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Networker Updates

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.** Michael Zamm writes: "In my position as Director of Environmental Education for the Council on the Environment of New York City I continue to support the High School for Environmental Studies in New York City, a school which I helped to found, in developing curriculum infused with environmental concepts and in engaging students in social action/community service projects. I also coordinate the Training Student Organizers (TSO) Program which for 16 years has involved high school students and some other age groups as well in organizing environmental improvement projects. More than ever before we are attempting to link student efforts with ongoing community revitalization programs in specific neighborhoods." For more information call or write to Mike at the Council on the Environment of New York City, 51 Chambers St. Room 228, New York, NY 10007; 212/788-7900.

□ **HOUSING AND THE ELDERLY.** Jon Pynoos recently became director of the National Resource and Policy Center on Housing and Long Term Care (NRPC) at the University of Southern California's Andrus Gerontology Center. The mission of NRPC is to make housing a more integral part of

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long term care. It is a partnership of the Andrus Gerontology Center, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and Brandeis University/Policy Center on Aging. Jon also sent us two recent NRPC publications: *Federal Anti-discrimination Laws and Frail Older Tenants* (\$7) and *Pivotal Choices in Housing and Services Programs* (\$12) (add 10% for shipping). They are available from the NRPC, Andrus Gerontology Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0191; 213/740-1364; fax: 213/740-8241. Jon can also be reached at the same address and phone.

□ **RACISM AND SEXISM.** Joe Feagin informs us that he just published two books focusing on institutional racism and sexism. *White Racism: The Basics* (with Hernan Vera) is published by Routledge and provides nine case studies of racialized practice in the United States as well as in-depth interviews with whites on how they think about race. *Modern Sexism: Blatant, Subtle, and Covert Discrimination* is published by Prentice-Hall and assesses, using hundreds of interviews, the current problems of discrimination faced by women in the U.S. For more information, write to Joe at Box 117330, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-7330.

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.** Bob Collin is the first faculty person for the newly formed undergraduate program in Environmental Studies at the University of Oregon. He will teach courses on Environmental Justice. For those interested in the topic, he recently published "Environmental Racism: A Challenge to Community Development" (with Dr. William Harris and Timmy Beatley), *The Journal of Black Studies* vol. 25, no. 3 (1995); and "Review of the Legal Literature of Environmental Racism, Environmental Equity, and Environmental Justice," *Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation* vol 9: 121-71 (1994). For those interested in the relationship between sustainability and environmental equity, he recently published "Equity and Sustainability: An Exploratory Essay" (with Robin Morris Collin), *West Virginia Law Review* vol. 96: 1173-93 (1994); and has forthcoming very soon, "Where Did All the Blue Skies Go? Sustainability and Equity" (with Robin Morris Collin), *The*

Planners Network Session at April APA/CIP Conference

Planners Network has organized a session on "Progressive Planning in Canada" for the American Planning Association/Canadian Institute of Planners Annual Conference to be held in Toronto on April 8-12. The preliminary session time is Sunday April 9, from 2:30 to 3:45 PM.

Panelists include:

- Toronto-based Frank Lewinberg of Berridge Lewinberg Greenberg, a firm that specializes in social housing and urban intensification
- Marcia Nozick (invited), a Coordinator, Healthy Communities, Winnipeg and author of *No Place Like Home: Building Sustainable Communities*
- Barbara Rahder, Graduate Planning Programs Coordinator, Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University, Toronto; principal of Rahder and Associates, a social research and community planning firm.
- Ann Forsyth, Planners Network co-chair, moderator

Thanks to Barbara Rahder, David Morton, Tom Angotti and Norm Krumholz for helping to organize this event.

Ann Forsyth, PN Co-Chair

Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation vol. 10, about 70 pp. (1995). Bob can be reached at 1961 Agate St. Eugene, OR 97405; 503/346-3635; fax: 503/346-2040; e-mail: RWC@uoregon.edu.

□ **CANADIAN LOCAL PLANNING.** Robert Lee Russell writes: "Since July 1990, I have worked for an area (i.e. local) municipality planning department as a planner, with a specialization in urban design. In the past four years I have, among other things, completed the final stages of a hamlet secondary plan, Community Improvement Policies, and a Community Assist for an Urban Study Effort (C.A.U.S.E.) Event, which is a Program of the Ontario Association of Architects. Also, I have contributed to a new Official Plan for Clarington by doing, alongside other tasks, an existing land use survey (windshield and on foot) covering the western half of Clarington (about 35,000 people spread over 110 square miles)." Robert can be reached at the Municipality of Clarington Planning and Development Dept., 1648 Nash Road, Courtice, Ontario L1E 2L1, Canada.

□ **MEXICAN ELECTIONS.** Grace Braley writes that she "lived in Mexico almost half of 1994, following the experience of being a foreign visitor to their elections — willing to network, provide information with or without slides." Contact her at 60 Culver St., Yonkers, NY 10705; 914/476-4381.

Queries

□ **DIVERSE/STABLE NEIGHBORHOODS.** The Policy Research Action Group and the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities have begun a research effort to identify and document factors that create and sustain diverse neighborhoods in US central cities. They are seeking information and contacts in order to develop their database. Contact Michael Maly at PRAG, Dept. Sociology and Anthropology, Loyola University, 264s Granada Centre, 6525 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60626; 312/508-3468; e-mail: mmaly@luc.edu.

□ **HOMELESSNESS/TEXTBOOK.** *The Homeless*, a high-school and college text from Greenhaven Press, is being revised. The publisher is looking for articles, position papers, documents, book excerpts, etc. on a variety of topics related to homelessness. Contact Lynette Knapp at Greenhaven, PO Box 289009, San Diego, CA 92198-9009; 619/485-7424.

□ **ESSAYS ON HUD.** HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research has issued a call for brief essays on HUD's role and contributions over the last 30 years, for possible publication in a special Fall 1996 issue of the journal *Cityscape* (\$4.00) commemorating HUD's founding. They're looking for first-person essays (growing up in public housing, owning a home for the first time, implementing HUD programs at the local level, etc.), commentary on HUD achievements and limitations in particular policy areas (fair

housing, neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing, urban economic development, special needs housing, etc.) or analysis of HUD's evolving role from 1965-95. Essays should be 750 words maximum and there is no compensation. Submit essays to Janice London, Aspen Systems Corp., 1600 Research Blvd., Rockville, MD 20860; 301/251-5444.

□ **BOOK PROPOSALS.** "Metropolis and Region" is a new monograph series published by Sage. Series editor Allen Scott is soliciting book proposals (edited books are out of the running). Contact him at the Lewis Center for Reg. Policy Studies, UCLA, LA, CA 90024-1467; 310/206-4417.

□ **CHILDREN/HOUSING.** The journal *Children's Environments* is looking for papers for an issue on "Children and Housing." The submission deadline is July 1, 1995. Authors interested in submitting should request Authors Guidelines from: Children's Environments Research Group, City University of New York, Graduate School and University Center, 33 West 42 St., New York, NY 10036; 212/642-2970; fax: 212/642-2971.

Passing the Word

Economic and Community Development

□ **SELF-HELP EFFORTS.** "The Grassroots Struggle for Change" is the theme of the Fall 1994 issue of *Georgia Poverty Journal*, periodically published by the Georgia Legal Service Program and likely free from them at 161 Spring St. NW, 5th fl., Atlanta, GA 30303; 404/656-6021. The issue includes several accounts of self-help efforts within low-income and minority communities.

□ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPS/SOUTH.** *Development With Dignity: An Assessment of Community-Based Economic Development in the South*, by Isaiah Madison, surveys 50 CDCs. The complete report is available for \$20 from the Institute for Southern Studies, PO Box 531, Durham, NC 27702; 919/419-8311; a five-page version can be found in the Winter 1994 issue of *Southern Exposure*.

□ **UNEMPLOYMENT/RACE.** *Displacement Rates, Unemployment Spells and Reemployment Wages by Race* (32 pp., Sept. 1994) is a GAO report (GAO/HEHS-94-229FS) available, free, from USGAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015.

