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## Planners Network 1996: A National Conference on Community Planning and Policy

by Tom Angotti

Since Planners Network was founded in 1975, the entire political spectrum has moved to the right. A suburban majority dominates the national political scene, and everything urban is being marginalized and degraded. Planning is now equated with big government, and all public regulation is blamed for the worst sins of planners, and even the sins of the market. In a world that is supposedly moving towards the "paradise" of an unbridled freemarket, the ideas of planning and urban policy are seen as radical indeed.

Today, we need to find ways to reestablish the hopes and expectations of a progressive approach to the planning of communities,

### Legislative Alert: CRA Under Attack

The House Banking Committee approved the "Financial Institutions Regulatory Relief Act of 1995" in August, which would effectively repeal the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). Under the new guidelines, members of the public would no longer be able to protest or challenge mergers and acquisitions of banks, all banks with assets under \$100 million would be exempt from the CRA, and lenders with between \$100 and \$230 million in assets would be able to "self-certify" themselves for what remains of the CRA. All together, 88% of lending institutions would be exempt from CRA requirements. The National Community Reinvestment Coalition is calling on citizens to write their representatives and senators asking them to oppose S. 650 and HR 1858. Call NCRC for more information and sample letters at 202-986-7898.

one that is rooted in a commitment to social, economic and environmental justice. Against the anti-urban bias and deregulation mania, we need to reaffirm that the conscious and cooperative action by people who live and work in our communities (planning!) can indeed improve the physical, economic and social character of cities.

Planners Network is a very broad network of people who work in different ways towards these ends — as professional planners, community activists, academicians and students. Individual members focus on a wide array of issues: housing, the environment, transportation, health care, social services, etc. We need to come together and do our part in braking the rightward drift in the political climate so that it can't destroy the important gains made over the years in building and empowering urban communities.

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### Notice Anything Different? A Letter from the editor and Co-Chair

Planners Network has a new editor and a new format. As of August 1, Winton Pitcoff has taken over responsibility for editing the newsletter and Planners Network administration. Winton has valuable experience as a writer and editor, and has worked with community organizations in Minnesota and elsewhere. He has just begun graduate studies in Urban Planning at Pratt Institute. With Winton, we're looking forward to a much smoother operation, continuing

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# PN'er Updates

- PN'er **David Barkin's** article "The Rise and Fall of Planning: Towards a New Practice in Latin America" appeared in *Interplan*, The American Planning Association's (APA's) quarterly journal, in July. "In this brave new world," writes Barkin, "planners have a heightened responsibility to recall a proud tradition of critical theory in Latin America: we must play an active role in restoring balance into the development process." Barkin is professor of economics at Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana in Mexico City.
- PN'er **Laurie A. Wall** has joined Foster, Pepper & Shefelman's Portland, OR office, One Main Place, 101 S.W. Main St., 15th Fl., Portland, OR 97204.
- PN'er **Daniel Lauber** won the Benjamin Franklin award for "Most Improved Redesign" for his book *Government Job Finder* (formerly *The Compleat Guide to Finding Jobs in Government*). The book, along with Lauber's *Non-Profits' Job Finder*, is available at bookstores (\$16.95 ea.) or direct from the publisher: Planning/Communications, 7215 Oak Ave., River Forest, IL 60305; 800/829-6220 (+ \$4 P&H).
- As if that weren't enough, **Lauber** also made news in May as principal author of APA's amicus brief presented to the U.S. Supreme Court in *City of Edmonds v. Washington State Building Codes Council* (115 S. Ct. 1776 (1995)). The brief helped persuade the court to rule in support of upholding the Fair Housing Act of 1988, allowing group homes and halfway houses to exist in residential neighborhoods. Watch for upcoming articles from Lauber on the subject in the October issue of *Planning* magazine and the autumn issue of *Land Use Law and Zoning Digest*.
- The June 1995 issue of *Peace Work* focused on radical responses to the Contract On America, and featured articles by PN'ers **Chris Tilly** ("Coping with a Cruel Economy") and **Louise Dunlap** ("Organizing in Hard Times"). For copies write American Friends Service Committee, 2161 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140.
- PN'ers **Peter Dreier** and **John Atlas'** article "Housing Policy's Moment of Truth" appeared in the summer issue of *American Prospect*. The article describes the current attack on HUD and proposes a progressive housing policy that can help expand the political coalition for affordable housing. For copies send a SASE to Peter Dreier, Int'l & Public Affairs Center, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA, 90041.
- PN'er **William Goldsmith** wrote the introduction to the U.S. edition of *Social Struggles and the City: The Case of São Paulo*, edited by Lúcio Kowarick, which documents the achievements and difficulties of the Workers Party (PT) government of Mayor Luisa Erundina in South America's largest metropolis. The book was published by Monthly Review Press, 122 W 27th St., New York, NY 10001; 212/691-2555.
- PN'er **Sean Robin's** new publication, *The Indigenous Planning Times*, has arrived. 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. 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.

