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REALTORS RAISE RENTS

RENTERS RAISE HELL

By Carol Fondiller

Approximately four years ago, Norman Baker, son of Realtor Joey Baker, became the proud owner of 1305 Ocean Front Walk, known as the Kemper Apartments. This apartment building is over half a century old, and needed many repairs to bring it up to code. The apartment building consists of one room "single" apartments, and one bedroom apartments. The plumbing is old and tempermental. It needed improvements.

The first improvement Mr. Baker Jr. sought to do, was to improve the rents from \$65. a month to \$100 a month, an increase of 35%. To the tenants of the Kemper apartments, most of whom were over 65 and living on fixed incomes, this was tantamount to eviction. The tenants realized that being evicted from that building meant eviction from Venice, realizing they had nothing to lose that they wouldn't lose anyway, they decided to fight.

They withheld their rent from Mr. Baker, and put it in a bank account set up by Neighborhood Legal Aid. With the help and support of many people in the community, the tenants negotiated with Mr. Norman Baker, and got the conditions that the rents would stay the same, and could only be increased by five dollars a year.

Four years later, The Kemper Apartments, now called Four Floors West, still looks the same. The small lobby still has the dark brown wood of the post-Victorian era, unmatched chairs whose cushions are well worn by years of old people sitting in the lobby. The elevator is still given to unpredictable stops between floors. The carpets are thin. The plumbing is still post Spanish-American war.

But Mr. Baker sold the building. And like Mr. Baker, the first thing the new Owners wanted to do was improve it by raising the rent. This time instead of raising it a mere 35%, they notified the tenants of rent increases that amounted to 100%. Rents were raised from \$125 to \$265.

Most of the tenants of four years ago have left. Today the building consists of a mixture of young and old people. "When I first moved in here, some of the older residents were apprehensive about younger people moving in. But now, most of us know one another," said one tenant.

Western Investment Properties, located at 1312 West Washington Blvd. is managing the property for some speculators. There is a strong supposition that one of the investors is a Mr. Rosenthal.



who has several buildings in Venice and was involved with Mr. Robert Weiss, who used to employ dogs to patrol his canal property, and guards who used to get drunk and fire their guns off at odd hours. Another investor is a Mr. Spiro who works at Redwood Realty.

One of the improvements that W.I.P. also seek to do is to raise the rent of Mr. Allen, the 90 year old manager of the building from \$105. to \$260. W.I.P. also cut Mr. Allen's wages from \$260. a month to \$50. a month.

The rent increases are to go into effect on July 1st.

The tenants organized a meeting. Representatives from Neighborhood Legal Aid and the Town Council were there. Ruth Yannatta, candidate for the 44th Assembly district, came to offer her support and suggested that there should be a Venice wide renter's union. Morrie Rosen, from the Israel Levin Senior Citizens Center was there. The tenants realized that this was the land game as played all over Southern California, and Venice in particular. The speculators move in, "cosmetize" a property, and sell it at inflated prices. Only in Venice all one has to do is to hold on to property and sell it. The tenants decided to withhold rent.

The consensus of the group was that they were going to stick together and

not yield to blandishments offered them separately by W.I.P.

The tenants, young and old, became members of "Tenants of Four Floors West." Fifty percent of the people living in the building are on fixed income. A majority of those people qualify for Social Security payments. The tenants of Four Floors West have been evicted. But they also realize that they can't afford a hundred percent rent increase either.

They also realize that the Real Estate interests are destroying a whole community. So in a way the tenants of Four Floors West are fighting for the right of every person who is not involved with earning enough to have a Carte Blanche Credit Card to stay where they have been for years.

The Coastal Commission staff has been calling low-income housing "infeasible." Perhaps this action and support from the whole community will make rent control and anti-speculation laws the only way to go.

Realtors always say, "Well, the rich have a right to live here too." The rich have a right to live anywhere they want. But does that right include moving poor people out?

Perhaps the Real Estate speculators are the ones that have been fighting progress all these years.



NOTICE:

The strategy committee of the Venice Town Council, in an effort to gain more participation from the community, is changing its meeting time and place. Each month it will meet in a different neighborhood of Venice with the idea of getting input from that area for the following month's council meeting. The June meeting will be Saturday, June 11 at the Pavillion in North Beach at 4 to 6 p.m. The question of music vs. noise on the Ocean Front Walk will be the main item, for information call: 396-6876

Venice Town Council


In March 1973, the people of Venice elected our first Town Council. Supposed to be an advisory body to City Councilwoman Pat Russell. Our first official act was to drop the word "advisory" - the Venice Town Council became the voice of the people of Venice in our own right. In the past four years the Town Council has taken a definite stand against irresponsible development in Venice that harms our low and moderate income renters and homeowners. We stopped a major highway designed to cut Venice in half, and we prevented the city from turning the Canals into a wealthy exclusive yacht harbor. The Venice Town Council is one of the leading tax reform groups in Southern California - our delegates just go back from Sacramento where they testified at hearings on tax reform and rent reform legislation.

We successfully fought to get a crossing guard at Westminster School, and we have been involved in dozens of other local issues.

Do you have an idea, a complaint, a problem, or a project that involves your community? Come to the Venice Town Council - we meet the first Wednesday of every month, 7:30 p.m., at Venice City Hall, 680 Venice Blvd. (by the fire station). Every resident of Venice is a full voting member.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 1st. On the agenda is a discussion of school desegregation in L.A., including a 15 minute film strip; a pro-and con discussion of street musicians and police on Ocean Front Walk; planning for neighborhood meetings; and reports from our Coastal Commission and police committees - plus whatever issues you bring. Everyone welcome. For information: 396-6876

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SKYHORSE/ MOHAWK TRIAL

TRIAL: Begins Tuesday, May 31, 1977 at the Criminal Court Building, 210 West Temple Street in Los Angeles, 15th floor, Dept. 134 - 9:30 a.m. - Monday through Thursdays

Two Native American Indian men, Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk face life in prison for a murder they did not commit. On October 10, 1974, a Los Angeles cab driver was murdered. Three persons - not Skyhorse and Mohawk - were arrested at the scene of the crime with bloody clothing and the driver's personal property in their possession. These three individuals were granted immunity to testify against American Indian Movement members, Skyhorse and Mohawk, who were arrested a week later in Arizona. Skyhorse and Mohawk, claim that they are the innocent victims of a government conspiracy, the evidence thus far revealed in the case substantiates their claim. In numerous other trials of AIM activists, evidence has shown that government agencies prosecute people solely on the basis of their AIM membership.