□ **MINIMUM WAGE.** *Four Years and Still Falling: The Decline in the Value of the Minimum Wage*, by Isaac Shapiro (14 pp., Jan. 1995), is available from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 777 N. Capitol St. #705, Washington, DC 20002; 202/408-1080; contact them for price.

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Making Waves Along the "Big Muddy"

by Ken Reardon

The 1995 National Conference of Planners Network is scheduled to take place at State Community College in East St. Louis on May 19, 20 and 21. More than two hundred community leaders and PN members are expected to attend this year's event.

This year's conference entitled, "Creating a Progressive Urban Agenda: Linking Citizen Action and Equity Planning", will focus on a wide-range of issues related to urban poverty, community development and citizen empowerment. It is a particularly important event given the recent efforts of Newt Gingrich to use the Contract with America to dismantle our nation's urban poverty and environmental protection programs.

Planners Network is delighted to welcome the following organizations as co-sponsors of this year's event: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois at Chicago, City of East St. Louis, Race and Justice Commission of the United Church of Christ, State Community College, Student Planning Organization (UIUC), Winstanley/Industry Park Neighborhood Organization and the Metro St. Louis Chapter of the American Planning Association.

The Conference will take place at State Community College in downtown East St. Louis. Conference housing will be provided at the Ramada Inn in nearby Fairview Heights. For registration information, see pages 8-9.

Individuals interested in participating in the Conference as a poster board presenter, workshop session speaker or workshop organizer should call Ken Reardon at the U of I (217-244-5384). Members willing to help recruit others from their area to participate in the Conference should call Damon or Andy at the U of I to receive a package of recruitment materials (217-244-5394).

All involved in organizing the Conference look forward to seeing you in East St. Louis on May 19, 20, and 21.

Conference Highlights

Friday, May 19th

- Conference participants will work with East St. Louis community leaders on **eight neighborhood planning charrettes**.
- A **moot court** will be held by Washington University and the Race and Justice Commission of the United Church of Christ presenting the case against polluters in East St. Louis.
- **Nine concurrent workshops** exploring new ideas, concepts and strategies for: affordable housing, job creation, environmental justice, alternative transportation, crime prevention, international development, local economic development, health care reform, welfare reform, and community empowerment.
- A **sunset dinner cruise** on the Mississippi River's largest riverboat, the Casino Queen of East St. Louis, followed by keynote speeches by East St. Louis Mayor Gordon Bush and Governor Jim Edgar.

Saturday, May 20

- A **plenary session** on challenges facing progressive planners caused by structural changes in the global economy.
- A **second plenary session**, moderated by Pierre Clavel, will introduce recent innovations in progressive planning practice. Planners who are people of color and women will discuss the future of radical planning practice in America.
- A second round of **concurrent**

workshops on local community problem-solving in the nine areas identified above.

- A **poster board session** to permit individuals wishing to informally share their work with others.
- A **Gala Community Event** will be held on Saturday evening featuring a candle light dinner in the atrium of the East St. Louis City Hall. This will be followed by a keynote address on environmental justice. We have invited Carol Browner, EPA Administrator, to be the evening's speaker. The Katherine Dunham Youth Dance Troupe and the Metro St. Louis High School Jazz Band will perform (dancing shoes are a must!). An old-fashioned block party will follow in front of City Hall.

Sunday, May 21

- Planners Network **annual business/organizing meeting**.
- A **"town meeting"** to discuss PN's national platform in the face of the Gingrich assault on domestic programs. This discussion will be dedicated to the memory of Rob Mier, our friend and member, who recently passed away after a courageous fight against cancer. Rob was well known for facilitating such democratic planning sessions throughout his long career as an activist, educator and municipal official.

Meet Me in East St. Louis!

I urge all PNers to consider seriously attending the May conference. It's the first time we've done this event outside the Northeast — where most of our members live and where there is historical reluctance to travel to the heartland. It looks to be a first-rate event, and Ken and his colleagues have done a bang-up job in organizing it. The new PN leadership deserves your full support, which can be best shown by being there.

Chester Hartman, PN founder

From the PN Steering Committee:

Statement Against the "Contract on America"

The Planners Network Steering Committee is distributing the following statement on the GOP's "Contract on America" and the Balanced Budget Amendment. All members are urged to adapt and use this statement as a way of showing that there are professionals and community advocates that don't believe the rhetoric and twisted logic that says

cutting government assistance to communities will empower communities.

The day before the vote on the BBA, the PN co-chairs sent letters to key Senators. The letters noted how the BBA is poor fiscal policy, would threaten important urban programs, and hurt low- and moderate-income communities the most.

While the BBA failed to pass on its first vote in the Senate, the Republican leadership plans to bring it back for a vote until it passes. All members are urged to write their Senators and go on record against the BBA in all its forms. If you would like to use the Steering Committee letter as a model, contact the PN office for a copy.

PLANNERS AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATES AGAINST THE GOP CONTRACT AND BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

We are urban planners, scholars, community development professionals, and advocates for social justice.

The Republican Party's *Contract with America* threatens to upset grassroots initiatives aimed at improving living conditions in the nation's cities. While promising to reduce government bureaucracy, the *Contract* would end the limited federal support to low-income communities in central cities and rural areas, and redistribute wealth upwards. Under assault by the GOP extremists are many programs that have long had bi-partisan support. The *Contract* would ultimately hurt every working American.

The Republican Congress threatens to dismantle the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and dissolve many programs such as public housing that directly benefit low-income communities. HUD's own "Reinvention Blueprint," buys into the *Contract* philosophy and would severely cripple government support for local community development.

The **Balanced Budget Amendment** would mean cuts of 30-50 percent in domestic spending, which would disproportionately affect our communities and the most vulnerable among us.

Public housing, one of the few sources of low-rent housing for the poor, should be preserved and improved, not privatized. Proposals to replace public housing subsidies with housing vouchers would make it impossible for many people to find decent housing in urban markets that are restricted by racial and class discrimination.

HUD programs should continue to be targeted to low-income communities. Proposals to replace program spending with block grants to the States would result in the diversion of resources from those who need them most.

The **Community Reinvestment Act**, which has prodded banks into lending in low-income communities, should be strengthened and not eliminated.

Both Republican and Administration welfare reform proposals would hurt poor children and women most.

We urge everyone to contact their Senators and Representatives and register a strong vote against the *Contract*.

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Announcing a PN Forum:

The Contract and You

We're all reeling from the GOP legislative and budget-cutting onslaught on the federal level, and many of us are also confronting similar measures on the state and local levels.

What does it all mean for us — as professionals, as activists, and as analysts? Starting with the May 1995 issue, the Planners Network initiates a forum on the impact of these changes on our work and the constituencies affected by our work.

We'd like to receive short pieces — one to three paragraphs long — from you on the impact of the new measures (or the threat

of them) on your work, and the ways that people are attempting to resist them. We'd especially like to hear about the issues most closely related to planning: the "takings" and regulatory bills; the revisions and cutbacks in housing, community development, welfare, nutrition and human services programs; devolution of responsibility to state and local levels; and the balanced budget amendment.

To make the next issue of the newsletter, send us your thoughts by MAY 1 at the latest.

