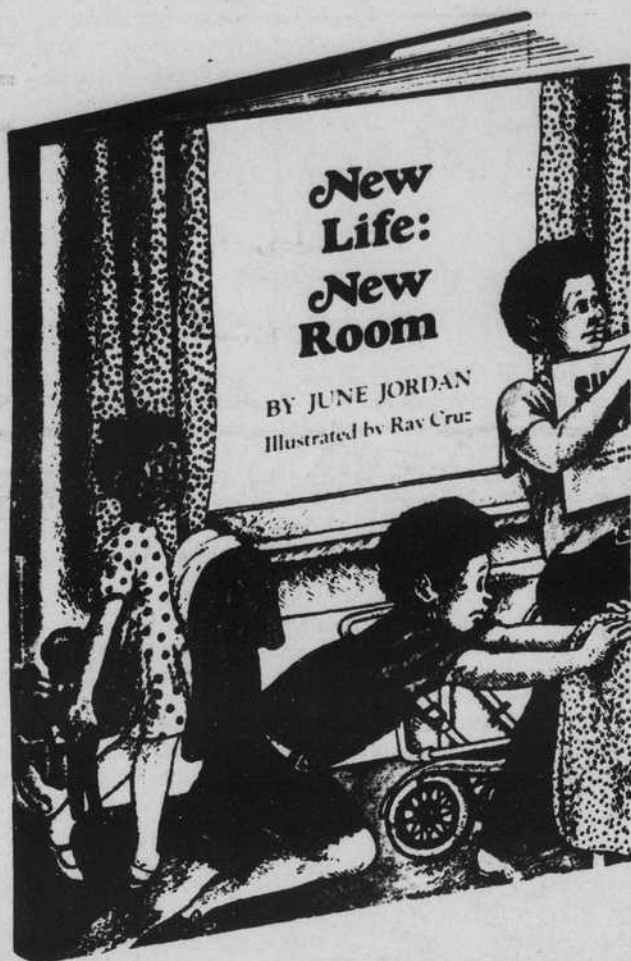


# WORLD OF BOOKS



**NEW LIFE: NEW ROOM**  
by June Jordan  
illustrated by Ray Cruz, \$5.95

**DYN O MITE!!!** It's **NEW LIFE: NEW ROOM**, the important (and funny) new picture book by June Jordan. The book gives children suggestions for creating their own imaginative living space, even in a cramped inner city housing project apartment. **NEW LIFE: NEW ROOM**, just published by T.C. Crowell, grew out of the Prix de Rome in Urban Design June Jordan won.

Even before publication, **NEW LIFE: NEW ROOM** has made waves. It is one of School Library Journal's Best Books for Spring 1975. It also appeared in the April issue of Ms. Magazine.

Making waves is a June Jordan habit. Her first book, **WHO LOOK AT ME**, was an A.L.A. Notable Children's Book. **HIS OWN WHERE** was a National Book Award nominee, appeared on both The New York Times and School Library Journal's "Best Books of 1971" lists and the A.L.A. list of Best Books for Young Adults. Poet-in-residence at Yale University this year, Ms. Jordan has several published volumes of poetry, the latest of which is **EXILES**. She is currently working on an adult novel.

But now it's time to savor her latest. Meet Rudy and Tyrone and Linda preparing for the arrival of Baby Sister with lots of love, fresh paint, and strawberry chocolate ripple ice cream.



**Ms. LaDonna Dallas**

If you were a student at Ira J. Earl Elementary School, you might have lovely Ms. LaDonna Dallas as your teacher. Born in Gary Indiana, she graduated from Emerson High School and went to work for Dun and Bradstreet's stock exchange for three years. In 1973 she graduated from the University of Arkansas in Pinebluff, Arkansas where she majored in Elementary Education and came to Las Vegas in August of 1974.

Born under the Libra sign, she enjoys music and reading. Her ideal man has to be an aggressive, nice well bred and considerate type. LaDonna's ambition is to obtain a master's degree in special education after which she will continue to teach students who have a learning disability.