The Skyhorse/Mohawk Offense/Defense Committee is a group committed to securing the release of Richard Mohawk and Paul Skyhorse so that they may regain their ability to dedicate themselves once again, to the cause of the oppressed. Until Skyhorse and Mohawk are released we will do everything within our power to insure that they are given a fair trial, are treated humanely while incarcerated and are afforded every right guaranteed them by the U.S. Constitution and the treaties, under International law, between the Indian nations and the U.S. Government.

Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk were targeted by the U.S. Government because of the resistance of the Indian Movement to the continuing genocide practiced by the United States. They are two of many local activists that are fighting for their people, and their prosecution by the State of California is no different than the mass trials that took place in 1973, or the many that have followed since. The FBI and the BIA have occupying armies on many reservations in the U.S. While the FBI is the number one repressive tool of the Government against all progressive movements - the Black liberation, the women's, the Puerto Rican movements, among many - Indian people are right now under the most severe attack. Annie Mae Aquash shot in the back of the head on Pine Ridge. Joe Stuntz murdered by military onslaught. The trials of Leonard Peltier, Sid Welsh and others - all attest to deep involvement by the FBI. Coal, oil, natural gas and uranium are on Indian reservations in huge quantities, and companies like Amex, Peabody Coal and Exxon intend to strip mine, clear cut, exploit and steal Indian lands. They recognize that the Indian Movement for sovereignty - the control of Indian land by Indian people - is standing in the way of their plans.

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VENICE DEJA VU

By Arnold Springer

Some things never change. The Venice Evening Vanguard of January 2, 1951 carried the following story. Representatives of the City Engineer's office and the Board of Public Works toured the canals to survey conditions of the sidewalks and to make recommendations aimed at eliminating danger to residents of the area. Officials were alerted to the dangers of the crumbling sidewalks the previous week when a three year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson of 405 Carrol Canal fell through a hole in the sidewalk into the canal and nearly drowned. The Councilman for the area, Mr. Harby, said the city was investigating provisions of a 1911 ordinance which would require property owners to rebuild or repair the walks. Anyone who refused would be assessed for the improvement by the City over a ten year period. Sidewalks along many sections of the canals were in such a state of crumbling that it would cost an estimated \$500. for each property owner to repair them.

Since most homes in the area "are low rental units, landlords are not interested in spending the money to keep the walks in repair. It has been impossible to interest owners to sign a petition to the city to make the improvements."

"If city officials condemn the walks as a public danger and order the walks rebuilt, it would be possible for the city to proceed with the improvement without consent of the property owners, and prorate the cost on their annual tax bills over the 10 year period, Harby said."



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SENIOR CITIZENS' PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE

Application forms for Senior Citizens' Property Tax Assistance and Senior Citizens' Rent Assistance are now available, according to State Senator Alan Sieroty (D-West Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley).

To qualify for either program, individuals must have been 62 years of age or older and a California resident by Jan. 1, 1977. In order to be eligible for homeowner property tax assistance, senior citizens must own and occupy their homes from July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977, and have a household income of not more than \$12,000.

"Senior Citizens' Rent Assistance is a new program created by the State Legislature last year to provide a rebate to senior citizen renters in addition to the \$37. credit now provided all California renters," Sieroty said. Senior citizens who have occupied a rented residence from

July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977 and did not have more than \$5,000 in household income for the 1976 calendar year may apply for this renters' assistance. The filing period for both applications ends August 31.

Senior Citizens' Property Tax Assistance forms are being sent directly to all Californians who received property tax assistance payments last year and to individuals who have already requested claim forms, "Sieroty said.

Additional information and claim forms may be obtained by visiting, writing or calling the State Franchise Tax Board at 3200 Wilshire Blvd., 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, 90010, 736-3111. Claim forms and instructions are also available at the West Los Angeles office of Senator Sieroty, 11340 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 359, Los Angeles, 90064, 479-4244.

TURN ON TO TEA

TEA PLANT

Tea is the dried leaf of an evergreen plant and a member of the camellia family. Various types of teas (over 3000 varieties) are grown in Ceylon, Java, China, India, Japan, Sumatra and Formosa. The varieties, all which come from the same bush, can be classified in three ways:

BLACK TEA: The leaves undergo a process of oxidation (fermentation) that turns them black and produces a strong brew. This is the predominate type of tea drunk in western countries.

OOLONG: The leaves are semi-oxidated, resulting in a $\frac{1}{2}$ brown, $\frac{1}{2}$ green mixture. The brew is light.

GREEN TEA: The leaves do not undergo the process and remain green.

In the past, only green tea was drunk. When the West started importing teas from the Orient, they make long sea voyages during which the tea was subject to the elements. This accidentally led to the process of oxidation. Rather than lose the entire cargo of the now "rotten" tea, the shippers went ahead and sold the "black" teas to the Westerners who didn't know any better. Tea drinkers in the Orient still can't figure out how we can drink "rotten" teas. Green teas are drunk almost exclusively in the East.

PROCESSING: It takes long, patient processing to develop the color, fragrance and flavor of tea after the green plant has been hand picked. The leaves go through 5 stages of processing:

WITHERING: The fresh leaves are spread on racks and subjected to heated air to evaporate the moisture so the leaf will become soft and pliable. This process lasts up to a full day.

ROLLING: The pliable leaves are rolled on special machines to break up their cells and free their juices, which give tea its special flavor and aroma. This process helps to develop the essential oils of the tea; a chemical change occurs when the juices that remain on the leaves are exposed to air.

