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Networker News

□ NEW PN ROSTER. Our last Planners Network Membership Roster was published in June 1991, and we're overdue for a new one. The Roster is one of our most useful activities, enabling members to make contacts with people working in similar fields, living in the same area or when travelling. Ideally, a short biosketch should appear for each of our members, but that requires a response from everyone. A PN Roster Biosketch Form appears on page 9 of this issue. Please complete and return it (if possible with a special Roster financial contribution) by September 1. If you're short on time or prefer not to complete the full biosketch, just send in the form with your phone numbers and check off your interests and occupation.

☐ IT'S TIME TO RENEW! Many of you know it's time to renew since you've recently received a friendly reminder, together with a renewal form requesting the same information as the roster form. Hence, no need to send in the roster form if you've already returned your renewal.

☐ STEERING COMMITTEE. The new Steering Committee was elected for a four-year term. Thirty-two ballots approved the entire slate and 29 the three co-chairs.

Networker Updates

☐ A WORD FROM PN CO-CHAIR. Ann Forsyth, one of PN's newly re-elected co-chairs, writes from Australia via PN's new on-line service. She's spending the rest of 1995 in

PN 1996 In Brooklyn

Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York will be the site of a national PN conference June 14-16, 1996. Three major themes are proposed for the conference:

- community-based planning, including meetings in communities where Pratt has long-standing ties
- The urban impacts of globalization, including the participation of Non-Governmental Organizations involved in the Habitat II conference to be held in Istanbul the week before the PN conference
- national urban policy in the U.S.

The conference would produce a progressive urban policy agenda that would inform debates around the 1996 presidential elections.

A conference planning committee is now being formed; interested PNers should contact Tom Angotti c/o the PN office. Especially needed are PNers outside the east coast to help make it a truly national event.

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Sydney. Her address there is Macquarie University, Graduate School of the Environment, Macquarie, NSW 2109, Australia. fax: 011 612 8507972. Her e-mail address remains the same: forsyth@larp.umass.edu.

□ URBAN UNDERGROUND REUNION. PNer David Rouge has been involved in organizing a reunion of the Urban Underground, an organization of late-1960s NYC radical planners. Urban Underground folks and other members of the NYC Movement for a Democratic Society, are invited to the reunion: Sunday, Sept. 17. Time: 2-5 PM. Meet old friends and colleagues, enjoy good food and drink. RSVP: Dave Rouge, 212/673-7753. He's still trying to locate Paul Becker, Susie Orbach, Lynn Astin and Ellen Stone.

☐ PNer HONORED. "Mel King: A Life Committed to Community Development," a tribute to the Director of MIT's Community Fellows Program, appears in vol. 5, no. 2 (1994) of the Kellogg Foundation's *International Journal*.

□ PN WELCOMES NEW PUBLICATION. PNer Sean Robin announces a new publication, *The Indigenous Planning Times*, "that addresses issues of race in planning." He explains that "the publication grows out of a protest movement by students of color in the MIT planning program, who rejected antiquated approaches to planning, based on assumptions of cultural superiority and technical wizardry. In these pages we wish to create a dialogue on issues of race, cultural conflict, oppression and empowerment through planning." To receive a free copy of the first issue, call Sean at 718/636-3486, or write *The Indigenous Planning Times*, c/o PICCED, 379 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205. He adds, "continuing issues will depend upon your response!"

□ SUSTAINABILITY, FORESTRY, TRADE. PNer Phil McManus writes that he is currently working as a teaching assistant in the Geography Dept. at the University of Bristol while working on a Ph.D on International Political Economy and Sustainability. He'll be based at the University of British Columbia (UBC) from July until mid-September 1995. He adds, "If anybody has information on sustainability, forestry and international trade, this would be appreciated. Similarly, if there is any way I can help other people while in the area, I'll try and do so." Address after July 6: Dept. of Geography, UBC, 217-1984 West Mall, Vancouver, V6T 1Z2, British Columbia, Canada; 604/822-2663; fax: 604/822-6150.