## Summer's bad for vandalism, theft

Taxpayers lost \$212,000 last fiscal year (July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975) as vandals and thieves hit more than 100 buildings of the Clark County School District, and summers are a bad time according to Chief of Security Bill Scherkenbach.

"Even with programs and maintenance operations going on in many locations, buildings are

unsupervised and unused more in the summer than during the school year, and this makes it easier for idle hands and ripoff artists to get to us," he said.

But there is much the school district does—and much that citizens can do—to help stem the tide of vandalism and burglary here, Scherkenbach says.

He urges anyone who sees suspicious activity around a school to call the school district's emergency number immediately - 736-1672 day or night. "We don't mind investigating leads that turn out to be nothing," according to Scherkenbach. "If one call in ten prevents damage or leads to the apprehension of vandals, our time and that of the citizen's is well spent."

The school district's reaction will come in terms of its roving patrol, which routinely surveys all school district property during those hours when school

is not in session. One security officer works with a dog that has, on several occasions, trapped malefactors in buildings and held them until the officer could arrive and held the suspect for the police.

Patrols are kept erratic so professional thieves cannot trace movements and schedule their breakins accordingly.

Scherkenbach and his staff investigate all cases of vandalism, arson cases—one at Rancho where \$9,000 damage was done to the cafeteria and one at Red Rock where damage exceeded \$10,000. Both fires were started by juveniles.

Their most recent case involved Crestwood Elementary, where vandals damaged electronic equipment by breaking some and pouring some glue through others and generally did mayhem to several rooms by upsetting furniture, destroying files and spray painting obsceni-

ties on movie screens and chalk boards. The case is still under investigation.

Schools also use a variety of sophisticated sensing devices to warn officials when unauthorized persons are in the building. Officials refuse to state for obvious reason which schools are so equipped and which are not.

"Such devices are effective," Scherkenbach claims, "but we can reach a point where we spend more for prevention than the end result would cost."

He also claims that destruction of school district property is not as bad here as it is in other parts of the country as vandalism sweeps school campuses. However, the nationwide experience has forced the school district to pay steeply rising rates for insurance each year with prospects for even more increases in the future.

## Focus on Seniors

"Individual and group involvement is important in supporting legislative actions that can make life more meaningful and enjoyable for all senior citizens in Nevada," said John Kimball, legislative liaison officer for Nevada's Division for Aging Services at the Economic Opportunity Board's Senior Center last week.

John Kimball attended all sessions of the legislature, and testified before many committees as an advocate for legislation needed to correct deficiencies in services to older Nevadans. He told the EOB Senior Council meeting of June 12 about the fate of the various bills affecting senior citizens in the legislative session just concluded. One hundred and seventeen bills were introduced, and 17 have been enacted into law.

The Senior Citizens Property Tax Relief Bill, applying to those age 62 and over, is especially important in providing money relief to seniors who will take advantage of the opportunities offered them.


The Generic Drug Bill, which would allow a cut in the cost of pharmaceutical purchases while maintaining the same quality, never got out of committee. Drugs sold under trade names cost many times more than those sold by generic (kind, class) name.

To reduce the cost of needed prescriptions, seniors can ask their doctors to prescribe medications generically. If the doctor is not familiar with their generic names, ask him to add the words "or generic equivalent" to the prescription. That enables the pharmacist to provide you with a more reasonably priced product, Mr. Kimball said.


Senior citizens must keep informed concerning local and state legislation that will affect them, Mr. Kimball advised, and they must not hesitate to express their views in strong, clear voices once they have assessed the implications of any piece of legislation.

There have been gains in achieving objectives. Best of all, there is a growing awareness that programs benefiting older Americans inevitably have the effect of benefiting the entire society.

Attend the Senior Council meetings at the EOB Senior Center, 960 W. Owens on the second Thursday of each month to keep informed about legislation affecting seniors. Speakers also give pertinent information at other sessions at the Senior Center. Call 648-3280, ext. 85, for information.



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