ROLL BREAKING: The lumps from rolling are broken up and sifted through a coarse mesh sieve. The leaves that fall through are then ready for the next step.

FERMENTATION: (oxidation): In cool, humid rooms, the leaves undergo further chemical change through absorption of oxygen. During this step the leaves turn from green to bright copper. In making green teas this process is omitted. For oolong tea the leaves are partially fermented. Fermentation is the only difference between black, oolong, and green teas.

DRYING: firing: The leaves are placed on moving trays which pass through blasts of hot air that dry them without scorching. This process is necessary to end the fermentation and dry the leaves evenly.

GRADES

After the teas are processed, sorted into the 3 different types, they are graded and sorted for distribution. The leaves are mixed together and go through sieves with graduated meshes which divide them into leaf grades and broken grades. These gradings relate only to size. A term such as "orange pekow" does not refer to a variety of tea, but merely to the size of the leaves.

LEAF GRADES: These are the larger leaves left after sifting. The flavor takes longer to come out in brewing. For black tea, the leaf grades from largest to smallest are:

ORANGE PEKOE: Long, thin, wiry leaves, sometimes including yellow tips or bud leaves. **PEKOE:** The leaves are short and less wiry than orange pekoe. Makes a darker tea. **SOUCHING:** A round leaf which makes a darker tea.

BROKEN GRADES: About 80% of the entire crop ends up as broken grades. They make a strong, dark tea. This is the "tea bag" grade which is by far the most popular in the United States.

GREEN TEA GRADINGS: The gradings for green teas from largest to smallest are gunpowder, pea leaf, imperial, yung hyson, and hyson.

BLACK TEAS

TEAS FROM INDIA

Assam: A high grade tea grown in Assam Province in N.E. India. Orange colored tip produces a fine, hard liquor, full bodied rich flavor. Brew 6 min. **Cachar:** Well made leaf, similar to Assam,

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although not as distinctive. **Darjeeling:** The finest and most delicate flavored of the India teas. Gold tip, large leaf. Grown high in the Himalayas from 400-6500 ft. at the foot of Mt. Everest. Brew 7 min.

TEAS FROM FORMOSA:

Keemur Congou: A fine grade tea of China Congou type from Taiwan. Typical of North ern China Congous, only produced in Hsin Cho. Produces a smooth, thirst-quenching cup. Known for its fragrance and exceptionally delicate flavor.

Lapsang Souchong: From the Lapsang district. Smoky flavor and aroma with extremely strong taste. It's often mixed with Assam and Ceylon teas. This type has been appreciated by connoisseurs dating back to the great mandarins of Ancient China.

Broken Leaf Black: A strong, winey tasting brew.

TEAS FROM CEYLON

The best quality Ceylon teas are called "High Grown" which indicates growths at heights exceeding 4000 ft. Ceylon teas brew faster than those grown farther away from the equator.

Supreme #1: A uniform factory bulked dark rolled leaf. Makes a good sound, strong tasting cup of tea.

Uva Highland: "High Grown" - considered to be the best of the Ceylon teas. Fine amber shaded leaf which produces a strong breakfast quality liquor.

Dimbula: Small leaf, amber to dark in color.

TEAS FROM MAINLAND CHINA

Pingsuey: A well twisted leaf and ideally weathered. This leaf expands as it's brewed. Produces a pungent liquor (in Chinese, Ping-Suey means "ice water").

Yunnan: A silvery tipped, black long rolled leaf. Carries a distinctive flavor found only in teas from this province in China.

OOLONG TEAS

FORMOSA

Jasmine: A mild flavored Pouchon; flavored after firing with white jasmine blossoms.

Chaiest Oolong: Very rare first flush high grown tea. A long, well twisted leaf that produces a light, fruity brew. The brew has the aroma of fresh ripe peaches.

MAINLAND CHINA

Oolong: Extra large leaf-semi fermented, ranging towards green. Makes a light colored fruity flavored tea.

GREEN TEAS

FORMOSA

Gunpowder: Pinhead green, well fired. Each leaf is rolled into a pellet. Makes a strong tasting clear green tea. Has the appearance of old Chinese gunpowder.

Yung Hyson: A rare high quality green tea. A short rolled leaf, milder than gunpowder. In Chinese, Yung Hyson translates as "before the rains".

JAPAN

Spiderleg: A Japanese green tea so named because of the long thin leaves. Once it was very popular, but not widely used now. Very rare.

Basket fired: A light and gentle Japanese brew.

Japanese Uncolored Green Tea: Known as the white wine of teas.

BLENDS

Orange Spice: A blend of high grade Ceylon & India blacks laced with orange peels & dashes of spices.

Mint tea: a blend of choice Ceylon black teas mixed with several types of rubbed mints.

Earl Grey: A custom blend which has kept the name of the customer for whom it was originally intended. A black tea blend of Darjeeling & Keemun. Well scented with orange and rubbed with oil of Bergamot.

English Breakfast: A rich, hearty, full bodied black tea blend combines the strength and color of India tea with the flavor of Ceylon tea.

English Afternoon: A black tea blend of quality Ceylon teas.

Irish Blend: A medium strong well balanced blend of Ceylon & India blacks. For drinkers who like a pungent brew!

Queen Victoria: Considered to be one of the worlds finest teas. A light blend

of naturally scented pouchongs and sweet blacks from India. A smoky blend. **Palm Springs Blend:** a fine blend of green and semi-green teas much the same as the Queen Victoria blend, minus the smoky flavor.

Russian Caravan Blend: A blend of the best Chinese teas. Dark, sweet, lightly smoked.

Georgia Blend: a lemon-scented black tea that is good either hot or iced.

Oriental condiment: A blend of strong blacks laced with 3 fragrant spices. Hot anise flavor.

Cinnamon Tea: A blend of blacks and 3 varieties of cinnamon.

Instant Tea: Instant teas are a concentrated form of brewed tea from which the water has been removed through a drying process.