	GERONTOLOGY. PNer Jon Pynoos has recently been promoted to Full Professor of Gerontology, Public Policy and Urban Planning at the University of Southern California, as well as reappointed to the UPS Foundation Chair. He has recently co-edited a book with Pheobe Liebig, PhD. entitled Housing Frail Elders: International Policies, Perspectives and Prospects, published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. Contact Jon at the Andrus Gerontology Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0191; 213/740-1364; fax: 213/740-8241.	culate information on the distribution of the mortgage interest deduction. Does anybody have (1) federal data broken down by income, and/or (2) a methodology for calculating the distribution of these deductions in a single jurisdiction? We would also welcome any other models or suggestions for presenting a profile of existing subsidies that clearly shows the subsidies to upper income people." Contact: Tasha Harmon Community Development Network, 802 SE 27th, Portland OR 97214; 503/239-4553; fax: same, but call first.
	□ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. PNer Ian Kipp, writes: "I am an intern in the Pratt Institute Community Economic Development program and Director of Development at the Yonkers Community Action Program. We are working on a number of low-income housing rehab projects as well as economic development work to improve a blighted commercial strip. Needless to say, Yonkers is a very difficult climate to proceed with development work, and I am beginning to get frustrated. While this is the case, I plan on forging ahead to achieve our goals." Contact: Ian Kipp, 241 Grace Church St., Rye, NY 10580; 914/967-3303; fax 914/423-5938.	□ PLANNING/POLICING. PNer Gwen Urey writes: "I am beginning research on efforts by planning departments and police departments to collaborate around their respective agendas of community-based policing and neighborhood-based planning and the roles and risks for community organizations in this collaboration. I would like to communicate with people doing similar or related research in other cities." Contact Gwen Urey, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, 3801 West Temple Ave., California Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA 91768; 909/869-2725; fax: 909/869-4688; e-mail: gurey@csupomona.edu.
	PARTICIPATORY PLANNING. Prospective PNer Lucenia Marquez writes: "I am an urban planner by profession with an M.A. in Urban and Regional Planning in the Philippines. I have more than a decade of experience in participatory planning in rural development projects in my country. Reading your newsletter, I am pleased that many of your activities are very much related to my interest in participatory development. I am presently working as a volunteer at the City of Edmonton Community Planning Office. I shall be glad to provide some more information whenever necessary." Contact: Lucenia M. Marquez, 4007 41 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta T6L 5K5, Canada. USEFUL PN INFO. PNer Nicholas Newlin writes: "My thanks go out to you for the useful information I've received over the past year. It is useful to me both as a volunteer and an activist. One of these days I'll return the favor!" Contact:	□ ANTI-POVERTY DIRECTORY. REAP (Research, Education and Action on Poverty), a new nonprofit, is compiling an annotated directory of anti-poverty organizations that are national in scope. It will be made available in print and electronic form. To be included, information can be sent to REAP, 1511 K St. #235, Washington, DC 20005; 202/347-2220, e-mail: REAPHQ@aol.com. □ WOMEN/URBAN ENVIRONMENT. "Women and the Urban Environment" will be the theme of the 1996 annual conference of the Fannie Mae Office of Housing Research. Anne Shlay (Institute for Public Policy Studies, Gladfelter Hall, Temple U., Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215/204-5176) is helping to put the program together. Contact her if you are currently engaged in or aware of any research or activities related to this topic.
	Nicholas Newlin, RR3, Box 318, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Queries	□ PROGRESSIVE ALTERNATIVES. Reading the Fine
	☐ AFFORDABLE HOUSING/PORTLAND. PNer Tasha Harmon writes: "We are working on research to assist local efforts to increase the production of both affordable and market-rate housing in Portland. The 'Livable Cities Housing Council' has been charged by City Government with attract-	With America is a set of 30 commentaries, available from the Institute for Policy Studies, 1601 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009; 202/234-9382. Price is \$7. TAX PLAN. The Return of the No-Tax Corporations is
1	casted to move into the region in the next 20 years. They have a target of producing 50,000 new units in that period. They are still grappling with what the income mix should be	a 4-page, March 1995 report on the Republican "Contract With America" tax plan, available (likely free) from Citizens for Tax Justice, 1311 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20005; 202/626-3780.
	and what tools they should use to encourage various kinds of development for various populations. We would like to profile what subsidies are already in place for each market segment and how those relate to need, in order to encourage them to use the local monies that may be available to them to subsidize housing for households at or below 80 percent of	□ ORGANIZING RESOURCE. The Center for Constitutional Rights' has available a 12-page pamphlet, <i>Break the Contract on America: Stand Up for Your Rights!</i> Contact: CCR, 666 Broadway, 7th fl., New York, N.Y 10012; 212/614-6422; National Break the Contract Hotline: 800/764-0235.
8	area median income. We are not sure how to get and/or cal-	(continued on page 5)

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"Takings" Laws Weaken Local Planning and Environmental Controls

by Craig O. Fiels

In the anti-government mood created by the Contract on America, Congress is proposing "takings" legislation that will cripple planning and environmental regulations. The new law would consider any regulation that results in a loss in the value of private property a "taking" of that property, and government would have to compensate the owner. Florida has already enacted a takings bill, and other states are considering them.

The U.S. House of Representatives on March 3rd approved a takings compensation measure that would require federal agencies to compensate landowners if a federal regulation reduces the value of land by 20 percent. The bill, H.R. 9, the "Private Property Protection Act," applies only to wetlands protection, the Endangered Species Act, water rights, the Food Security Act and federal land management.

In the U.S. Senate, Republican Senators Bob Dole, Phil Gramm and Orrin Hatch have introduced S. 605, a more extreme takings bill that applies to all federal regulations. The legislation would require agencies to assess all new rules for their potential impacts on private property and to pay compensation if property values are reduced by 33 percent or more.

Although the takings bill that passed the House specifically exempts local zoning, the Senate bill does not. The Senate bill applies to all state and local rules adopted as a result of federal regulations. Any compensation due to property owners would have to come from the federal agency that issues the original regulation. But that money could be drawn from federal grants that otherwise might have gone to local governments for community development or other purposes. Even the House

bill could have a significant impact at the local level. Property owners could demand compensation when local governments enact land use controls to comply with the federal Clean Water Act or other environmental regulations.

Hearings are yet to be scheduled in the Senate for S.605. However, because of Senate rules, this bill could be brought to the floor for a vote at any time. President Clinton has expressed his opposition to takings compensation bills in the past, but has not said whether he would veto the legislation.