## Planners Network Session at ACSP

At the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference in Detroit, PN will sponsor a Roundtable and Reception on **Thursday, October 19, 7 - 9 PM**. The Roundtable will bring together PNers to talk about **Building Hope and Real Solutions in Central City Neighborhoods**. Confirmed panelists are June Thomas (Detroit), Jackie Leavitt (LA) and Tom Angotti (NY). Note that this is a change from the listing in the printed program. There will no longer be a PN Roundtable Saturday morning at 7:30 PM (hooray!); instead the Roundtable will be held in the slot listed as the "Planners Network Informal Reception."

## New York Planners Network Forums

The New York Chapter of Planners Network will hold it's annual series of forums beginning in October. Topics for the fall session are:

**October 13 • 197-A Planning**

**November 3 • Public Housing -- Changes to come**

**December 1 • Urban environment and participatory planning**

**January 13 • Manhattan Planning**

All forums begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the Puck Building in Manhattan, 295 Lafayette St..

For more information call Winton at 718-636-3486.

# News From Washington

- **HUD APPROPRIATIONS.** As of early September, the Senate seemed to be looking upon HUD more favorably than the house during budget negotiations. The Senate proposal for HUD funding fell around \$20.5 billion, where the House asked for only \$19.4 billion. The Senate draft would fund public housing operating subsidies to the tune of \$2.8 billion, where the house proposal suggested \$2.5 billion. A \$290 million Senate appropriation for drug elimination grants received no support in the House bill at all. The Senate bill also funds a revised capital grants program for preservation at \$624 million. The Senate did suggest a \$400 million cut in CDBG money, however. Other recommendations included increases in Section 8 contract renewals, and homeless housing programs.

It appears that a move by presidential hopeful Senator Phil Gramm (R-TX) to introduce an amendment to the welfare reform bill which would result in the block granting of all "means tested" housing programs to the states has failed. The amendment would have effectively eliminated HUD. (*Exchange News*, 9/95, *Center for Community Change Policy Alert* #30, 9/11/95)

- **NONPROFITS' FUNDING THREATENED.** The House of Representatives passed a bill proposed by Ernest Istook (R-OK), David McIntosh (R-IN), and Robert Ehrlich (R-MD) aimed at limiting the activities of non-profit organizations which receive any federal funds. Under the proposed regulations, restrictions would be set on how much private funding an organization could raise to do advocacy and lobbying. If the organization exceeds that amount, about 5% of the organization's total budget, it would no longer be eligible for federal funds. The bill proposes even broader definitions of lobbying and advocacy than the already restrictive IRS code for nonprofits. The restrictions would also limit the kinds of organizations nonprofits could do business with, and create new enforcement procedures and fines. The Senate is currently considering the measure. For more information, contact Chad Nettesheim at OMB Watch, 202/234-8494; netteshe@rtk.net. Also, details can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://libertynet.org/community/phila/natl.html>
- **ISTEA ATTACKED.** Members of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) are considering an ISTEA reauthorization proposal. The proposal attacks the elements of ISTEA that emphasize departures from car and road centered transportation policies. According to New York's Tri-State Transportation Campaign, the organization hasn't voted yet on whether or not to adopt the proposal.
- **DAVIS-BACON THREATENED.** This fall's budget negotiations may include a repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act, which ensures that construction workers on federally funded jobs get prevailing wages. President Clinton would most likely veto such a proposal, however. (*Exchange News*, 9/95)

- **MAYORS SEE HARM IN CUTS.** In a survey of 145 mayors of U.S. cities, conducted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, 85% of respondents said that federal cuts would result in a loss of city services to residents, 61% said they would be forced to lay off city workers, and 41% said they would have to raise taxes to respond to the federal cuts in aid. Service reductions would most adversely affect cities' efforts to reduce crime, the mayors said, enhance youth development, and meet basic transportation needs.
- **CONGRESSIONAL ALERTS.** For updates and alerts on the progress of HUD, CRA and other legislation, The Center for Community Change offers a fax service with regular Policy Alerts. Call Lisa Ranghelli at 202/342-0567 for more information.