HOW TO MAKE A CUP OF TEA

The art of making tea has changed little since 780 A.D. when the Cha' Ching prescribed the proper utensils, preparation and serving of tea. Here's How:

- 1) Use a teapot of china or earthenware. preheat it by rinsing it with scalding hot water.
- 2) Place 1 tsp. of leaves in the pot for every cup of water. (Put the leaves in a stainless steel strainer if you wish.
- 3) Always use fresh cold water for boiling.
- 4) Add water that has only been just to a full boil. Cover and steep no less than 4 min. (longer for a stronger brew). For a weaker tea, add hot water to the full-strength brew after the full brewing period.
- 5) don't judge the strength of the brew by its color. Some teas brew light, others dark. Brew by the clock.
- 6) Stir the tea before serving to make it uniformly strong. Circulating the brew agitates the essential oils which add to the flavor of the tea. If the tea has to stand for any length of time strain the liquid from the leaves or remove the tea ball.
- 7) Do not reheat tea after it has brewed. serve immediately.

The making of tea is an ancient ritual. Good tea is a social rite and should always be prepared in the presence of guests.

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AN ALTERNATIVE DESEGREGATION SCHOOL PLAN

Last June the California Supreme Court affirmed the 1970 Gitelson decision, and ordered the L.A. City schools to "immediately prepare and implement a reasonably feasible desegregation plan." Los Angeles Superior Court (Judge Paul Egly) is holding hearings on an L.A. school desegregation plan now, and some plan will go into effect next September. This will affect the life of almost every family in Venice. There is no one school plan that satisfies everybody, including the plan presented here. Readers who agree or disagree with this plan or have ideas of their own may have their views published in the BEACHHEAD. Please send your letters and articles before May 21 to The BEACHHEAD, P.O. Box 504, Free Venice, Calif. 90291. Keep a duplicate for yourself.

by Robt. Wells

We face the question of school segregation (the present and long-standing condition of the Los Angeles city schools) and of desegregation (a possibility for the future) in terms of a society divided into economic classes. A relatively tiny and super-prosperous imperialist class made up of wealthy families and high government and corporate officials manages the global U.S. system to its own advantage. It maintains its exploitation and control of the relatively gigantic class made up of us who do the work by keeping us divided among ourselves. The primary division within the North American working class is division along race lines.

The question of school desegregation goes directly to this division, directly to the history of race relations within U.S. imperialism. Black and other Third World peoples within that history fall at all times into the category of the oppressed and exploited of empire; the history of white workers is not so consistent; though our place is among the exploited we have sided at key moments with the oppressors.

An ideology is a world-view: what one sees as the major outlines of the world and how oneself fits into that. The essential ideology of U.S. imperialism is white supremacy, the notion that race defines everything and that the white race is superior to all others. U.S. imperialism is the main source of horror, injustice, oppression, and pain in the world today, and it must be brought to an end, completely and in terms that are historically decisive, before any of us can achieve a decent world. This means that its two main features must be permanently eliminated -- the oppression and exploitation of other peoples and nations; and the ideology of white supremacy.

In the historic school desegregation case, *Brown v. Topeka School Board* (1954), Chief Justice Earl Warren said that "Segregation of white and colored children in public schools has a detrimental effect upon the colored children," for it "generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone." In the 23 years since there has been a ren-

naissance of Black and Third World self-confidence that no doubt mitigates the damaging effect of segregation on minority children (though one shouldn't underestimate its effects even now). But there's the other side that Warren implied though didn't say: "Segregation of white and colored children in public schools has a detrimental effect upon the white children," for it "generates a feeling of superiority as to their status in the community" which not only affects their hearts and minds but which has distorted the whole of American history.

Segregation poses the question to all students: "Are whites superior? Are Blacks and other races inferior?" The very circumstances of the question give the wrong answer -- "Yes." If education is the process of learning the right answers to important questions, then there is no such thing as "quality education" for minorities or whites that gives any space to segregation.

While institutions like ghetto concentration and the nuclear family have been sources of oppression to Black and other Third World peoples, they have at the same time been resources of strength in these peoples' struggle of resistance and survival. The mandatory scattering of minority children throughout the white school population would carry the implication that these peoples are to be absorbed and assimilated by command into the European-based culture. Assimilation must be kept as an option for all those minority people who want it, but at the same time we cannot use school desegregation as an excuse to attack the sur-

vival institutions of Black and other Third World peoples.

To defeat the ideology of white supremacy while at the same time protecting the right of self-determination of Black and other Third World peoples, a school desegregation plan would have to have these goals:

- ** That for Black and other Third World children the community school concept would prevail; there would be no mandatory busing of children out of segregated schools in the Black and Third World communities.
- ** That free and convenient transportation be provided for all Black and Third World children whose families wished them to be bused to schools outside the minority community.
- ** That Black and Third World communities be given the right, if they wish, to organize their schools into separate school districts independent of any larger districts, in which the community will elect its own school board, set its own curriculum, do its own hiring and firing, and be funded directly from the State in accordance with the *Serrano v. Priest* California court case.
- ** That eventually every child in the Los Angeles schools would receive a bilingual/multicultural education from First Grade through high school. For children whose primary language was English or Spanish the bilingual education would be in those two languages; for children whose primary language was other than English or Spanish instruction would be in their language and in English.

Other foreign languages would continue as electives, except that a student who had not studied Spanish would have only Spanish as an elective. As among the Chicano, Anglo, and Black children (93% altogether) the object would be to make them all academically fluent in both Spanish and English by the time they left school; this would mean keeping intact the current bilingual/bicultural programs for Latino children and expanding these first until they include all Latino children in the system, then expanding them to include all English-speaking children as well. All children regardless of race who spoke a primary language other than English would get instruction in that language plus English. Third World schools other than Latino who wished bilingual/multicultural education in their own language as a matter of cultural heritage could substitute their language for Spanish, though Spanish should be included as an elective sometime before graduation. Schools with significant numbers of non-Third World minority children (Jewish, Armenian, Greek, Russian, etc.) might request multicultural/bilingual education in their languages rather than Spanish. In each case the School Board would decide on the basis of whether that culture was in a survival relationship against U.S. imperialism, and on which decision would have the greater impact in combatting the ideology of white supremacy.