Resources for Fighting the Contract on America

- **The Coalition on Human Needs** (1000 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20007; 202/342-0726) provides a general forum for anti-contract work.
- **The Center for Community Change** (1000 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20007; 202/342-0519) issues Policy Alerts through Handsnet and via fax.
- **REAP (Research, Education and Advocacy on Poverty)** is organizing a "100-Day Campaign to Awaken the Conscience of America": PO Box 50832, Washington, DC 20001; 202/371-0025.
- **"Break the Contract on America"** is a litigation, education and organizing campaign organized by the Center for Constitutional Rights. The effort is mobilizing the progressive legal community to develop litigation as proposed legislation becomes law. Information from Pat Levasseur at CCR, 666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012; 212/614-6422.
- **"The Campaign for an America That Works"** is an anti-corporate effort launched by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters as a counter to "The Contract With America." It focuses on creating good jobs, tax fairness, retirement security and safe communities. Contact Bob Nicklas, 25 Louisiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202/624-8741.
- A **"Balanced Budget Amendment Question and Answer Sheet"** is available (likely free) from the National Congress for Community Economic Development, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW #524, Washington, DC 20009; 202/234-5009.
- **Block Grants: Backdoor Budget Cuts** (231 pp., Jan., 1995), available (possibly free) from the Public Policy Dept., SEIU, 1313 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20005; 202/898-3316, explores the impact of program consolidation on state budgets, drawing on a historical review of funding changes of block grants over the last 5- and 10-year budget cycles, showing that funding increases for block grants lag far behind those for categorical programs performing similar functions.
- **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities** (777 N. Capitol St. #705, Washington, DC 20002; 202/408-1080) has available "The New Fiscal Agenda: What Will It Mean and How Will It be Accomplished?" (30 pp., Jan. 1995) and "The Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment" (7 pp., Jan. 1995), as well as many other useful, up-to-date publications.
- **The Institute for Policy Studies** has published a draft "Call to Progressive Action" and is organizing teach-ins, a Washington Summer, and is preparing educational materials. Contact John Cavanagh of IPS, 1601 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009; 202/234-9382.
- A **"Contract with America's Children"** counterdocument is being organized by a coalition of children's groups, including Children Now: 1212 Broadway #530, Oakland, CA 94612; 510/763-2444 or 800/CHILD44.
- **"Shredding the Safety Net: The Contract with America's Impact on Poor and Homeless People,"** from the National Coalition for the Homeless, 1612 K St. NW #1004, Washington, DC 20006; 202/775-1322.
- The **"Principles for a Responsible Housing and Human Needs Agenda,"** endorsed by 40 national organizations, has been organized by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1012 14th St. NW #1200, Washington, DC 20005; 202/662-1530 (see the box on page 12 for more on this).
- The **education implications** of The Contract are outlined in a five-page memo (likely free), from the Center on Law and Education, 197 Friend St., 9th Fl., Boston, MA 02114; 617/371-1166.
- Copies of all **10 Contract bills**, as originally submitted, are available (free) from the Republican Conference, US House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515-6544.
- **"A Fresh Start: The Progressive Alternative to the Republican 'Contract'"** — the January/February issue of *The New Democrat* — \$3 from the Democratic Leadership Council, 518 C St. NE, Washington, DC 20006; 202/546-6007.
- **The National Housing Law Project** (2201 Broadway, Suite 815, Oakland, CA 94606; 501/251-9400; fax 501/251-0600) has produced a critique of HUD's Reinvention Blueprint and other documents on housing policy.
- For the **"Welfare Reform With a Heart Campaign"** and other information on welfare reform organizing and publications, see the section on "Welfare" on pages 11-12..

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□ **NEWARK PHOTOS.** *No Easy Walk: Newark 1980-1993*, by Helen Stummer, is a photodocumentary of Newark's Central Ward. 140 pp., 56 photos, Dec. 1994. \$18.95 from Temple University Press, Broad and Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215/204-8787.

□ **RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGY.** The Campaign for Responsible Technology was formed in 1990 to strengthen local organizing in key high-tech cities and to provide a forum for groups confronting technology-related issues. Labor, environmental justice, occupational health and technology policy groups are involved. Information from CRT, 760 N. First St., San Jose, CA 95112; 408/287-6707.

□ **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING.** *Beyond the Politics of Place* (100 pp.), a recent report by Gary Delgado, director of the Applied Research Center (ARC) in Oakland, Calif, describes how community organizing has taken new turns in recent years as the rise of identity politics has transformed traditional notions of "place" as the terrain for collective action. Contact ARC, 25 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland, CA 94606; 510/534-1769; fax 510/534-9680 (\$16; \$3 shipping).

□ **CBOS/JELLYROLLS.** Herbert J. Rubin has written the provocatively titled *There Aren't Going to Be Any Bakeries Here if There Is No Money to Afford Jellyrolls: The Organic Theory of Community Based Development*. The 24-page study, based on interviews with CBO directors, elaborates on the ways CBOs accomplish community revitalization beyond "bricks and mortar." Copies free from the author, Dept. of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115.

□ **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE.** The Union Institute Center for Public Policy is sponsoring three regional workshops entitled, "Strengthening Communities Through State Tax Credit Partnerships: A Regional Workshop on State Neighborhood Assistance Programs (NAP)," March 2-3, 1995 in Philadelphia; Apr. 6 in Salem, OR, and Apr. 27-28 (tentative) in Richmond, VA. The workshops are of particular interest to nonprofits involved in housing, social services and community development, and those seeking additional funding opportunities. Contact: Carol Wayman, The Union Institute, 1731 Connecticut Ave., NW, #300, Washington, DC 20009-1146; 202/667-1313 or 800/969-6676.

□ **CDFI.** The Woodstock Institute (WI) has two new publications: (1) *Community Development Financial Institutions: Investing in People and Communities* (20 pp.) describes various types of CDFIs, the roles they play in meeting credit needs, examples of specific lending programs, capital needs of CDFIs and relationships between CDFIs and conventional financial institutions; (2) *More for Our Money: A Primer on Public Deposit Programs* (33 pp.) is a guide for state, city and county governments interested in setting up public deposit programs. Each is available for \$10 (government, university, and nonprofits) or \$20 (for-profit organizations) from WI, 407 S. Dearborn, #550, Chicago, IL 60605; 312/427-8070.

□ **CDBG.** The Coalition for Low-Income Community De-

velopment (CL-ICD) has produced an illustrated guide for groups interested in obtaining Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds: *CDBG Stories: An Organizing Manual by the Coalition for Low-Income Community Development* (70 pp.). Available from CL-ICD, 410/2835. Price is \$25; \$15 for CL-ICD newsletter subscribers.

Environment

□ **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ON-LINE.** An Environmental Justice Computer Network has been established at Boston College Law School. For submissions and information, contact Charlie Lord, 885 Centre St., Newton, MA 02159; 617/552-0928.

□ **PESTICIDES.** Beyond Pesticides is a new coalition formed "to unite groups to work on pesticide issues that involve environment, labor, children, health, women, consumers and social justice." For a copy of their Statement of Principles, contact them at 701 E St. SE, Washington, DC 20003; 202/543-5450. (Their west coast office is at 4516 University Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105; 206/632-1545.)

□ **JOBS/ENVIRONMENT.** *Gold and Green*, by Bob Hall, is a study disproving the "jobs vs. environment" myth, showing that states with the best environmental records also offer the best job opportunities and climate for long-term economic development. The 24-page, Oct. 1994 study is available from the Institute for Southern Studies, PO Box 531, Durham, NC 27702; 919/419-8311. No price listed.

□ **MORE JOBS/ENVIRONMENT.** *Jobs and the Environment: The Myth of a National Trade-Off*, by Eban Goodstein (43 pp., 1994), is available (\$12) from the Economic Policy Institute, through Public Interest Pubs., 800/537-9359.

□ **SWOP APPEAL.** The SouthWest Organizing Project (SWOP) writes us: "Across the Southwest, affiliates of the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice are being subpoenaed, served with injunctions limiting our activities or attacked with SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Political Participation) suits. This trend is a move by industry to tie us up with lengthy and costly court proceedings, and to intimidate our organizations from doing the work that makes us who we are." Contributions to help pay legal costs for the SLAPP suits may be sent to SWOP, 211 10th St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102; 505/247-8832; fax: 505/247-9972.

□ **A & T MOVEMENTS.** *Tranet*, a bi-monthly digest for the A & T (alternative and transformational) movements, distributed to members. Individual membership is \$30/year. Contact: Tranet, Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970-0567; 207/864-2252; e-mail: tranet@igc.apc.org.