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improvements in the newsletter, and better communications with the Steering Committee and members in general.

Over the last year, Jill Hamberg made valuable contributions to Planners Network as a part-time staff person/consultant. Jill assisted me in editing the newsletter and did all the layout work; she managed the finances and handled correspondence. Above all, Jill skillfully managed the transition from Washington, set up a new data base, and performed many other tasks as a volunteer. Many thanks to Jill for taking on the job in this important transitional year.

Pratt's Graduate Center for Planning & the Environment continues to provide immeasurable support to Planners Network. Thanks to the Center and Director Ron Shiffman, we have an office, a computer, phone line and fax. Dean Zias has also helped a great deal to get us up and running on a new and improved computer system.

Financially, Planner's Network is holding its own. When operations moved from Washington, DC last year we had close to \$10,000 in the bank. Today, after incurring extra expenses for the move, we have approximately the same amount. This is not to be construed as being flush, however. We still depend upon membership and subscription money to produce the newsletter, and hopefully will be able to count on our reserves to help with the 1996 conference.

Financial contributions aren't all we need, though. As PN continues to grow and take on new projects and challenges, we grow increasingly dependent upon members to take on roles in our efforts. As preparation for next year's conference begins, please consider contributing some of your time and talent toward ensuring its success. If you're interested in participating, contact Winton, myself, or any other steering committee member to let us know what you're interested in doing.



# Resources

## ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.** The President's Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD) will meet on October 27 to complete and release the final draft of their three year effort. For more information or to receive copies of the report, write PCSD, 730 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503; 202/408-6839; [pcsd@igc.apc.org](mailto:pcsd@igc.apc.org).
- **CRA.** The Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) is showing "demonstrable results," according to an article in National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC)'s summer issue of *Reinvestment Works*, but Congress is taking steps to effectively gut the act. For copies of the article, write to the NCRC at 1875 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 1010, Washington, D.C. 20009.
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.** Vol. 21, No. 3 of *Appropriate Technologies* journal focuses on the need for communities to be integral to development processes. Write IT Publications Ltd., 103-105 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4HH, UK; [itdgcru@gn.apc.org](mailto:itdgcru@gn.apc.org).
- **CDC REPORT.** *Building Communities that Work* provides case studies of 16 CDC's from around the country. The book is available from Rapoza Associates, 601 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, #850, Washington, DC 20004; 202/393-3034.
- **GATED COMMUNITIES.** *Landlines*, the newsletter of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, features an article entitled "Fortress Communities: The Walling and Gating of American Suburbs" in their September issue. For copies contact Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 113 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA 02138-3400; 617/661-3016.
- **PUBLICATIONS.** The Coalition for Cooperative Community Economics publishes a series of pamphlets on subjects ranging from General Community Service Organizations, to Credit Unions, to Home Schooling. For a complete list of publications, contact the general coordinator at TRANET, POB 567, Rangeley, ME 04970; 207/864-2252; [tranet@igc.apc.org](mailto:tranet@igc.apc.org)
- **ORGANIZING IN APPALACHIA.** "Racism & Organizing in Appalachia" is a 12-page chapter, by Don Manning-Miller, from *Fighting Back in Appalachia: Traditions of Resistance & Change*, ed. Stephen L. Fisher (Temple Univ. Press, 1993). For copies, contact the author at PO Box 267, Berea, KY 40403.
- **ORGANIZERS RESOURCE.** "The Organizer Mailing" is a valuable quarterly "compilation of published materials designed to provide labor & community organizers and leaders, and their friends and allies, with a wide range of materials related to their work." A 4-issue subscription is \$40 for individuals, \$50 for organizations, from co-editors Mike Miller & Tim Sampson, Organize Training Center, 442A Vicksburg St., SF, CA 94114; 415/821-6180.
- **ORGANIZING REPORT.** "The Plain Talk Planning Year: Mobilizing Communities for Change" is a report prepared for the Annie Casey Found. by Lauren Kotloff, Phoebe Roaf & Michelle Alberti Gambone. Copies of the 7-page, Spring 1995 Executive Summary, or of the full report, are available from the Foundation, 701 St. Paul St., Baltimore, MD 21202; 410/547-6600.
- **SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE BANKING.** "BankRight: A Guide to Socially Responsible Banking," a community reinvestment guide for bank customers (28 pp.), is available (\$5) from the McAuley Inst., 8300 Colesville Rd., #310, Silver Spring, MD 20910; 301/588-8110.
- **COMMUNITY ECONOMICS.** *Chaos or Community? Seeking Solutions, Not Scapegoats, for Bad Economics*, by Holly Sklar (221 pp., 1995), is available (\$15) from South End Press, 116 St. Botolph St., Boston, MA 02115; 617/266-0629.
- **HUD NEWSLETTER.** *Community Connections* is a newsletter put out by HUD Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning & Development, Washington, DC 20410-7000. The July 1995 issue details the various CPD programs and grants.
- **BANKS/LENDING.** "How to Succeed in Banking Without Really Lending," by Jonathan Brown (77 pp., 1995), is available (no price listed) from Essential Inf., PO Box 19405, Wash., DC 20036; 202/387-8030. Also available: "Interstate Branch Banking: A Bad Deal for Minorities, Low & Moderate Income Borrowers & Small Business" (5 pp. + tables/charts/maps).
- **GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING.** *Reinvesting in America: The Grassroots Movements That Are Feeding the Hungry, Housing the Homeless & Putting Americans Back to Work*, by Robin Garr, has been published by Addison-Wesley, 101 5th Ave., NY, NY 10002; 800/447-2226; \$23.
- **SCHOOL CHOICE.** "Who Gains, Who Loses from School Choice: A Research Summary," by Bruce Fuller focuses on voucher programs in Milwaukee, San Antonio & Montgomery City, MD. The 8-page Summary is available from Prof. Fuller, Harvard Grad. School of Educ., Cambridge, MA 02138. The complete set of empirical evaluations will be published later this year by Teachers College Press, Columbia University, under the title *School Choice: The Cultural Logic of Families, the Political Rationality of Institutions*. Information about the book is available from Helen Rodriguez, Harvard-Gutman 427, 6 Appian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138.