This would provide a rich education for every child in the district (real education, not just schooling); it would tend to break down suspicion between the races bred by unfamiliarity; and while accomplishing this it would respect the integrity of Black and Third World communities and cultures.

But thus far it does not provide for any systematic desegregation beyond voluntary out-busing from minority schools.

Meaningful school desegregation does not take place without the mandatory transfer of pupils. This has been the experience in cities all across the country. In Los Angeles meaningful desegregation cannot take place without considerable busing. In our anti-imperialist school desegregation plan the mandatory busing would have to be from the Anglo community into the minority communities. This is based on the premises a) that desegregation must take place; b) that the cohesive integrity of minority schools and communities must be protected; c) that the "detrimental effect" of segregation condemned in the Brown decision can, under the right circumstances, be

long as white children remain in segregated white schools at the choice of the dominant white community. Thus the bulk of desegregation in Los Angeles would be accomplished by busing white children into minority schools. (In the past almost all busing in Los Angeles has been voluntary out-busing from overcrowded minority schools to Anglo schools with empty classrooms; all the mandatory busing (what little there is of it) in the current Board of Education proposal is out-busing of minority children.)

The question remains of what the desegregation area is to be. The court case that's brought the present situation to a head is Mary Ellen Crawford v. Los Angeles Board of Education -- it affects only the Los Angeles Unified School District, i.e., essentially the City of L.A.

The approach that desegregates an area across city lines is usually called a "metropolitan plan." An approach like this one involving decentralized autonomous community-controlled school districts could work only on the basis of a metropolitan plan.

Our Metropolitan Plan Area would essentially have two zones: a primary zone made up of the connected plus the detached minority communities along with the spillover communities surrounding them, in which the school population would be desegregated; and a secondary feeder zone which would provide the Anglo students needed to desegregate the primary zone. Within the primary zone and around its edges all the various techniques of school desegregation could be tried -- redrawing school attendance boundaries; combining grades in paired or clustered schools; setting up "magnet" schools with enriched programs to draw students from many areas; phasing out neighborhood schools in favor of centralized "educational parks"; etc., etc. Once the calculus was determined of how many minority students chose voluntary out-busing and what level of desegregation was desired by the primary zone school boards, the number of Anglo children needed for in-busing could be arrived at, and this would give us the "catchment area" for mandatory busing from the Anglo community.



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In allocating Serrano money and Federal education funds, Washington and the State of California should provide minority decentralized school districts extra money to give them an advantage in attracting the teachers they feel are best qualified to work in their desegregated schools. The State and Federal governments should also provide reimbursement to teachers who travel more than a certain distance to work, to further relieve the burden of desegregating faculties and

to make it easier for Black and Third World teachers to work in distant Anglo schools.

This approach to the school question is not by any means utopian. If the state and society were controlled by the ordinary working people, one of our very most important tasks would be to permanently and completely eliminate the ideology of white supremacy, in terms that would be historically decisive. A plan like this involving massive curriculum reform along with maximum desegregation consistent with the rights of self-determination of Black and other Third World peoples and nations would be the only realistic way to go about it. It is only "unrealistic" to expect the present authorities to do it.

Even after the attainment of state power by the forces of the working class this sort of plan would not go forward without the prior preparation of the people, especially of the Anglo working people. It would be rigid and mechanical to suppose that we have to wait until then to begin that preparation and that desegregation. The time to start is now.