Health

□ **HEALTH/MINORITY WOMEN.** *Access to Health Care: Minority Women* is a Sept. 1994 resource list of materials available from the National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health, 2000 15th St. N. #701, Arlington, VA 22201-2617; 703/524-7802.

□ **HEALTH/CHILDREN.** "Critical Health Issues for Children and Youth" is the Winter 1994 issue of *The Future of Children*, the (free) publication of the Center for the Future of Children, David and Lucile Packard Foundation, 300 Second St. #102, Los Altos, CA 94022; 415/948-3696.

□ **HEALTH/DISADVANTAGE.** "Disadvantage in Health" was the theme of the June 1994 issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*. Some 17 articles deal with black life expectancy, behavioral risk factors among Latinos, the resurgence of TB, the reliability of racial classifications in hospital discharge data, black-white differences in health care treatment, etc. Single copies are \$13 from APHA, 1015 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005; 202/789-5600.

□ **DEBATES IN HEALTH CARE.** "Health Care Debate, 1994: Movement Agendas" is the Summer 1994 issue of *Social Policy*. The 64-page issue is available for \$5 from 33 W. 42 St. #1212, New York, NY 10036. Subs for the quarterly are \$12 for students, \$50 institutions, \$20 others.

□ **PAYING FOR HEALTH CARE.** *Paying for Health Care: Affordability and Equity in Proposals for Health Care Reform*, by Edith Rasell and Kainan Tang (54 pp., Dec. 1994), is available from the Economic Policy Institute, 1730 Rhode Island Ave. NW #200, Washington, DC 20036; 202/775-8810. No price listed.

□ **HEALTH INSURANCE.** *Sources of Health Insurance and Characteristics of the Uninsured: Analysis of the March 1994 Current Population Survey* (48 pp., Feb. 1995) is available from the Employee Benefit Research Institute, 2121 K St. NW #600, Washington, DC 20037-1896; 202/659-0670. No price listed.

□ **HEALTH/LATINOS.** *The COSSMHO Reporter* is the bimonthly newsletter of The National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organization, 1501 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036; 202/387-5000.

□ **INFANT MORTALITY/LIFE EXPECTANCY.** *The First Injustice: Socioeconomic Disparities in Infant Mortality in the US: Theoretical and Policy Perspectives*, by Steven Gortmaker and Paul Wise (61 pp., Nov. 1994), and *Income Inequality and Life Expectancy — Theory, Research and Policy*, by Ichiro Kawachi, Sol Levine, S.M. Miller, Kathryn Lasch and Benjamin Amick III (51 pp. + app., May 1994), are working papers from the Joint Program in Society and Health of the Harvard School of Public Health. Both, plus an 11-page, April 1994 Mission Statement and Program Description, are available from the Program, 677 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115; 617/432-1135. No price listed.

Housing

□ **ELDERLY HOUSING.** *Progress in Elderly Housing* (37 pp.), a recent study by the American Association of Retired Persons, describes the current housing circumstances of older people and how they have changed over the past decade. Free. Contact: Fulfillment Public Policy Institute, AARP, 601 E St. NW, Washington, DC 20049; 202/434-2277.

□ **HISTORIC PRESERVATION/AFFORDABLE HOUSING.** The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service has recently published *Affordable Housing Through Historic Preservation: A Case Study to Combining the Tax Credits*. It presents an overview of how to finance historic buildings using both historic preservation tax credits and low income housing tax credits. To order, send \$3.50 to the Superintendent of Documents, PO Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954; 202/783-3239.

□ **HOME LOANS/DISCRIMINATION.** *Ranking the Lenders: Investigating for Patterns of Racial Discrimination in the Making of Home Loans* (35 pp. + maps, Dec. 1994) is available from the Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, 1300 19th St. NW #500, Washington, DC 20036; 202/835-0031. No price listed.

□ **HUNGER/HOMELESSNESS.** *A Status Report on Hunger and Homelessness in America's Cities: 1994* is the annual survey (30 cities) by the US Conference of Mayors. 88 pp. + App., Dec. 1994, \$15 from the Conference, 1620 Eye St. NW, Washington, DC 20006; 202/293-7330.

□ **NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE.** "Lifetime and Five-Year Prevalence of Homelessness in the US," by B.G. Link, E. Susser, A. Stueve, J. Phelan, R.E. Moore and E. Struening, appeared in the Dec. 1994 *American Journal of Public Health*. Free reprints available from Dr. Bruce Link, Epidemiology of Mental Disorders, 100 Haven Ave. #31D, New York, NY 10032. The same issue of *AJPH* has an editorial, "Homeless in America," available free from Dr. Robert Rosenheck, MD/182, Northeast Program Evaluation Center, 950 Campbell Ave., W. Haven, CT 06516.

□ **ANTI-HOMELESS LAWS.** *No Homeless People Allowed: A Report on Anti-Homeless Laws, Litigation and Alternatives in 49 U.S. Cities* (120 pp. + App., Dec. 1994) is an update of the Dec. 1993 report by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty. \$25 (with a discounted rate available for small nonprofits) from the Center, 918 F St. NW #412, Washington, DC 20004; 202/638-2535.

□ **PREPAYMENT PROGRAM.** *A Guide to HUD's Prepayment Housing Program* has been released by the Citizens Research Education Network. Contact: Kim McClain, CREN, 32 Elm St., Hartford, CT 06106; 203/249-1416.

□ **HOUSING DISCRIMINATION.** *An Assessment of the Adverse Impacts of Housing Market Discrimination and Suggestions for Policy* (45 pp., Sept. 1994) and *The Cumulative Impacts of Slavery, Jim Crow and Housing Market Discrimination on Black Welfare* (48 pp. + figs., likely 1994 also), both by John Kain, are available (possibly free) from him, Dept. of Economics, Littauer Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138.

□ **OCCUPANCY STANDARDS.** *An Ethnography of Occupancy Standards: Reconceptualizing Definitions of Discrimination on the Basis of National Origin and Familial Status*, by P. Ellen Pader (7 pp.), is available from her, Dept. of
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CREATING A PROGRESSIVE URBAN AGENDA: LINKING COMMUNITY ACTION AND EQUITY PLANNING

PLANNERS NETWORK 1995 CONFERENCE

May 19-21, 1995

State Community College, 601 Thompson Boulevard
East St. Louis, Illinois

Why East St. Louis?

In this distressed midwestern city, many progressive solutions have emerged to deal with severe environmental, housing, employment, public safety and municipal services problems. These are made possible by the efforts of neighborhood organizations, service agencies, local and state officials, and university planners and designers.

The Planners Network Conference will bring together professionals, academics, students and activists from across the country, who will share their knowledge and experiences in community planning and organizing. They will witness the unique local efforts by participating in charettes, workshops and field trips with local planners, activists and policymakers.

Breaking the Contract

Beyond local action, fundamental changes are required in the distribution of wealth and power at the national level. The Republican Contract on America would further redistribute wealth upward. Conference workshops and plenaries will address ways to counter the Contract and create a progressive urban agenda.

The Planners Network annual meeting will be held on Sunday. All participants are invited to summarize and evaluate the conference, and discuss future PN actions.

Special Events

- Field trips to meet with local neighborhood organizations and development corporations
- Keynote by Hon. Gordon H. Bush, Mayor of East St. Louis and Hon. James Edgar, Governor of Illinois
- Friday dinner on the Mississippi Casino Queen Boat
- Gala community event at East St. Louis City Hall, with a performance by the Katherine Dunham Junior Dance Troupe and a Block Party in City Hall Parking Lot

Registration

Thanks to several generous contributions, the cost of this year's conference is substantially less than last year: \$75 general, \$40 student and \$30 community leaders **BEFORE APRIL 1**; late registration, after April 1, is \$90 general, \$50 student, and \$40 community leaders.