Florida's Takings Law

The experience with Florida's takings legislation already indicates that it may hobble local land use and environmental controls.

On May 18th, Florida became the first state to adopt a comprehensive takings law. While some of the takings proposals under consideration elsewhere apply only to environmental rules such as wetlands protection or timber rights, Florida's "Private Property Protection Act" affects a broad range of government action.

The Florida law limits claims for takings compensation to losses caused by new regulations. Regulations already on the books are not affected. Property owners are allowed to claim a taking when regulations create a vaguely defined "inordinate burden."

Less than one week after Florida Governor Lawton Chiles (D) signed the bill into law, Palm Beach County Commissioners got the unwelcome news that placing any new restrictions on development of agricultural lands could subject the county to liability under the new law.

In recent years, Palm Beach Coun-

ty's 20,500-acre Agricultural Reserve in the Everglades has been subject to intense development pressure. County planners had envisioned a package of zoning changes and innovative amendments to a 1980 comprehensive plan for the Reserve that would better protect the rich agricultural zone; it also serves as an aquifer recharge zone, and provides an open space buffer between the Everglades and the urban coast.

But since Florida's new takings law applies to all new regulations, any changes to the 1980 plan are likely to generate compensation claims. In a May 23, 1995 memo, Assistant County Attorney Bob Banks warned that adoption of "restrictive development regulations or comprehensive plan amendments in the Ag Reserve would subject the County to the new cause of action."

Because the Act is vague on several points, it will probably take the courts several years to sort it out. In the meantime, new local planning initiatives may come to a halt. "The cost of litigation is so high," says Banks, "no municipality wants to be the first to test this law."

Palm Beach County Planning Director David Kovacs agrees that the fear of triggering lawsuits could deter local governments from enacting new regulations, and will probably change the way some planning boards make decisions. For example, Kovacs says, it will become more difficult to deny permits for development, even when a project is opposed by the community-at-large.

Kovacs says the new law will also inhibit environmental protection in counties that do not already have strong regulations. Although Palm Beach County already has a 25 percent set-aside rule in environmentally sensitive areas, counties that do not already have such a rule would be liable for compensation claims if they adopt one later on.

That leaves local governments with considerably less flexibility in planning development and controlling growth. They must either abstain from enacting new regulations or go forward and face the possibility of costly litigation.

Thomas Pelham, President-elect of the Florida chapter of the American Planning Association (FAPA), believes the law will make it especially difficult for local government to control development at the urban fringe. Although FAPA originally supported a compromise version of takings legislation, Pelham says that lobbyists for large landowner interests succeeded in adding an amendment at the last minute that expands the law to cover "what many perceive to be purely speculative land interests."

Pelham is especially concerned about the impact of that amendment on the Florida Growth Management Act (FGMA). That statewide plan encourages higher densities using tools such as cluster development to preserve open space and wetlands. But if communities adopt new rules to implement the FGMA, they could face claims for compensation—claims substantial enough to render any new land use regulations unenforceable. "Government will certainly be more amenable to giving development approvals," Pelham says.

Other State Bills

Florida's experience could be replicated if bills pending in other states become law. On April 18th, the Washington state legislature approved a more extreme measure that requires compensation for *any* reduction in property values. Opponents of the bill are organizing to bring the measure to a vote on a state-wide ballot this November. If the referendum fails, the bill will go into effect.

On May 25th, the Oregon House approved a takings bill that had already passed the Senate. However, Oregon's Democratic Governor John Kitzhaber has promised to veto the bill.

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The 1995 Conference: A Big Hit!

By Ken Reardon PN Co-Chair

Over 325 persons attended the 1995 Planners Network national conference in East St. Louis, Illinois May 19-21. Individuals from 23 colleges and universities, 28 states and five foreign countries, as well as numerous practitioners,

participated in this year's conference with "Developing a Progressive Urban Agenda: Linking Citizen Action and Equity Planning" as its theme.

The Conference Planning Committee felt the conference was successful in a number of important ways. It attracted more than twice as many participants as last year's conference and featured a diverse mix of local community activists, professional planners and academic planners. Its location enabled residents of a severely distressed city to attend the meeting, and the community-led, neighborhood-based charette activities provided both residents and visitors with multiple opportunities for meaningful exchange. The program's inclusion of the international dimension of urban problems broadened the conversation. The successful fundraising campaign carried out by University of Illinois staff enabled us to dramatically lower registration fees, which made the event more affordable and will permit PN to publish a modest proceedings booklet.

Participants spent the first day of the conference working with the leaders of seven community-based organizations from East St. Louis on a series of neighborhood planning charettes. Each charette team, comprised of neighborhood leaders, PN planners and architects spent five hours discussing alternative solutions to community development problems identified by local residents. The charette teams produced 21 display boards presenting dozens of innovative approaches to local problems which were mounted and displayed for the rest of the conference.

Nearly 60 community activists, professional planners and university students and faculty presented their work during two sets of issue workshops focused on 11 different areas of professional practice. Workshops examined innovative work being done in the areas of affordable housing, job creation, environmental justice, neighborhood planning, community empowerment, alternative transportation, urban design, and crime prevention. These issue workshops were followed by a third round of small group discussions focused on the national policy implications of local planning practice in each of these areas.