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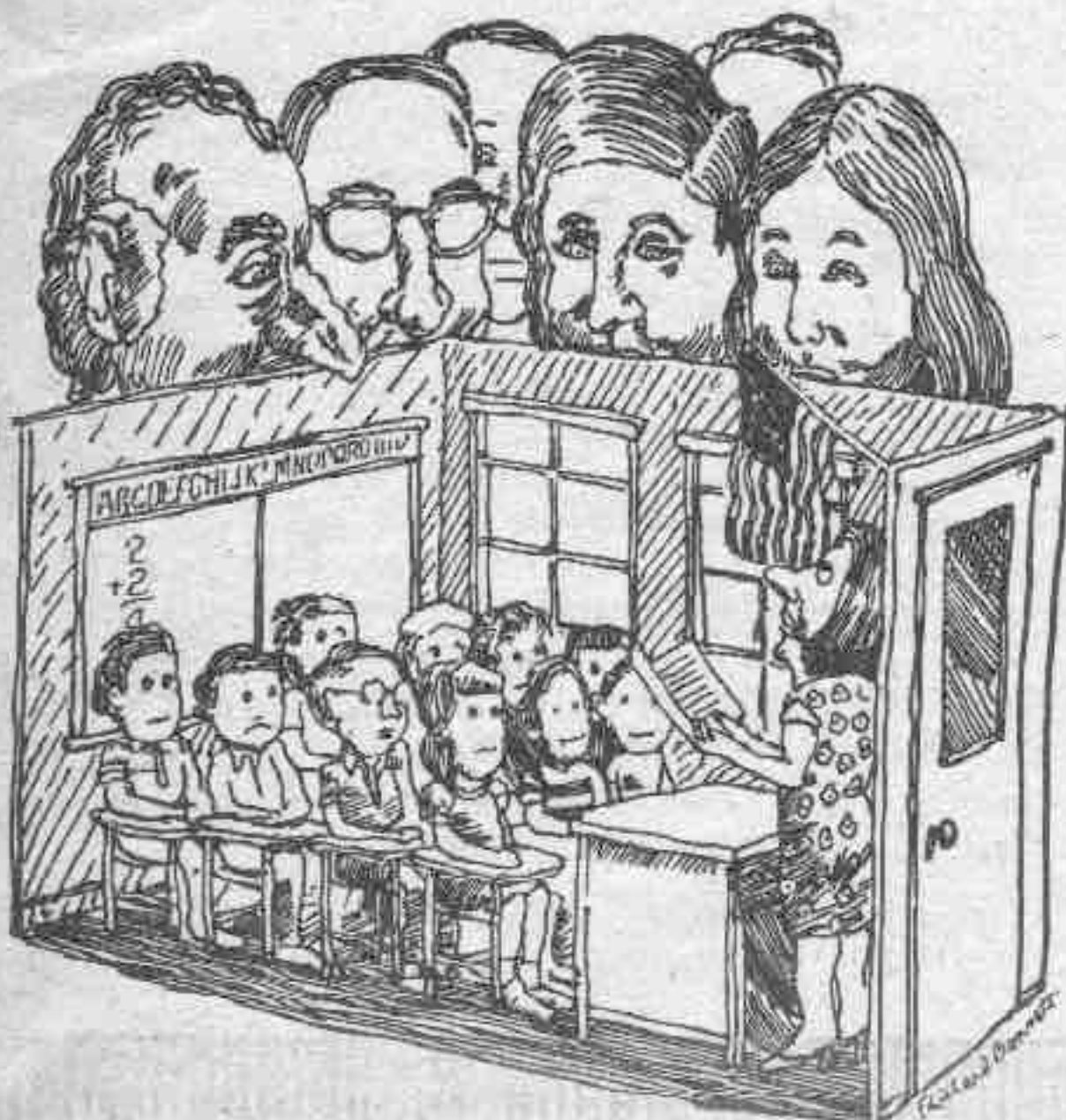
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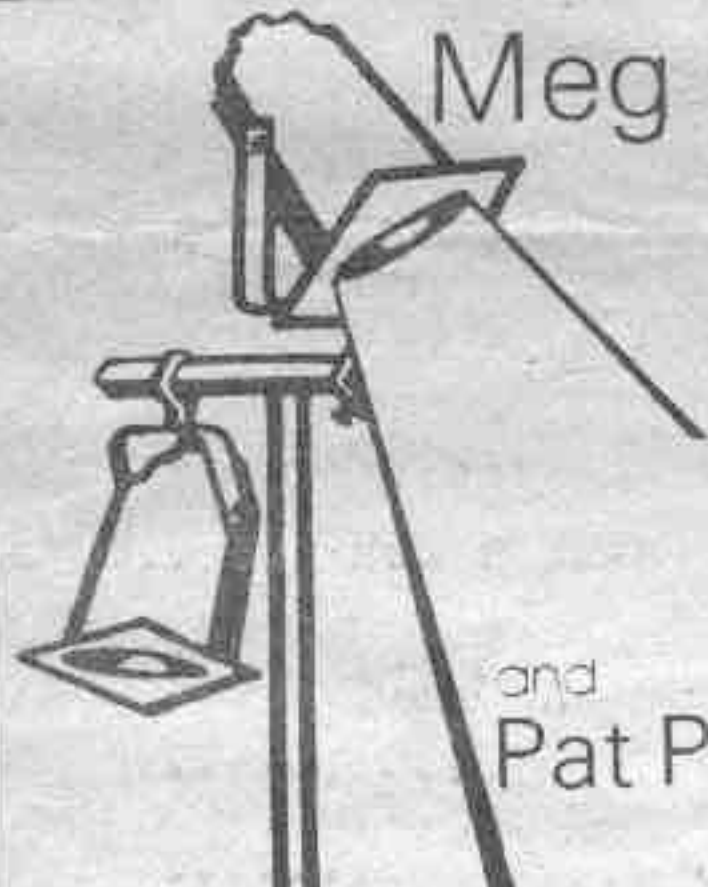
STATEWIDE AGENCY DESIGNATES ART INFORMATION CENTER

The Cultural News Service, an arts information agency located in Sacramento, has announced the designation of Beyond Baroque Foundation as the local center for the distribution of information and publications designed to help arts organizations and individual artists. Funded by the California Arts Council, the Cultural News Service (CNS) was established to provide technical and information assistance to artists all across the state. To accomplish this, CNS has established relationships with a number of regional arts groups which serve as local "information conduits". These organizations will keep on hand reserves of the latest CNS material, including pamphlets and other publications on legal and financial problems of artists and arts groups; copies of legislation affecting artists; registry forms for a statewide artists' registry for visual and non-visual artists; applications for consultancy services for a statewide artists registry for visual and non-visual artists; applications for consultancy services for arts organizations; and CNS' monthly publication State of the Arts, which contains useful information and bright ideas for artists and arts organizations.

THEATRE PARTY

A performance of "PURSE STRINGS", a delightful play about women and money, will be held to benefit ONE-PARENT FAMILY EDUCATION on Friday evening, June 17, 8:30 p.m. at the Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill Street in Santa Monica. "PURSE STRINGS", conceived and performed by six women members of "Public Works" improvisational theater group, is being held over for the third month. Tickets for this performance are \$3 per person.

ONE-PARENT FAMILY EDUCATION, a non-profit organization, offers classes and workshops for single parents in the Venice/Santa Monica and L.A. areas, has two new classes scheduled to begin in June as well as several one-day workshops. For tickets and/or class information please call 395-9540.



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Ad council SELLS capitalism

(CPF) The Department of Commerce has diverted public funds from minority business and employment aid to help support the Advertising Council's latest campaign—selling capitalism to the American people.

The \$89,000 from the Office of Minority Business Enterprise and the \$150,000 from the Economic Development Administration paid for only preliminary work on the Ad Council's three-year multimillion dollar PR job.

Relying on donated media space and agency ad production, the council is the single largest advertiser in the country, controlling more than 80 percent of network TV public service advertising. Funded and directed by the country's most powerful corporations, media conglomerates, and ad agencies, the Ad Council calls itself "free enterprise's effective communications machine."

Among its accomplishments was President Ford's "Whip Inflation Now" campaign. Another is its "People Start Pollution; People Can Stop It" blitz, which put the onus for pollution on individual litterers rather than on corporate disregard for the environment. This campaign was coordinated by a vice president of American Can Co., which makes disposable containers littering the countryside and opposes legislation banning nonreturnable cans and bottles.