## EMPLOYMENT / JOBS POLICY

- **UNIVERSAL EMPLOYMENT.** "A Living Wage, Jobs for All Act" (H.R. 1050), drafted by Prof. Bertram Gross, author of Pres. Roosevelt's 1946 Full Employment Act and the 1978 Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment & Balanced Growth Act, has been introduced by Rep. Ron Dellums, with 15 original co-sponsors. Dellums & co-sponsor Rep. Nancy Pelosi are holding a public hearing on "Economic Insecurity" Nov. 11 in San Francisco. Copies and information are available from the Campaign to Abolish Poverty, 942 Market St., #306, San Francisco, CA 94102; 415/397-4911.
- **UNEMPLOYMENT.** *Don't Lose Your Unemployment Benefits!*, by Jose I. Portela (168 pp., 1995), is available (\$16.45) from Apex Press, 777 UN Plaza, Suite 3C, NYC, NY 10017; 800/316-2739.
- **JOBS.** *Jobs, Income & Work: Ruinous Trends, Urgent Alternatives*, by Holly Sklar (1995), is available (\$10) from the American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102; 215/241-7048. Contact them for their 1995-96 Literature Resources Catalog.
- **WORKERS vs. BUSINESS.** "Profits Up, Wages Down: Worker Losses Yield Big Gains for Business," by Dean Baker & Lawrence Mishel (14 pp., Sept. 1995), is available (\$5) from the Economics Policy Institute, 1660 L St. NW, #1200, Washington, DC 20036; 202/331-5510.
- **JOBLESSNESS.** "The Underbelly of the U.S. Economy: Joblessness & the Pauperization of Work in America," by David Dembo & Ward Morehouse (46 pp., 1995), is available (\$7) from the Council on International & Public Affairs, 777 UN Plaza, Suite 3C, NY, NY 10017; 800/316-2739.
- **NY WORKFARE.** "Workfare in NY State" is a report by Rachel Leon of the Hunger Action Network of NY State, using data from the NY State Dept. of Social Services & interviews with workfare administrators from 10 county welfare offices. \$5 from HANNYS, 518/434-7371.