Transportation

The St. Louis International Airport (Lambert Field) is located 45 minutes from the Metro Link light rail system, which goes to within four blocks of the conference site (students at the PN Welcome Table on the airport's Grand Concourse will direct you; vans will meet trains at the East St. Louis Metrolink station to take you to the conference site). The Community College is within four blocks of Interstates 55/70. TWA is offering a 5-10% discount off the lowest available fare. Contact TWA's Conference Travel Desk (800/325-4933); identify yourself as a PN Conference attendee and give them our profile number: T23220.

Lodging

Arrangements have been made for accommodations at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights, Illinois. (East St. Louis does not have a full-service hotel or motel.) The \$54.39 plus tax room rate includes a continental breakfast. Each room has one king-sized bed or two double-beds and can accommodate up to four. Transportation will be provided at no extra cost to and from the conference site. A limited number of rooms are available at the PN discount rate, so please make your reservations early. Send the reservation form directly to the hotel.

Child Care

Free during regular conference hours, but you must register by April 15 and tell us the number and ages of children needing care.

Information

For information contact Ken Reardon, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Phone: 217/244-5384; fax: 217/244-5384; e-mail: kmjr@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu.

Register Now! Space is limited.

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**May 19-21, 1995
State Community College
East St. Louis, Illinois**

Name _____

Title/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone (days) _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Registration Fee

General: \$75 per person before Apr. 1/\$90 per person after Apr. 1 _____

Student: \$40 per person before Apr. 1/\$50 per person after Apr. 1 _____

Community Leaders: \$30 per person before Apr. 1/ \$40 after Apr. 1 _____

Planners Tours (Sunday): \$15 each _____

TOTAL _____

Full payment must accompany registration. Please make checks payable to Planners Network. Send to Planners Network, Pratt GCPE, 379 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Planners Network 1995 Conference

SEND DIRECTLY TO HOTEL

**Ramada Inn
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Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208
800-947-0317**

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

No. of Rooms: _____ Total Persons: _____ Adults _____ Children: _____

Name: _____

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Phone: _____

Group: _____

Accommodations Desired: King-sized bed _____ 2 double beds _____ Smoking _____ Non-smoking _____

Want to room with others? Yes _____ No _____ Preferred roommate characteristics:

Maximum number: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ Gender M _____ F _____ Smoker: Yes _____ No _____

(If you wish, the hotel will match you with other conference registrants.)

Rates: \$54.39, per night for 1-4 persons per room. Reservations must be received by MAY 4, 1995 to guarantee rate and availability. To guarantee room for late arrival (after 4 pm) send one night's deposit or list credit card number below:

Type _____ No. _____ Expiration: _____

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Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, Hills N., University Mass., Amherst, MA 01003; 413/545-6620.

□ **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/HOUSING.** The Institute for Community Economics (ICE) has issued *Managing the Money Side: Financial Management for Community-Based Housing Organizations*, a basic resource clarifies the financial understanding required to manage such organizations and provides workable model systems. Contact: ICE, 57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105-1331. List price is \$50 (plus \$3 shipping); discounts for nonprofit housing organizations (\$35), Community Land Trust (CLT) Associates (\$35), and CLT Affiliates (\$20). Additional copies are \$20.

□ **CENSUS BUREAU BRIEFS/HOUSING.** *Housing of Lower-Income Households* is a 2-page, Sept. 1994 Census Bureau Statistical Brief, available through Timothy Grall, 301/763-8148. Other Statistics Briefs: *Tracking the American Dream — 50 Years of Housing Changes* (2 pp., April 1994; contact: F. John Devaney, 301/763-8018); *Housing in Metropolitan Areas — Structural Characteristics* (4 pp., July 1994; contact: Robert Bonnette, 301/763-8553); *New Homes* (4 pp., July 1994; contact: William Chapin, 301/763-8553).

□ **PUBLIC HOUSING/SECURITY.** *Security Issues in Public Housing* is a 40-page annotated bibliography available (\$18) from the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities, 601 Penn. Ave. NW #825, Washington, DC 20004-2612; 202/638-1300.

□ **URBAN RENEWAL/BLACK REMOVAL.** "Street by Street, Block by Block: How Urban Renewal Uprooted Black Roanoke," by Mary Bishop, is a 12-page supplement to the Jan. 29, 1995 *Roanoke Times and World-News*, detailing, with many personal accounts, the impact of the city's urban renewal program. Reprints are available (probably free) from Bishop at the Times, PO Box 2491, Roanoke, VA 24010.

□ **TAX CREDITS.** The 8th edition of *Tax Credits for Low Income Housing*, by housing and development consultant (and PNER) Joseph Guggenheim, includes a totally re-written explanation of the tax credit program, including significant amendments enacted when the program was made permanent. Contact: Simon Publications, PO Box 229, Glen Echo, MD 20812; 301/320-5771. Soft cover (390 pp): \$62, plus \$5 shipping; loose leaf edition (540 pp), \$165, plus \$10 shipping (includes three quarterly supplements).

Poverty

□ **WAR ON POVERTY/VIDEO/BOOK.** *America's New War on Poverty*, the guidebook produced to accompany the recent five-part PBS series by Blackside Productions, is available at a deep discount (55%, or \$5.83/book, for 50-100 books, \$5.18 for 100+ copies) from KQED, 2601 Mariposa St., San Francisco, CA 94110-1400, 415/864-2000. Single copies are 12.95. PN founder Chester Hartman was an advisor for the book project, and PNER Jacqueline Pope was interviewed both for the series and for the book. VHS copies

of the TV series are available from PBS Video, 800/424-7963. A "Discussion and Viewers Guide" is available (likely free) from the Civil Rights Project, 486 Shawmut Ave., Boston, MA 02118-3373; 617/536-6900 x260.

□ **EITC MONITORING PROJECT.** The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty plans to monitor the Earned Income Tax Credit outreach efforts of the IRS. To get involved in the project, contact Teresa Hinze at the Center, 918 F St. NW #412, Washington, DC 20004; 202/638-2535.

□ **INCOME INEQUALITY.** "The Largest Gaps Between Rich and Poor" is a map/chart of the US from the Jan. 15, 1995 *NY Times*, depicting the ratio between the average annual income earned by the richest and poorest fifth of the population (using 1990 Census data). The least disparity (a 4.5 ratio) was in Manassas Park City, VA, the greatest disparity (a whopping 32.1 ratio) was in Manhattan.

Race/Ethnic

□ **CLINTON/CIVIL RIGHTS.** *New Challenges: The Civil Rights Record of the Clinton Administration Mid-term*, Corrine Yu and William L. Taylor, eds. (302 pp., 1995), is the bi-annual report of the Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights. Included are the recommendations of the Commission and 20 working papers, including ones on minority poverty, health, environmental justice and housing. Available from the Commission, 2000 M St. NW #400, Washington, DC 20036; 202/659-5565 for \$23.75 (\$24.95 for DC residents).

□ **MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES.** *Building Bridges: Creating and Sustaining Viable Multicultural Communities* is a compilation from a convening of Hitachi Foundation grantees (76 pp., 1994), available (likely free) from the Foundation, 1509 22 St. NW, Washington, DC 20037-1073; 202/457-0588.

□ **DISCRIMINATION/MALES.** "Discrimination Over the Life Course: A Synthetic Cohort Analysis of Earnings Differences Between Black and White Males, 1940-90," by Melvin Thomas, Cedric Herring and Hayward Horton, from the Nov. 1994 *Social Problems*, is available (\$1.50) from Prof. Herring, Dept. Sociology (M/C 312), University IL, 1007 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL 60607.

□ **JOURNAL ON RACE.** *Race and Reason* is the new semi-annual publication of Columbia University's Institute for Research in African-American Studies. The initial (Autumn 1994) issue had a special section on "Afrocentrism and Its Critics" and a long interview with black feminist scholar bell hooks by Institute Director Manning Marable. For information contact the Institute, 758 Schermerhorn Extension, New York, NY 10027; 212/854-7080.