The second day began with a plenary session on globalization, structural adjustment and community resistance fea-

turing a keynote address by David Westendorff, Research Fellow at the United
Nations Research Institute for Social
Development in Geneva. At a barbecue
lunch in the East St. Louis Farmers
Market, a "Tribute to Malcolm X" was
presented by the local Nation of Islam
mosque and the Bakari Institute. A
second plenary session on progressive
responses to globalization featured a
keynote speech by Pierre Clavel, Professor of City and Regional Planning at
Cornell University, and a presentation
by Ishaq Shafiq, Special Assistant to the
Mayor of East St. Louis.

The second day ended with a gala dinner celebration in the Atrium of the East St. Louis City Hall. Attendees enjoyed music by the Greater St. Louis/East St. Louis High School Jazz Ensemble and a performance by the world-renowned Katherine Dunham Dance Troupe. A keynote address on environmental justice was delivered by Ms. Mary Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency who challenged PN members to oppose the Republican Party's efforts to gut the enforcement of environmental regulations through the "Contract With America." The evening ended with remarks by East St. Louis City Manager, Lemar Gentry.

The final day featured PN's Annual Business and Organizing Meeting chaired by Tom Angotti, which more than 60 persons attended. This was followed by a plenary session focused on national policy proposals co-chaired by Chester Hartman and Peg Seip. The conference ended with a series of Planners Tours of East St. Louis neighborhoods, the Cahokia Native American Historical Site, and St. Louis urban design sites led by University of Illinois students and faculty.

Initial comments from participants were generally favorable, but they also identified several problems. The conference structure made it difficult for participants to become involved in more than one issue track. There was not enough time for the interesting debates that emerged. While interaction between neighborhood residents and conference-goers in the charettes was an important element in the success of the conference, expectations of the progress to be made on concrete projects during the

limited time available were perhaps too high. Also community participants may have expected more of the planners than they were able to contribute.

All participants will be receiving a post-conference package in the mail that will include a conference evaluation form, roster of attendees and a membership form. U. of I. faculty members will be meeting with the neighborhood organizations that participated in the charettes to determine what, if any, interest they might have in receiving technical assistance to implement any of the recommendations that came out of the charette process.

Ken Reardon is Co-chair of Planners Network and teaches at the University of Illinois Champagne-Urbana.

PN Features Follow-up

South Africa Non-Racialism

Peter Marcuse writes: "My two paragraphs on non-racialism in South Africa in the last PN Newsletter may have been too cryptic for a complex matter. For anyone interested in more, particularly the consistency with proaffirmative action arguments in the U.S., I'd be glad to send a longer (8-page) paper, with relevant quotes from South Africa. Write me at Division of Urban Planning, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. 10027."

Homeowners Tax Credit

A response from PNer Christopher Niebuhr to the "mansion subsidy" article: "I would hope that the suggestion of Peter Dreier and John Atlas for a homeowners tax credit is adopted. It would save federal monies, encourage families to put more money into the housing market, make them less dependent on fluctuating market interest rates and encourage mortgages of less duration.

"I served in the U.S. Army in Germany, and found it interesting that the West German government adopted a similar proposal after the war. The proposal was made by Gerhard Colm, a refugee economist who worked for Vice President Henry Wallace and founded the National Planning Association. Under his plan, savings accounts used for down payments on homes were not subject to taxes. Colm's plan encouraged saving instead of borrowing and is one of the major reasons that Germans have been encouraged to save and make larger down payments for home construction or purchase. I understand that similar suggestions were made by General McArthur's staff in Japan, where the U.S. military also introduced women's suffrage. Whatever the method, I hope that a system of tax credits can replace mortgage deductions." Christopher Niebuhr, P.O. Box 91, Stockbridge, MA 01262.

Contract Watch

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□ NYS COUNTERBUDGET. Counterbudget 1995-96 (60 pages, 1995) is a NY State document representing the views of a large network of human service, religious, labor and other organizations. Contact: Statewide Emergency Network for Social and Economic Security (SENSES), 275 State St., Albany, NY 12210-2101; 518/463-5576. Price is \$8.

□ CALIFORNIA BUDGET WATCH. Critical Choices for California: The 1995-1996 State Budget (47 pages, June 1995), co-authored by The California Budget Project and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, is available (\$5) from the Project, 921 11th St., #701, Sacramento, CA 95814; 916/444-0500. The Project also has a new newsletter, Budget Watch, and an 8-page briefing paper on Gov. Pete Wilson's proposed 15% cut in personal and corporation taxes (\$2.50).

☐ WELFARE REFORM. Many of the items in the "Welfare" section below relate to the Contract. Also see the item on Medicaid under "Health."

Passing the Word

Economic and Community Development

□ CDBG REVISITED. CDBG is the theme of the special 36-page issue of *Targeting Times*, commemorating 20 years of the program. Includes contributions by PNers Brian Sullivan and Ed Gramlich. Available from the Coalition for

Low-Income Community Development, 513 N. Chapel Gate Lane, Baltimore, MD 21229; 410/945-2835. No price listed.