## ENVIRONMENT

- **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.** *Race, Poverty & the Environment*, "a journal for social & environmental justice," is a quarterly jointly produced by the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation's Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment and the Urban Habitat Program. Co-editors are Carl Anthony & Luke Cole. Subscriptions are free for low-income persons & community groups, \$30 for institutions, \$15 others, from the Earth Island Institute, 330 Broadway, #28, San Francisco, CA 94133. The Fall 1994/Winter 1995 issue was devoted to "Environmental Justice & the Law."
- **NEWS FROM APROVECHO**, a quarterly newsletter about sustainable forestry, organic gardening, appropriate technology, and eco-

logical living for the Pacific Northwest and beyond, is available for \$30 per year from Aprovecho Research Center, 80574 Hazelton Rd., Cottage Grove, OR 97424; 503/942-8198.

- **DEFENSE CONVERSION.** Sustainable Economics of North Dakota (SEND), led by PN'er Lewis Lubka, is proposing that decommissioned missile silos in that state be used for wind towers. For more information contact SEND, 1723 6th St. S., Fargo, ND 58103; 701/232-2164.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.** *Environmental Justice: Issues, Policies & Solutions*, ed. Bunyan Bryant (278 pp., 1995), is available (\$23) from Island Press, 1718 Connecticut Ave. NW, #300, Washington, DC 20009; 202/232-7933. Contributors include Robert Bullard, Cynthia Hamilton, Tom B.K. Goldtooth, David Ostendorf & Frederick Buttel.
- **COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT.** *Where We Live: A Citizen's Guide to Conducting a Community Environmental Inventory*, by Donald Harker & Elizabeth Ungar Natter (336 pp., 1994), is available (\$23.20) from Island Press, Box 7, Dept. 5AU, Covelo, CA 95428; 800/828-1302.

## HEALTH CARE

- **HEALTH CARE/ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION.** The Community Information Exchange's Spring/Summer issue of *Strategy Alert* was entitled "ER: Emergency Rooms or Economic Revitalization?" and focused on the need for health to take a prominent place in community development agendas. For copies, send \$9 to Community Information Exchange, 1029 Vermont Ave., NW, Suite 710, Washington, DC 20005. Or call 202/628-2981. Also available from CIE is "Case Studies on Economic Revitalization and Health Care" for \$15.
- **FOSTER CARE HEALTH.** "Foster Care: Health Needs of Many Young Children Are Unknown & Unmet" is a 36-page, May 1995 GAO report (GAO/HEHS-95-114). Free from USGAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015; 202/512-0006.
- **MEDICAID CUTS.** "Hurting Real People: The Human Impact of Medicaid Cuts" is a 36-page, June 1995 report from Families USA, 1334 G St. NW, Wash., DC 20005; 202/628-3030; \$10.
- **MEDICAID/MEDICARE CUTS.** Families USA, in cooperation with the Save Our Security Coalition, is organizing a grassroots mobilization to influence the Medicare/Medicaid fight. It has a flyer intended to generate phone calls to Congress and a postcard to President Clinton, urging him to use his veto power to protect health programs. The cards are free. Call SOS at 202/347-8800, x369.
- **NEW MEDICAID STUDIES.** "State Impacts of the Reduction in Federal Medicaid Spending Called for in the Budget Resolution" (3 pp., July 1995) and "Comparing the Options for Achieving Federal Medicaid Savings" (7 pp. + app., July 1995), both by Cindy Mann & Richard Kogan; "Design Flexibility & Funding Flexibility in the Medicaid Program," by Richard

Kogan (7 pp., July 1995). Available from the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities, 777 N. Capitol St. NE, #705, Washington, DC 20002; 202/408-1080; contact them for prices.