□ **RACISM/WOMEN.** *Racism in the Lives of Women: Testimony, Theory and Guides to Anti-Racist Practice*, Jeanne Adleman and Gloria Enguidanos, eds. (326 pp., 1994), is available (\$22.70) from Haworth Press, 10 Alice St., Binghamton, NY 13904-1580; 800/342-9678. They also publish the quarterly *Journal of Multicultural Social Work*,

Remembering Rob Mier

Robert Mier died February 4 of complications from lymphoma and other cancers that began attacking him about a year ago when he took a trip to Sao Luis in northeast Brazil. Only someone as strong as Rob would have resisted as long as he did, and those lucky enough to have been with him this year as he bounced in and out of treatment will particularly remember his strength.

It is a sad irony, but Rob had good reason to think he was a victim of Agent Orange. Although he spent much of his adult life and his entire professional career fighting injustice and racism, as a young adult he had spent time in Viet Nam as an officer with the Navy's civil construction group, and he carried memories not only of the suffering inflicted on the Vietnamese, but also of the agony of U.S. servicemen. He vividly remembered his own exposure to toxic herbicides.

Rob leaves his brother Fred in St. Louis and his sister Nell in Washington, and in Chicago his wife Joan Fitzgerald and her daughter Shelly, and his former wife Sharon Mier and their children Brian, Brendan, Lian, and grandchildren Dylan and Jon Jon.

Rob also leaves a huge coterie of friends and co-workers in and around the city planning business. His career, and especially his association with Chicago Mayor Harold Washington, made Rob one of the most influential city planners in America. Rob combined a strong moral force with intellectual depth and technical genius—everyone who ever attended one of his lectures or classroom workshop sessions, at UICC, at Cornell, at ACSP or APA meetings, and probably everyone who worked with him in Chicago's City Hall (or against him, for that matter), got a taste of his unusual strength. He was demanding but generous, pursued his goals with zeal but knew when to compromise, thought things out in advance but could adjust rapidly as circumstances changed.

My favorite public recollection is one of his lectures at Cornell just two or three years ago—not his last visit, but

the one the year before that. He was finishing a series of stories of the history of Chicago Mayor Harold Washington's government. As Rob recalled Washington's strength, he began to falter as he approached the story of the mayor's death. Members of the large audience began to shift in their seats, in evident discomfort, when Rob lost his own composure, and had to stop talking, to gather himself again. Some of us had trouble continuing, Rob most of all.

Earlier in his career, while still a graduate student, but after some time running construction projects for the Navy in the Bay Area, Rob took on the job of administrative director of a spread-out research project on urban poverty. Funded by Elliott Leibow's NIMH Metro Center, headed by Tom Vietorisz in New York, and with components in Ithaca and Cambridge, the project was threatened by chaos and disorder. From his offices at the New School and his family's basement apartment in Brooklyn Heights, Rob kept the budget in the black, the sometimes otherwise occupied researchers on schedule, the government unconcerned about sedition, and reports and articles moving toward publication. He not only got paid, but also finished his thesis and got his degree!

I was lucky enough to see Rob just before his last relapse, when he was cheerful some of the time, still walking, even riding the exercise bike, and we had a big dinner together of steak and French fried potatoes! Joan was feeding him healthier food than beef and greasy potatoes, but while she was out, Rob and I hatched a plan to get a fat filet mignon, and we won. Dinner was good. He looked very happy.

We will be happy again, after time passes, and I suspect we'll feel best if we continue to press ahead. We can all borrow strength from Rob Mier's progressive and anti-racist urban development agenda.

William Goldsmith
Ithaca, Feb. 5, 1995

subs: \$40 individuals, \$60 institutions, \$75 libraries, and have a catalogue of publications on "ethnic, multicultural and cross-cultural perspectives on health and mental health."

□ **RACISM/POVERTY.** *The Critical Chasm Between Racism and Poverty in Present-Day America*, by Clarence Wood (35 pp., May 1992), is available (no price listed) from the Human Relations Foundation of Chicago, 222 N. LaSalle St. #1450, Chicago, IL 60601; 312/456-7745. They also have available a publications list.

Urban Policy

□ **URBAN AMERICA IN TRANSFORMATION.** *Perspectives on Urban Policy and Development*, by PNER Ben Kleinberg, analyzes the role of the federal system of urban policymaking in the restructuring of older big cities since the

New Deal, from Cooperative Federalism to Reagan/Bush New Federalism. Perspectives discussed include ecological, neo-Marxist, and an intergovernmental/policy perspective that helps clarify urban implications of a major shift of block grants currently advocated by conservatives. Contact: Sage Publications, 2455 Teller Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91320; 805/499-0721. Copies are \$23.95 (paper).

Welfare

□ **WELFARE REFORM WITH A HEART.** The "Welfare Reform with a Heart Campaign" is a grassroots effort sponsored by the National General Assistance Working Group, the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, and the National Coalition for the Homeless. A campaign packet (\$10 contribution requested but not mandatory) is available from PNER Michael Stoops at NCH, 1612 K

Principles of a Responsible Housing and Human Needs Agenda

The National Low Income Housing Coalition, National Neighborhood Coalition, National Coalition for the Homeless, National Alliance to End Homelessness, and the Center for Community Change have joined together to support ten "Principles of a Responsible Housing and Human Needs Agenda" and advance a positive housing platform.

The sponsors call upon Congress and the Administration to reaffirm the national commitment to safe, decent and affordable housing set forth in the Housing Act of 1949 and reaffirmed in the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. They oppose proposals such as those to restructure housing programs, balance the budget, reform welfare help, or hinder America's housing goals.

The agenda includes the right of all Americans to live in a safe, affordable home, the need to ensure and maintain the affordability and availability of the existing public and federally assisted housing stock to low and moderate income families, and the need for close coordination between housing assistance and other fundamental social services. Contact Marc Granowitter or Deborah M. Austin, National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1012 Fourteenth St. NW #1200, Washington, DC 20005; 202/662-1530.

St. NW #1004, Washington, DC 20006; 202/775-1322; e-mail: HNoo55@handsnet.org; National Law Center: 202/638-2535; or National GA Working Group: 213/746-6511.

☐ **ORGANIZING.** JEDI Women (347 Crossroads Urban Center, 347 S. 400 E., Salt Lake City, UT 84111; 801/364-7765) is organizing on welfare issues.

☐ **BRIEFING BOOK.** *A Welfare Reform Briefing Book* is available (no price listed) from the Children's Defense Fund, 25 E St. NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202/628-8787.

☐ **EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE.** *Statement on Key Welfare Reform Issues: The Empirical Evidence* (36 pp., 1995) is available from the Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition Policy, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155; 617/627-3956. No price listed.

☐ **MEDIA GUIDE.** *Talking Welfare Reform: Media Guide*, by Vivian Todini (15 pp., 1994), is available, free, from NOW LDEF, 99 Hudson St. #1201, New York, NY 10013; 212/925-6635.

☐ **WELFARE REFORM NEWS.** *Welfare Reform(?) News*, a free monthly, from the Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, 275 Seventh Ave., 6th Fl., New York, N.Y. 10001-6708; 212/633-6967 (also mentioned in PN issue #109).

☐ **WELFARE TO WORK.** *A Welfare Reform Based on Help for Working Parents* is a 4-page, Jan. 1995 proposal from the Economists' Policy Group for Women's Issues, co-chaired by Barbara Bergmann of American University and Heidi Hartmann of the Institute for Women's Policy Studies. For a copy and a list of the 50+ signers, contact IWPR, 1400 20th St. NW #104, Washington, DC 20036; 202/785-5100.

☐ **MORE WELFARE TO WORK.** *Welfare to Work: Current AFDC Program Not Sufficiently Focused on Employment* is a Dec. 1994 GAO study (GAO/HEHS-95-28), available, free, from USGAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015.

☐ **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT.** "Contract with Disaster: The Impact on States of the Personal Responsibility Act," by Mark Greenberg (26 pp., no price listed) from the Center for Law and Social Policy, 1616 P St. NW #150, Washington, DC 20036; 202/328-5140.