The council's most famous campaign—Smokey the Bear's "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires"—once again spotlights individual responsibility for conservation while ignoring paper and lumber companies' threats to US forests. Coordinators of that campaign included an executive of Gulf States Paper Corp.

The sell-capitalism campaign is a result of public disenchantment with business in the wake of inflation, unemployment, bribes, and illegal political contributions. A recent poll showed 2/3 of Americans favor basic changes in the economic system. After researching public attitudes and knowledge of capitalism, the council decided to gear its pitch around what they say is a basic ignorance of the system.

The campaign has started with TV and print ads to distribute free copies of a booklet. One TV spot

shows people-in-the-street interviews where various Americans are struck speechless when asked "Who makes our American economic system work?" It's expected that three million copies of *The American Economic System...and your part in it* will eventually be distributed. The bicentennial-adorned booklet is illustrated with Peanuts cartoons by Charles Schulz who, according to a spokesperson, feels that "capitalism's horn needs to be tooted every once and a while."

The text toots ideas such as: profits are essential since they create new jobs; business needs more tax breaks; and workers must produce more. Characteristically, responsibility for unemployment is laid at the feet of consumers: "When we buy less than our economy is producing, eventually production goes down and unemployment increases. When our purchases increase, this demand results in business expansion and higher employment."



In response, both the People's Bicentennial Commission and the Public Media Center, an alternative advertising agency, are planning counter campaign more critical of big business and raising alternatives to the present economic system. They may file suit under the fairness doctrine to require networks to offer equal time.

In the meantime the Media Access Project, a Washington public interest law firm, is filing an FCC petition to break up the Ad Council's monopoly by limiting to 1/3 the proportion of public service announcements sponsored by a single organization, requiring 25 percent of such advertising to be locally originated and having broadcasters make production facilities available to local groups.

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Friday, June 17, 8 p.m. - evening of Poetry and open readings with Freya Manfred, visiting poet. Recent book: "Yellow Squash Woman".

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Four Venice organizations will hold a gigantic rummage sale on Ocean Front walk on June 12. The venture will be jointly sponsored by Neighborhood Adult Participation Project, Coalition for Economic Survival, Venice Town Council and Emma Lazarus Club. "Now is the time to clean out your closets," says Daisy Smith, chairperson of the joint committee. Anything you can't use, we can. That includes books, clothes, bric-a-brac, small appliances, jewelry. Donations can be left at 571 Santa Clara (off California Ave.) in Venice. Call first at 399-7737 or 396-0938.

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Monday, June 6 - Forced sterilization

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Monday, June 13 - The hysterectomy experience

- Suzanne Morgan, a medical sociologist doing research on the hysterectomy experience, had a hysterectomy at age 30. She will present information on decision making, hospitals, psychological and sexual effects and alternatives to estrogen therapy. 7:30 p.m.

Monday, June 20 - The Politics of home birth

Teresa Birchard and Sharon Robinson, a midwife, both work with a new birth service in Venice. They will discuss the medical, legal and political aspects of home birth.

Monday, June 27 - The uses of herbs in self-healing.

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TCDD is an impurity formed in the process of manufacturing the herbicide 2, 4, 5-T and commonly contaminates this widely used product. 2, 4, 5-T, made by the Dow Chemical Company, first gained notoriety when U.S. war planes dumped massive amounts of the defoliant on Vietnamese forests, devastating and disrupting the natural growth in vast land areas.

The herbicide is still widely used in the U.S. particularly in lumbering and grazing areas to eliminate plants that compete with other growth useful to these industries.

Significant traces of TCDD were found in the milk of women living in Texas and Oregon, while women in Massachusetts, where 2, 4, 5-T is not routinely used, were not contaminated. According to *NEWSDAY*, a Long Island Daily, traces of TCDD have been found in beef fat and beef liver taken from cattle grazing on land sprayed with 2, 4, 5-T.

Scientists at Harvard are continuing to test, and if they confirm their findings, it will be the first concrete evidence of what many have suspected all along: that TCDD is accumulating in human tissues. --LNS

UFW WINS KEY CALIFORNIA ELECTION

The United Farm Workers union (UFW) won a key election in California's Coachella Valley in April when grape, citrus and date workers at Tenneco, Inc. voted 177-120 for UFW representation against "no union."

The victory is the first for the UFW in its current Coachella Valley organizing drive. Tenneco, previously under Teamster contract, is an oil industry-based conglomerate which owns vast properties employing thousands of farm workers.

Tenneco was required to supply the farm workers' union with a list of employees' addresses for the election. However, using a frequent growers' tactic, it supplied a nearly unusable list of wrong addresses and post office boxes.

The UFW filed a complaint on the unfair labor practice. But the local Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB) waited to make a decision until it was too late.

"We won the vote anyway," one UFW source told the *DAILY WORLD*, "but we still expect to win that grievance. It will certainly help us later in other Tenneco elections." --LNS

SPREADING MEDICARE MONEY AROUND...

The Health, Education and Welfare office in Atlanta, Georgia recently compiled a list of doctors who have all earned \$100,000 or more from Medicare.

The first request for the list, according to the American Medical Association, came from the stock brokerage firm of Hornblower & Weeks, Hemphill Noyes. --LNS

AMATEURS STAFF SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS

This summer 100 teams of amateurs will be recruited to assist scientific expeditions in 13 states and 17 foreign countries. The volunteers will include businessmen and women, engineers, architects, students and their teachers. Working under the direction of scientists, adventuresome people are now able to join expeditions with archaeologists, biologists, anthropologists and geologists - to work, to learn, and to share expenses.

The program was conceived by Earthwatch, a non-profit organization headquartered in Belmont, Mass. Over 200 participants have enabled scientists in 40 countries to pursue their field research. Tax deductible contributions of \$500 to \$900 by those who participate subsidize the research effort.