- **CIVIL RIGHTS IN HEALTH CARE.** "Reducing Racial Inequities in Health Care Use: The Role of Civil Rights Monitoring" is a 19-page, July 1995 paper submitted for publication by David Barton Smith; contact Professor Smith at the Temple University Department of Health Administration, Speakman Hall (006-00), Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215/204-8082.
- **TOBACCO ADVERTISING.** "STAMP: Stop Tobacco Ads Menacing Providence: How Tobacco Advertising Targets Youth & People of Color" (37 pp. + maps, Sept. 1994) is available (\$19.95) from DARE (Direct Action for Rights & Equality), 340 Lockwood St., Providence, RI 02907; 401/351-6960.
- **MANAGED COMPETITION.** "Strangled Competition: A Critique of Minnesota's Experiment with Managed Competition," by Kip Sullivan (97 pp., July 1995), is a report by Minnesota COACT, available from them (no price listed), 2233 University Ave. W., #300, St. Paul, MN 55114; 612/645-3733.
- **RACE AND HEALTH CARE.** "Underreporting of Race in the National Hospital Discharge Survey," by Lola Jean Kozak, is the 11-page July 6, 1995 issue (#265) of *Advance Data*, available from the National Center for Health Statistics, 6525 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, MD 20782; 301/436-8500.
- **HEALTH CARE FOR THE POOR.** *The Journal of Health Care for the Poor & Underserved*, the quarterly official publication of Meharry Medical College, is published by Sage. One-year subscriptions are \$37.80/indivs., \$75.60/insts., \$19 students (w/copy of current student ID). Sage Pubs., PO Box 5084, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359; 805/499-0721.
- **MEDICAID CUTS.** "Unraveling the Mystery of Medicaid Block Grants: Proposed Cuts Threaten Consumers of All Income Levels," prepared by the National Health Law Program & Consumers Union, is available, free, from CU, 1535 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103; 415/431-6747.
- **PUBLIC HOUSING.** The April issue of *Capital Idea\$* featured an article by Thomas E. Nutt-Powell, Capital Needs Unlimited's president, entitled "Public Housing — Dissed and Stressed in a Brave New World." For copies, contact Capital Needs Unlimited, 57 Westbourne Terrace, Brookline, MA 02146; 617/734-8944; 74363.154@compuserve.com.
- **HOMELESSNESS.** *Homeless Reporter*, a quarterly publication of Shelter Partnership, is available from Shelter Partnership, 523 West Sixth Street, Suite 616, Los Angeles, CA 90014; 213-688-2188.
- **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT MANUAL.** *Managing the Money Side: Financial Management for Community-Based Housing Organizations* is available from the Institute for Community Economics, 57 School Street, Springfield, MA 01105-1331; 413/746-8660. List price is \$50, additional copies are \$20, nonprofit housing organizations \$35, CLT associates \$25, and CLT affiliates \$20.
- **HOUSING TRUST FUNDS.** The Center for Community Change's Housing Trust Fund Project offers technical assistance and publishes a newsletter reporting on housing trusts around the country. For copies of *The Housing Trust Fund Project*, or for more information, contact The Housing Trust Fund Project, HC2 Box 8132, Frazier Park, CA 93225; 805/245-0318.
- **HOUSING TRUST FUNDS II.** A report from The Housing Trust Fund Project, called *Long Term Affordability of Low Income Housing: The Approach of Housing Trust Funds* is available from the Project for \$6 (free to community based nonprofits). Contact The Housing Trust Fund Project, HC2 Box 8132, Frazier Park, CA 93225; 805/245-0318.
- **LEGAL MANUALS.** The National Housing Law Project has recently completed two major reference manuals for the federally subsidized low-income housing programs: HUD Housing: Tenants' Rights \$110 for Legal Services offices, \$165 for all others) and RHCDS (FmHA) Housing Programs: Tenants' And Homeowners' Rights (\$80 for Legal Services offices, \$115 for all others). Include \$3 per book for postage and handling. California residents, add state tax. Prepayment is required on all orders. Send order, with payment, to: The National Housing Law Project, 2201 Broadway, Suite 815, Oakland, CA 94612, Attn: Publications; 510/251-9400.
- **AMERICAN HOMELESSNESS.** *American Homelessness: A Reference Handbook*, 2nd edition, by Mary Ellen Hombs, has just been released by ABC-CLIO, 130 Cremona Dr., PO Box 1911, Santa Barbara, CA 93116-1911; 805/968-1911.
- **GLOBAL HOMELESSNESS.** *Homelessness in Global Perspective*, by Irene Glasser (1994), is available (\$15.95) from G.K. Hall Publishers, 866 Third Ave., NY, NY 10022; 800/257-5755.
- **HOMELESS WOMEN.** "Self-Employment & Very Low-Income Women: A Final Report on the Experience of the San Francisco Homeless Women's Economic Development Project" is available, free, from The Roberts Fdn., 873 Sutter

## HOUSING

- **PUBLIC HOUSING DEMOGRAPHICS.** The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities has released its report entitled "Demographic Characteristics of Public and Indian Housing Residents," a report compiling information on the 1.27 million families that live in public and Indian housing. \$21 from CLPHA, 601 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20004; 202/638-1300.
- **HOMELESS ORGANIZING MANUAL.** "The Advocacy Peer Council Manual" has been published by a homeless self-help group to assist homeless and low-income people to organize themselves into Advocacy Peer Councils. \$7 from the Indiana Coal. for Housing & Homeless Issues, 902 N. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317/636-8819.