☐ **AFDC BLOCK GRANT.** *Facing the Next Recession Alone: Can States Afford a \$20 Billion Cut in Federal Aid?* examines how the "Contract With America" proposal to convert AFDC to a block grant affects state budgets. Hardest hit would be TX, CA, FL, AZ, NY, WA and PA; only 3 states — MI, WI, LA — would not lose funds. Free from the AFSCME Policy Dept., 1625 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20036; 202/429-1155.

☐ **STATE WAIVERS.** *Welfare Reform Waivers Granted to States: A State by State Summary* is available (free, with a 9" x 12" SASE) from the National Association of Social Workers Information Center-219, 750 1st St. NE #700, Washington, DC 20002-4241; 202/336-8284.

Women and Families

☐ **CHILDREN AT RISK.** *An American Family Myth: Every Child At Risk* is a 7-page, Jan. 1995 report, available from Homes for the Homeless, 36 Cooper Sq., 6th fl., New York, NY 10003; 212/529-5252. No price listed.

☐ **CHILD CARE.** *Child Care: Promoting Quality in Family Child Care* (GAO/HEHS-95-28) and "Child Care: Child Care Subsidies Increase Likelihood That Low-Income Mothers Will Work" (GAO/HEHS-95-36) are Dec. 1994 reports, available, free, from GAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015.

☐ **SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY/WOMEN.** *Regulating the Lives of Women: Social Welfare Policy from Colonial Times to the Present*, by Mimi Abramovitz, is available (\$17) from South End Press, 800/533-8478.

☐ **RESEARCH ON WOMEN.** The Institute for Women's Policy Research produces regular research documents on issues affecting women's daily lives: poverty and welfare reform, family and work policies, employment and wages, discrimination, health care. Among recent and upcoming publications: *Few Welfare Moms Fit the Stereotypes* (a

Research-in-Brief paper) and *Combining Work and Welfare: An Alternative Anti-Poverty Strategy*. For information about membership in their Information Network, contact them at 1400 20th St. NW #104, Washington, DC 20036; 202/785-5100.

□ **CHILDREN/POVERTY.** The *Journal of Children and Poverty* is a brand new publication of the Institute for Children and Poverty, the research and training division of Homes for the Homeless. Among the articles in Vol. 1, No. 1 (Winter 1995): "The New Poverty in Urban America: Family Homelessness" (by Ralph da Costa Nunez) and "Developing a National Family Policy: The Historical and Social Contexts and Future Prospects" (by Julia Robinson). Subscriptions to the semi-annual are \$14 (checks payable to Homes for the Homeless) from the Institute, 36 Cooper Sq., 6th fl., New York, NY 10003; 212/529-5252.

□ **YOUNG CHILDREN/POVERTY.** *Young Children in Poverty: A Statistical Update* is a 6-page, Jan. 1995 publication of the National Center for Children in Poverty. \$5 from the Center, 154 Haven Ave., New York, NY 10032; 202/927-8793.

Jobs

□ **LISC/NYC.** LISC is seeking a president for its Local Initiatives Managed Assets Corp. LIMAC is a secondary market for community development loans, working primarily with nonprofit originators to provide liquidity and increase the volume of CD lending in low-income communities. Resume/letter (mailed, not faxed) by March 31 to LISC, 733 Third Ave., 8th fl., New York, NY 10017.

□ **CHILD CARE LAW/BAY AREA.** The Child Care Law Center is seeking an executive director (\$53,000+) to supervise its San Francisco-based staff of 10-15. Letter/resume/3 references by March 31 to Terry Lowe Assoc., PO Box 1974-402, Berkeley, CA 94701.

□ **CHINESE SPEAKING/CHICAGO.** The Chinese American Service League has several job openings, including a Program Director, a Neighborhood Development Counselor, a Health Outreach Coordinator, a Senior Employment/Title V Coordinator. Bilingual English/Cantonese necessary. Resumes to Bernarda Wong, CASL, 310 W. 24th Pl., Chicago, IL 60616; 312/791-0418.

□ **SPANISH SPEAKING/ARIZ/SUMMER INTERN.** The Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project is seeking a summer intern to work at the INS Processing Center in Florence, AZ, screening, interviewing and representing persons in deportation proceedings, especially around the issue of political asylum. Ten weeks, \$2000 stipend, fluency in Spanish required. Letter/resume by March 15 to (both) Mateo Wilch, Florence Project, PO 654, Florence, AZ 85232; 602/868-0191 and M. Sanchez, National Lawyers Guild, 55 Sixth Ave., New York, NY 10013; 212/966-5000.

□ **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR/DC.** The National Coali-

Steering Committee Nominations

As noted in the January newsletter, nominations are open for the twelve-person Planners Network Steering Committee. Nominations must be received no later than MAY 1.

Due to a miscommunication in the Steering Committee, a mistake was made in setting up the election process. In January, it was stated that the election would take place at the national conference in East St. Louis. There will also be a tear-out ballot in the May newsletter for those who do not go to East St. Louis. This will enable the whole membership to vote, not just those who are able to join us in East St. Louis.

The Co-Chairs and other members of the Steering Committee are planning to make nominations, but the process is open to everyone. To fill the position of Chair or Co-Chairs, we propose people run on tickets of one, two or three persons. This will help avoid the issue of incompatible co-chairs and leave open the option of having a single chair. You may nominate others or yourself.

Nominations must include the person's name, address, and phone number (including fax and e-mail if available), as well as a brief biography (maximum 100 words).

tion to Abolish the Death Penalty is seeking a development director (\$42,000). Although the group is in DC, resume/cover letter should go (by May 15) to Pat Clark, AFSC, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102.

□ **LEAD POISONING PREVENTION/NYC.** The Youth Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (YLPPP)—a community-based environmental and economic justice project being started by the Rheedlen Center for Families and Children, Bronx Clean Air Coalition, and faculty and students at Columbia University—seeks an executive director with experience in community activism, environmental education, and nonprofit development. Bachelor's degree required, bilingual (Spanish/English) preferred. Salary \$35,000 and up, plus benefits. Resumes and 3 references to Michel Gelobter, 420 West 118th St., Suite 1313, New York, N.Y. 10027.

□ **POLICY ANALYST/CALIF.** The California Budget Project, a new tax and budget policy institute, is hiring a policy analyst to prepare written reports and training materials on state fiscal policy issues. Desired qualifications include familiarity with state tax or budget policy issues, strong writing skills, and public speaking skills. Salary: \$33,000, plus DOE, including health and dental benefits. Send resume, writing sample, and three references to: The California Budget Project, 2525 E St. Sacramento, CA 95816. Deadline: April 15, 1995.

□ **FACULTY/AGING/LOS ANGELES.** The Andrus Gerontology Center of the University of Southern California is seeking applications for two tenure track faculty appoint-

ments: Housing Finance and Aging, and Health/Long Term Care Policy and Aging. Send curriculum vitae, a letter describing research and teaching experience and interests and a list of four potential references to PNER Jon Pynoos, Chair, Housing Search Committee, Andrus Gerontology Center, USC, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0191. Deadline: April 1, 1995, but positions will remain open until filled.

Funding and Fellowships

□ **AMERICORPS.** AmeriCorps grants are being given out for national nonprofits and Indian tribes (May 9 deadline) and states (May 1 deadline). Contact Corp. for National Service, 1201 NY Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20525; 202/606-5000 x474; e-mail: cncs@ace.esusda.gov.

□ **R AND R:** The Windcall Resident Program honors people who've been working hard to change the world. Located on a beautiful 320-acre ranch near Bozeman, MT, Windcall offers private rooms, all meals and unstructured time to reflect on what comes next. Summer and fall residencies range from 2-4 weeks; only 4 people are in residence at any one time. Next application date is April 15. Contact Common Counsel, 2530 San Pablo Ave. #B, Berkeley, CA 94702; 510/644-1904.