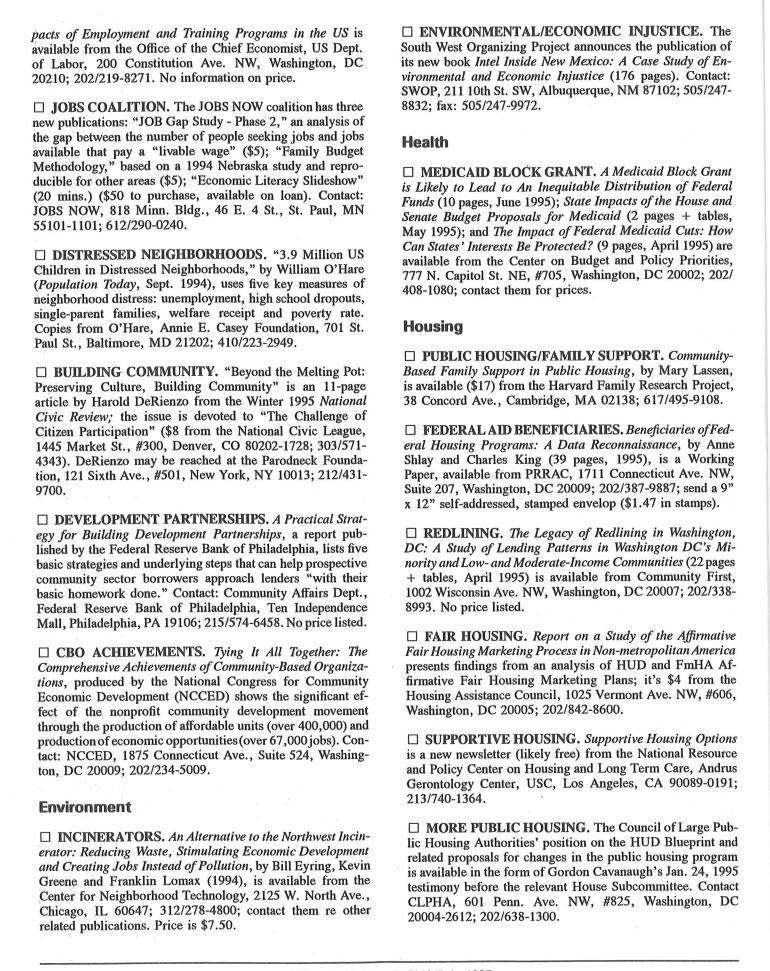
□ COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT. Community Reinvestment Act: Preliminary Results of GAO's Study on CRA Problems and Proposed Reforms, by James Bothwell, is a 16-page, March 1995 GAO Report (GAO/T-GGD-95-113), available (free) from USGAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015.

□ CRA REFORM. Reinvestment Reform in an Era of Financial Change (55 pages + tables, April 1995) is available from the Southern Finance Project, PO Box 334, Philomont, VA 22131; 703/338-7754. The report proposes spreading CRA-type reinvestment obligations to non-banks to create a National Reinvestment Fund. Price: \$10 nonprofits/students, \$25 libraries/for-profits, \$50 trade associations.

□ CRA ALERT. Reinvestment Alert, the Woodstock Institute newsletter, reports in its May 1995 issue the large increase in multifamily lending, partly as a result of more adequate CRA implementation. They also have a analysis of the recent Congressional attack on CRA and steps to take to voice opposition. No price listed for either. Woodstock is at 407 S. Dearborn, #550, Chicago, IL 60605; 312/427-8070.

□ JOBS. No More Candy Store: States and Cities Making Job Subsidies Accountable, by Greg Leroy, published by the Federation for Industrial Retention and Renewal and the Grassroots Policy Project, is available (\$23) from the Guild, Sugar Law Center, 2915 Cadillac Tower, Detroit, MI 48226.

☐ EMPLOYMENT/TRAINING. What's Working (and What's Not): A Summary of Research on the Economic Im-