Expeditions needing help this summer include a study of endangered parrots in Dominica, a dozen archaeological excavations in the U.S. and Africa, an underwater search for shipwrecks off the coast of England, and field observations of wild ponies, monkeys and prairie dogs in the U.S. and overseas. Readers wishing more information should write: Earthwatch, Box 127V, 10 Juniper Road, Belmont Massachusetts 02178.

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SHORT STUFF

WORKERS OF THE WORLD CONSUME!

Corporate interests have hardly had a reputation for encouraging revolutionary thought, but the Pepsi Cola Company has come up with a concept that the business world should find quite palatable.

In Brazil, the multi-national Pepsi Corporation has changed its outdated "Pepsi Generation" slogan to "Pepsi Revolution" in an effort to reach more young people.

A spokesperson for Pepsi explained the simple ideology of the Pepsi Revolution: "In Brazil...the present generation didn't receive any political or social education. So we provide them with a mechanism for protest. It is protest through consumption." (LNS)

TERRORIST LIZZARDS BOMB OUT IN BANGKOK

A two-lizard bomb squad place in front of Government House failed in their mission because one of the lizzards didn't cooperate, police said.

They said they found a grenade tied to the top of the lizzards and rigged in such a way that is the lizzards were to run in opposite directions, they would pull out the pin and trigger an explosion.

However, one lizzard loosed itself without pulling the pin, police said. Government House is the prime minister's office. (Los Angeles Times)

ANTIOCH FREE FORUM

The Antioch Free Forum is a new attempt to provide an atmosphere where relevant urban problems confronting Los Angeles can be openly discussed. The hope is that by bringing concerned citizens, professionals and students together with informed speakers, that new questions may be asked and new insights shared. You are invited to attend this free spring series of lecture/discussions at Antioch College/West in Los Angeles. (See address below) The Forum will be held every other Monday evening starting April 25th and will be held between the hours of 8 and 10 p.m. The schedule is outlined below.

JUNE 6th: SCHOOL DESEGREGATION:

Title: The Failure to Plan for Desegregation: The busing crisis in Los Angeles.

Speaker: Cathy Davis is presently the Public Relations Director for the American Civil Liberties Union in Southern California and was the ACLU representative for the recent Citizens Advisory Committee on Student Integration.

COAST COMMISSION JUNE 20th

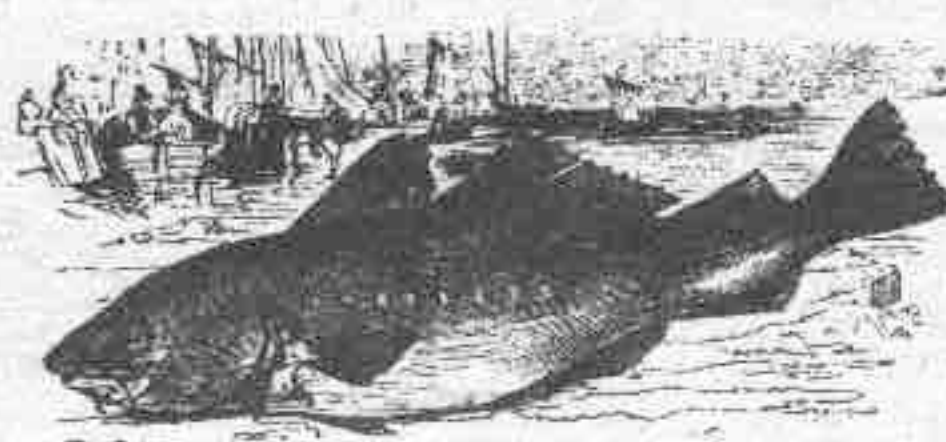
Title: Balancing Regional and local interests in Los Angeles: The problem of urban coastal access.

Speaker: Ruth Galanter was recently appointed to the Regional Coast Commission. She has a degree in Urban Planning and has been an active advocate for more low and moderate income housing for the Los Angeles region.

NOTE:

The Urban Studies and Planning Program at Antioch offers opportunities for mid-career professionals community organizers and others to earn a relevant MA degree while remaining active in their jobs. A brief information meeting about the program will follow each Forum. Questions Address: 1067 North Fairfax Avenue, L.A. (213) 656-8520

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surprises!

HEALTH ADVANCES #2 GARLIC AND THE CHOLESTEROL VAMPIRE

Garlic is being studied at the University of Minnesota as a way of cutting down, and possibly even avoiding, heart disease caused by excess amounts of cholesterol.

Student and teacher volunteers at the university's School of Public Health are asked to ingest 20 milligrams of garlic oil in pill form each day, the equivalent of two to three cloves of garlic.

Rats which were fed a moderately high cholesterol diet, which also included two percent garlic, were able to maintain a cholesterol count close to normal. Other rats that received the same diet without garlic showed a 23% increase in cholesterol readings. --ZNS

THE MONSTER HOTLINE

If you've ever seen a flying saucer or a Bigfoot tramping your shrubs, you probably wanted to talk to someone about it quickly. Now you can.

A toll-free, long distance phone line has been set up in Arizona where researchers collect first-hand descriptions of any unexplained creatures or phenomena--from Loch Ness monsters to the abominable snowman to UFO's. The number is (800) 221-5146. --ZNS

TWO BORING ITEMS

Two Illinois researchers warn that we are entering a "crisis of boredom."

They predict that the computer age will see an upswing in alcoholism, drug abuse and crime. The reason for this is that machines will take over many of our daily tasks, leaving us with little to do. Today's self-timing microwave ovens and similar labor-savers are only the beginning: within the next 15 years or so, millions of people will feel they are no longer productive because many of their responsibilities will be replaced. --ZNS

LEAPIN LIZARDS!

If you want to lick a cockroach problem, throw away your pesticides and buy a lizard instead.

Three New York University students report that three months after purchasing a lizard named "Geeko" for \$10, their cockroach population has dwindled rapidly.

Marlene Matarese explains: "We had so many cockroaches the kitchen sink was black at night... They were so confident they didn't move when you turned on the light."

The students report that the only drawback to Geeko, who took up residence under their refrigerator, is that he sometimes keeps them awake at night by crunching on the insects... ZNS