□ **SOCIAL CHANGE GRANTS.** The Abelard Foundation supports progressive social change activities that: 1) expand and protect civil liberties and civil/human rights; 2) increase opportunities for the poor, the disenfranchised, immigrants and people of color; 3) promote and strengthen community involvement in, and control over, economic and environmental decisions. Average grant size is \$7,000 and about 14 grants are made annually. The Foundation has east and west coast offices, concentrating, respectively, on proposals east and west of the Mississippi. There are spring and fall rounds of grants, and unfortunately the spring deadline was Feb. 27. Information from Susan Collins at the Foundation, PO Box 148, Lincoln, MA 01773.

□ **HOMELESS/YOUTH GRANTS.** The Butler Family Fund (PO Box 42440, Washington, DC 20015; 202/362-0603) has available a list of its latest grants in the areas of homeless families (7 grants, ranging from \$10,000-15,000) and at-risk youth (9 grants, ranging from \$10,000-20,000). No unsolicited proposals are accepted.

□ **LITIGATION GRANTS.** The Impact Fund provides grants (up to \$25,000) to pay for costs of substantial class action and impact public interest litigation in the areas of civil and human rights, environmental justice and poverty law. Grants are made quarterly. Send 1-2 page letter explaining case, potential impact and financial necessity — following which you may be invited to submit a full application — to Brad Seligman at the Fund, 1604 Solano Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707; 510/528-7344.

□ **SUMMER INTERNSHIP/MINORITIES.** The Nonprofit Sector Research Fund has initiated the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship, open to members of minority

groups based on need and academic excellence. Graduate and undergraduate students are eligible; the Fund "seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues relating to philanthropy, voluntarism and nonprofit organizations." The intern will be at The Aspen Institute's DC office 10-12 weeks this summer; the stipend will be \$2800-4200. Letter/resume/transcript/letter from financial aid officer certifying financial need/2 letters of references by April 7 to David Williams, Aspen Institute, 1333 New Hampshire Ave. NW #1070, Washington, DC 20036; 202/736-5800.

□ **STUDENT STIPENDS/NONPROFIT WORK.** The Winston Foundation for World Peace Fellowship Program offers a monthly \$1200 stipend for 2-4 month projects, working full time for a nonprofit on a range of issues, among which are democracy-building and conflict resolution. College juniors and seniors and grad students are eligible. Projects can involve public education, grassroots organizing, media outreach, monitoring legislative activity, etc. Information from Monica Dorbandt, 2040 S St. NW #201, Washington, DC 20009-1157; 202/483-4215; e-mail: winstonfoun@igc.apc.org. Deadlines are March 1 (already passed), July 15 and Nov. 1.)

□ **COURAGE IN COMMUNITY AWARD.** The McAuley Institute announced its first annual Courage in Community Award honoring the contributions made by women in the development of decent, safe, affordable housing and strong communities. The award is open to individual women or a team of women. Candidates should demonstrate inspirational leadership, application of innovative approaches and unique collaborative partnerships. The awardee(s) will receive an award of \$3,000, of which \$1,500 will go directly to an individual or team and \$1,500 to their organization. For nomination forms and further information, contact McAuley Institute, 8300 Colesville Rd., Suite 310, Silver Spring, MD 20910; 301/588-8110; fax: 301/588-8154.

Conferences

□ **SHARED HOUSING.** The 1995 Shared Housing Conference will be held **March 30-April 1** in Baltimore. Information from the National Shared Housing Resource Center, 321 E. 25 St., Baltimore, MD 21218; 410/235-4454.

□ **ASSISTED LIVING.** The National Conference of the Assisted Living Facilities Association of America will be held in Orlando, FL **April 23-25**. Contact: ALFAA, Circle Towers Plaza, 9411 Lee Highway, Suite J, Fairfax, VA 22031; 703/691-8100; fax: 703/691-8106.

□ **WORKPLACE STRUGGLES.** "Stress and Struggle in the Changing Workplace" is a Labor Notes conference, **April 28-30** in Detroit. Information from Labor Notes, 7435 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48210; 313/842-6262.

□ **URBAN POLITICS.** "Social Change, Societal Restructuration and the Failure of Urban Politics," is the theme of a conference at the Universite de Paris VIII, St. Denis, France, **May 15-16**, which is organized under the auspices of the

International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Housing and the Built Environment. Contact: Prof. Dan Bechmann, Director, DESS, 15, rue Catulienne, St. Denis 93200, France.

☐ **HUD TENANTS.** The National Alliance of HUD Tenants will hold its first annual conference on May 20-22 at the Westpark/Rosslyn Hotel in Arlington, VA. Topics will include securing Section 8 units, protecting tenants rights, preserving the housing stock, organizing the unorganized, creating strong tenants associations, building working relationship with regional HUD staff, and making Congress and HUD responsible for their actions. Contact the organization at 353 Columbus Ave., Boston, MA 02116; 617/267-9564; fax: 617/267-4769.

☐ **FIRST NATIONS.** The First Nations Development Institute is hosting its sixth annual Oweesta conference, "Building from Within: Development for Independence" on May 22-25 in Oklahoma City. It is designed to assist Native communities in their efforts to achieve economic self-reliance. Sessions will cover tribal control of assets, banking and financing, affordable housing, organizational development, economic development and community organizing. Contact: First Nations Development Institute, The Stores Building, 11917 Main Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22408; 703/371-5615; fax 703/371-3505.

☐ **CAPITALISM/DEMOCRACY.** "Capitalism vs. Democ-

racy: Struggles of Resistance and for Social Change" is a conference, sponsored by the International Political Science Association and the Caucus for a New Political Science, June 16-18 at Suffolk University in Boston. Contact John Berg, Dept. Govt., Suffolk University, Boston, MA 02108-2770; 617/573-8126.

☐ **ENVIRONMENTAL/ALASKA.** "The 6th Annual Indigenous Environmental Network Protecting Mother Earth Conference" will be held June 19-22 (followed immediately by the June 23-25 "16th International Indian Treaty Council Conference") in Chickaloon Village, Alaska. Information from the IITC, 415/512-1501.

☐ **LAND TENURE.** "Who Owns America? Land and Resource Tenure Issues in a Changing Environment" is a conference sponsored by the University of Wisconsin's Land Tenure Center on June 21-24. Among the theme areas are "Minorities and Land Tenure Issues" and "Land Tenure and Community Sustainability." They've issued a call for papers, posters and participants. Information from the LTC, 1357 University Ave., University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53715; 608/262-3657.

☐ **BLACKSOCIOLOGISTS.** "African Americans, Societal Issues and the Paradoxes of Public Policy" is the theme of the Aug. 17-19 Association of Black Sociologists meeting in Washington, DC. A call for papers has been issued, with a (possibly extended) March 15 deadline for papers and

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☐ **WORLD HOUSING.** The 23rd IAHS World Housing Congress, with the theme "Excellence in Housing — Prospects and Challenges in the Pacific Century," will take place **Sept. 1995** in Singapore. Contact: XXII IAHS World Housing Congress 1995, Conference and Travel Management Associates Pte Ltd., 425A Race Course Rd., Singapore 0821, Republic of Singapore.

☐ **INTERNATIONAL HOUSING/PLANNING.** The IFHP International Housing and Planning Congress, "Accommodating Differences," will be held **Sept. 10-14** in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Contact: Belfast Congress Coordinator, Project Planning, Montalto Estate, Spa Rd., Ballynahinch BT24 8PT, Northern Ireland; 44 238 561993; fax: 44 238 565073; e-mail: ifhp@proj-pl.co.uk.

☐ **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** The International Association of Public Participation Practitioners (IAP3) is holding its fourth annual international conference in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada **Sept. 23-27**. Contact: IAP3 Headquarters, PO Box 82317, Portland, OR 97282; 503/236-6630 or 800/644-4273; fax: 503/233-0772.

☐ **ACSP.** The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning will hold its 37th annual conference **Oct. 19-22** at the Renaissance Center in Detroit, Mich. Contact: ACSP Detroit '95, Urban Planning Program, Wayne State University, 225 State Hall, Detroit, MI 48202; fax: 313/577-0022; e-mail: acsp95@umich.edu.

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