tions and Human Rights, by Scott Leckie (139 pages, 1995), is available from the Habitat International Coalition, Cordobanes No. 24, Col. San José Insurgentes, Mexico DF 03900, Mexico, tel: 52.5.6516807. Price is \$10. HOUSING/ELDERLY. Expanding Housing Choices for Older People is a 311-page set of conference papers and recommendations from the Jan. 26-27, 1995 AARP White House Conference on Aging Mini-Conference. Likely free from AARP, 601 E St. NW, Washington, DC 20049. FAIR HOUSING/ELDERLY. Fair Housing Laws and Group Residences for Frail Older Persons," by Stephanie Edelstein, is a 19-page, April 1995 Discussion Paper, available (likely free) from AARP (see item above). HOMELESS PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH. A Participatory Inquiry Toward a Better Nonprofit Response Toward Homelessness, by Ruth McCambridge, examines the question of whether or not shelters work in the best long-term	Planners Network On-Line PN is on-line with a "conversation" or "list-serv" connection called Plan-Net. It includes a limited number of pieces from the newsletter, giving you more timely access to items with deadlines, like job notices. You can also post news and information to fellow PNers who join Plan-Net. To join, send an e-mail message to Plan-Net@ umbsky.cc.umb.edu. We are going to start in a limited way and expand as our needs and interests do. For any questions, contact: Merri Ansara: ansara@umbsky.cc.umb.edu Luis Aponte-Parés: aponte_pares@umbsky.cc.umb.edu
interest of homeless people. It's available, free, from Fund for the Homeless, A Project of the Boston Foundation, One Boston Pl., 24th fl., Boston MA 02108; 617/723-7415.	☐ HUNGER/POVERTY/BOOKS. The 100 Most Significant Books on US Hunger and Poverty is a 1994 annotated list by James Chapin of World Hunger Year. \$2 from WHY,
□ FOSTER CARE/HOMELESSNESS. The National Alliance to End Homelessness presents research findings in <i>The Web of Failure: The Relationship Between Foster Care and Homelessness</i> . Contact: National Alliance to End Homelessness, 1518 K St., NW Suite 206, Washington, DC 20005; 202/638-1526; fax: 202/638-4664. Cost: \$7 for Alliance members; \$10 non-members; with appendixr: \$9/members, \$15/non-members.	505 8th Ave., 21st fl., New York, NY 10018; 212/629-8850. They also have a 6-page brochure on Hunger, Poverty and Homelessness ("Just the Facts"). They publish the quarterly WHY Magazine, \$13.50/yr. FOOD SECURITY. Community Food Security News is the new newsletter of the Community Food Security Coalition. Contact Andy Fisher, CFSC, PO Box 209, Venice, CA 90294; 310/822-5410, asfisher@aol.com.
Planning and Land Use	Race/Ethnic
☐ GREEN CITIES/OPEN SPACE. The Green Cities Initiative of the Trust for Public Land is designed to enhance and protect open space resources in urban America. For more information and relevant publications, contact Lisa Cashdan, TPL, PO Box 1257, Norwich, VT 05055; 802/649-3611.	□ BLACK MEN. The Status of Black Men in America, ed. Robert Jennings (187 pages, 1995), is available from the National Council of African American Men, c/o Institute for Black Leadership, Development and Research, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045; 913/864-3990. Price is \$22.
Poverty	☐ IMMIGRATION. Catching the New Wave: Recent Immigration to the U.S. by Patrick Simmons and Isaac
□ POVERTY TRENDS. 1993 Poverty and Income Trends, by Richard May (93 pages, March 1995), is available from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 777 N. Capitol St. NE, #705, Washington DC 20002; 202/408-1080.	Megbolugbe (24 pages, March 1995), is a Housing Demographics Internal Research Report, likely available free from the Fannie Mae Office of Housing Research, 3900 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016; 202/752-6598. They also have available a March 1995 "Published Research Index."
□ LATINO POVERTY. Policy Implications of Latino Poverty, by Maria Enchautegui, is a 1995 report sponsored by the Comm. for Public Policy Research on Contemporary Hispanic Issues of the Social Science Research Council. Available from The Urban Institute, 2100 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20037; 202/833-7200. No price listed.	☐ MORE IMMIGRATION. "Immigration 1995" is special 4-article section of the May-June 1995 issue of the magazine <i>Colors</i> , \$6 from 2608 Blaisdell Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408-1505; 612/874-0494. Includes an article of "African American-Latino Relations in an Anti-Immigrant Era."
□ POVERTY MEASUREMENT/LOCATION. Poverty Measurement: Adjusting for Geographic Cost-of-Living Difference (76 pages, March 1995; GAO/GGD-95-64) is available, free, from USGAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015.	□ REBUILDING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER. Together in Our Differences: How Newcomers and Establisher Residents Are Rebuilding America's Communities, by Juli Teresa Quiroz (96 pages, Jan. 1995), profiles 21 communities.

initiatives in 4 cities. \$12.95 from the National Immigration Forum, 220 Eye St. NE, #200, Washington, DC 20002-4362; 202/544-0004. Also available: A 4-page Executive Summary.	☐ MORE WELFARE REFORM. The Personal Responsibility Act: Irresponsible Public Policy is an 8-pager, available from the Coalition for Human Needs, 1000 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20007; 202/342-0726. No price listed.
Transportation □ TRANSPORTATION/JUSTICE/EQUITY. Transportation, Environmental Justice and Social Equity is a report on a Nov. 1994 conference hosted by the Center for Neighborhood Technology, available (\$17.50) from CNT, 2125 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL 60647; 312/278-4800. Contact them for other CNT transportation and environmental publications.	□ SAVE OUR SAFETY NET. The Save Our Safety Net Coalition is a national effort to stop the welfare reform proposals currently being considered in Congress; the Philadelphia effort is being coordinated by the Philadelphia Unemployment Project, 116 S. 7th St., #610, Philadelphia, PA 19106; 215/592-0933 (Rachel Goldstein).
Welfare □ WELFARE REFORM. Cash Assistance and Related Provisions in the Personal Responsibility Act (HR 4), (25 pages, April 1995); How Would States Have Fared if the Personal Responsibility Act's Cash Assistance Block Grant Had Been Enacted in 1989 and in Place During the Reces-	☐ IMPACT ON CHILDREN. Out of the Arms of Mothers, by Ann Hartman (16 pages, May 1995), is the Executive Summary of a paper on "what will happen to children if proposed family income support cuts leave some parents unable to care for them?" Full paper is \$5, Executive Summary appears to be free, from the Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, 275 7th Ave., 6th fl., New York, NY 10001-6708; 212/633-6967.
sion? (2 pages + table, April 1995); and The Effects of the House Welfare Bill on Families Nationally and By State (9 pages, May 1995) are available from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 777 N. Capitol St. NE, #705, Washington, DC 20002; 202/408-1080. Contact them for prices.	☐ MORE IMPACTS ON CHILDREN. The Children's Defense Fund has state-by-state fact sheets showing how children would fare under the House-approved block grant welfare reform bill. Call 202/628-8787 (or see HandsNet posting in the Family Economic Security subforum).
☐ GENERAL ASSISTANCE. General Assistance Programs: Gaps in the Safety Net, by Marion Nichols and	Women/Families
Kathryn Porter (56 pages, March 1995), is available from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (see address in previous item); contact them for price. STATE IMPACT/WELFARE REFORM. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities has also prepared state-by-state fact sheet analyses of the House-approved welfare bill showing how poor families would be affected by an AFDC block grant, a Child Nutrition block grant, cuts in food stamps and limits in benefits for low-income disabled children. Free copies available from CBPP (see first item above), or download them from HandsNet in the Children, Youth and Families/Family Economic Security/Welfare Reform/Federal Level: Analyses subforum.	□ ORGANIZING WOMEN. Women, Organizing and Diversity is a workbook and video (\$25 and \$45, respectively; \$65 for both) from the Education Center for Community Organizing (ECCO), Hunter College School of Social Wk., 129 E. 79 St., New York, NY 10021; 212/452-7112. □ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES. New Approaches to Evaluating Community Initiatives: Concepts, Methods and Contexts, eds. James Connell, Anne Kubisch, Lisbeth Schorr and Carol Weiss (225 pages, 1995), is a report from the Aspen Institute Roundtable on Comprehensive Community Initiatives for Children and Families. \$12 from their Pubs. Office, PO Box 222, 109 Houghton Lab Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658; New York No.: 212/697-1261.
□ PROTEST LETTER. Adults who received welfare during childhood are asked to sign a letter opposing the Personal Responsibility Act. Contact Timothy Casey, 30 Waterside Plaza, Apt. 14J, New York, NY 10010; 212/633-6967. □ AFDC/TRAINING/JOBS. Two new GAO welfare-related reports: Welfare to Work: Most AFDC Training Programs Not Emphasizing Job Placement (May 1995, GAO/HEHS-95-113); and Welfare to Work: Measuring Outcomes for JOBS Participants (43 pages, April 1995, GAO/HEHS-95-86). Both available, free, from USGAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015.	□ RESEARCH/FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY. New Findings on Children, Families and Economic Self-Sufficiency: Summary of a Research Briefing," eds. Deborah Phillips and Anne Bridgeman (30 pages, 1995), is available (no price given) from the Board on Children and Families, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20418; 202/334-2998. □ FAMILIES/PROGRESSIVE STRATEGIES. Defending the Family: Progressive Strategies is a new booklet (free) from The National Rainbow Coalition, 1700 K St. NW,
□ WELFARE REFORM/EVIDENCE. Statement on Key Welfare Reform Issues: The Empirical Evidence (28 pages, 1995) is available (likely free) from the Center on Hunger,	#800, Washington, DC 20006. Misc.

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□ POLICY RESEARCH. The Urban Institute's Policy and Research Report, provides short reports on Institute projects. The Winter/Spring 1995 issue covered assessment of block grants, widening wage inequalities, whether work pays for pure transfer and provides the project implications of Leting provides.	Political Science Association meetings) to Prof. Peter Dreier, Dept. of Politics, Occidental College, 1600 Campus Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90041. SENIOR ASSOCIATE/DC. The Program for Community Problem Solving in scaling a Society Associate. \$45
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new publication <i>Too Much</i> . For more information and a copy of <i>Too Much</i> , contact Share the Wealth, 37 Temple Pl. 3rd fl., Boston, MA 02111; 617/423-2148; fax: 617/695-1295.	□ ADM. & FINANCE/DC. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities is seeking a Director of Administration and Finance. Cover letter/resume to the Center, 777 N. Capitol St. NE, #705, Washington, DC 20002.
□ INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY/NONPROFITS. Several contacts on this issue are: 1) Tim Freebairn, Communications Catalyst, NII Clearinghouse Project, 1742 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009; 202/234-8494, email: freebair@rtk.net; 2) Center for Strategic Communications, 505 8th Ave., New York, NY 10018; 212/967-2843; 3) Dept. of Commerce, NTIA/TIIAP, 14th and Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230; 202/482-2048, e-mail: tiiap@ntia.doc.gov. □ SOFTWARE/NONPROFITS. CompuMentor offers a	□ PLANNING FACULTY/CINCINNATI. The School of Planning in the College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning at the University of Cincinnati expects to receive authorization for a one-year visiting position at the rank of instructor/assistant professor beginning Sept. 1. Send application, c.v. and names, addresses and phone numbers of three references to Chairperson, Search Committee, School of Planning, University of Cincinnati, P.O. Box 210073, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0073. Applications review begins July 15 and will continue until person is selected. Contact: Charles
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☐ MORE COMPUTERS. A new nonprofit organization, Computer Reclamation, obtains surplus computers from organizations and individuals, refurbishes and tests them, and then donates them to nonprofits in need. For more informa-	☐ FUNDING SOURCES. Funding \$ources for Community and Economic Development (752 pages, 1995) is published by Oryx, 4041 N. Central Ave., #700, Phoenix, AZ 85012-3397; \$52.25.
tion, call Michael Wiggins at 301/495-0280.	☐ BANNERMAN/YOUNG ORGANIZERS. The Bannerman Fellowship Program for Young Organizers is a new project, designed to supplement Bannerman's program to
Jobs	honor and sustain the work of outstanding activists of color by giving them the opportunity to take sabbaticals. The new
□ PN REMINDER. Some of the jobs we list may have application deadlines earlier than when you receive the newsletter. But deadlines sometimes can be adjusted. So we	program focuses on younger activists of color (under 30 years of age who have been organizing for at least five years). They will receive a \$4,000 stipend plus \$1,000 for travel/training fees/etc. for a 2-3 month self-designed program to
urge you to phone first and check on the deadline schedule.	gain new experience or skills. The program will begin in

1996. Information from Madeline Adamson at Bannerman, 1627 Lancaster St., Baltimore, MD 21231; 410/327-6220. □ ANTI-HUNGER/POVERTY AWARDS. The Harry Chapin Self-Reliance Awards (\$5,000 in cash) are given annually to grassroots groups judged outstanding for innovative approaches to fighting domestic hunger and poverty by empowering poor people. Applications due Aug. 31. Information and forms from World Hunger Year, 505 8th Ave., 21st fl., New York, NY 10018-6582; 800/5-HUNGRY.	World Conference on Women," is a series of intensive seminars leading up to the 1995 UN conference in Beijing. Contact: Center of Concern, 3700 13th St. NE, Washington, DC 20017; 202/635-2757. POPULAR ECONOMICS. The Center for Popular Economics is holding its 3rd annual Summer Institute and International Institute, Aug. 5-11 in Amherst. Information from CPE, PO Box 785, Amherst, MA 01004; 413/545-0743, cpe@acad.umass.edu. POLITICAL ECONOMICS. "Economic Development and Community Strategies" is the theme of the annual conference of the Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE), which will take place Aug. 19-21 in Litchfield, Conn. Contact: Gene Mason, URPE, 1 Summer St., Somerville, MA 02143; 617/776-5888.
□ WOMEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. The Ms. Foundation's Women's Collaborative Fund for Women's Economic Development is issuing a Call for Letters of Intent. The Fund supports enterprise development programs that benefit low-income rural and urban women, especially women of color and women making the transition from public assistance to economic independence. Letters of Intent are	
due on September 29. For guidelines, call Brenda Bushy, Program Assistant, at 212/742-2300, ext. 317; fax: 212/742-1653; or write her at Ms. Foundation for Women, 120 Wall St. 33rd fl., New York, NY 10005.	☐ HOMELESSNESS. The National Conference on Homelessness, co-sponsored by the Community for Creative Non-Violence and the National Coalition for the Homeless, will be held Aug. 25-26 in DC. Information from Michelle Daly, CCNV; 800/25-CCNV-1.
Conferences	☐ RAIL-VOLUTION: The "Building Successful Communities with Rail" conference will be held Sept. 16-18 , Portland, Oregon. For information, call 800/788-7077.
☐ UN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES. "Women Connecting: Preparation for the United Nations Fourth	☐ GLOBAL CITIES. The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
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TRANS-AMERICA CONGRESS. "Edifica '95," will be held Sept. 27-30 in Santiago, Chile. It is sponsored by the International Council for Caring Communities, in cooperation

617/661-3016; fax: 617/661-7235.

□ STUDENTS/ENVIRONMENT. The Student Environmental Action Coalition is holding its 4th national conference, with an environmental justice initiative, Oct. 13-15 in Chapel Hill. Information from SEAC, PO Box 1168, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-1168; 800/700-SEAC, e-mail: seac@igc.apc.org.

with the UN Center for Human Settlement (HABITAT), UN Program on Aging, the University for Peace in Costa Rica

and other organizations. Contact: Royal Travellers, Inc., Airport Executive Tower II, 7270 NW 12th St. Suite 650, Miami, FL 33126; 800/222-7692; fax: 305/599-9450.

is sponsoring the conference "Global City Regions: Their Evolution and Management" Sept. 17-19 in Cambridge,

Mass. Registration is limited to 45 (register early). Contact: Lisa Silva, Program Administrator, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 113 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA 02138-3400;

☐ URBAN POLITICS. "Social Change, Societal Restruc-

□ SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. "Service-enriched Affordable Housing — Models and Methodologies" is a 2-day workshop, Oct. 23-24, in DC, sponsored by The Enterprise Foundation. For a brochure, contact Oliver Libaw; 213/252-0791. Further information from Natalie Profant, Beyond Shelter, 4032 Wilshire Blvd., #501, LA, CA 90010; 213/480-0846.

☐ MULTICULTURAL. "Building Personal and Professional Competence in a Multicultural Society" are 2- and 4-day training courses, Nov. 2-4, in Washington, DC, sponsored by the National MultiCultural Institute, 3000 Conn. Ave. NW, #438, Washington, DC 20008; 202/483-0700.

☐ PEOPLE/ENVIRONMENT. The 14th Conference of the International Association for People-Environmental Studies will be held in Stockholm July 30-Aug. 3, 1996. Contact: The Royal Institute of Technology, Dept. of Architecture and Town Planning, IAPS 14 Secretariat, S100 44 Stockholm, Sweden; +46 8 643 1173.

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