St., #B, San Francisco, CA 94109-6170; 415/771-4300.

- **CIVIL RIGHTS OF HOMELESS.** *The Civil Rights of Homeless People: Law, Social Policy & Social Work Practice*, 1995, by Madeline Stoner, has been published by Aldine De Gruyter, 200 Saw Mill River Rd., Hawthorne, NY 10532; 914/747-0110.
- **HOMELESS BIBLIOGRAPHY.** The Homelessness Information Exchange is gearing up for its 1st annual supplement to *The Essential Reference on Homelessness: A Fully Annotated Bibliography*. They welcome any 1994 and 1995 items for inclusion. Contact Barbara Duffield, NCH, 1612 K St. NW, #1004, Wash., DC 20006; 202/775-1322; HN0055.
- **HOMELESS CHILDREN.** "The Legal Rights & Educational Problems of Homeless Children & Youth," by Yvonne Rafferty, is a 22-page article from the Spring 1995 issue of *Perspectives*. Reprints may be available from Prof. Rafferty, Dept. Psychology, Pace Univ., 41 Park Row, NYC, NY 10038-1502; 212/346-1506; Yrafferty@pacevm.
- **NEW JOURNAL.** *The North Star* is a new "journal of moral agitation" published by the Gtr. Boston Housing & Shelter Alliance, 5 Park St., Boston, MA 02108. The premier issue (Dec. 3, 1994) contained an interview with God.
- **FOSTER CARE.** "Web of Failure: The Relationship Between Foster Care & Homelessness" is available (\$10) from the National Alliance to End Homelessness, 1518 K St. NW, Washington, DC 20005; 202/638-1526. A report appendix detailing the methodology and findings, providing the full text of the case studies carried out for the report, as well as an annotated bibliography, is available for another \$5.
- **FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAMS.** "Creating Change: A Guide for Local Action on Federal Housing Programs" is available (\$25) from the Low Income Housing Info. Service, 1012 14th St. NW, #1200, Washington, DC 20005; 202/662-1530.
- **HUD RENTERS.** "HUD-Assisted Renters" is a May 1995 GAO report (GAO/RCED-95-167R), showing that, using 1992 data, an annual income between \$18-36,000 (depending on location) was needed to become economically independent of the program, whereas the median 1989 income for all HUD-assisted households was \$7320. Free from USGAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015; 202/512-0006.
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING.** "In Short Supply: The Growing Affordable Housing Gap," by Edward Lazere (38 pp., July 1995), is available from the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities, 777 N. Capitol St. NE, #705, Washington, DC 20002, 202/408-1080; contact them for prices; free copies may be available from Teri Tompkins at the Center for Community Change; 202/342-0567. An "Affordable Housing Scorecard," rating House members on a group of selected housing votes, is also available.
- **LOANS TO AFRICAN-AMERICANS.** "Nationsbank & Community Reinvestment: The Denial of Black Loan Applicants in Atlanta, Baltimore, Dallas & Wash., DC," by Patrick Bond (17 pp. + apps., August 1995), is available (possibly free) from Cynthia Kain, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, 25 Louisiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202/624-6911.
- **PUBLIC HOUSING DEMOGRAPHICS.** "The Location & Racial Composition of Public Housing in the U.S.," by John Goering, Ali Kamely & Todd Richardson (106 pp., Dec. 1994), is available (likely free) from Dr. Goering, HUD PD&R, 451 7th St. NW, Rm. 8150, Washington, DC 20410; a parallel report, "Promoting Housing Choice in HUD's Rental Assistance Programs: A Report to Congress," by Goering, Helene Stebbins & Michael Siewert (91 pp., April 1995), also is available from him.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING.** "The Neighborhood Housing Intervention Project Manual & Resource Guide," "for organizers and community leaders looking to halt the cycle of building deterioration, demolition & displacement in their neighborhoods," is available (\$12, but free to all Chicago community-based organizations) from the Metropolitan Tenants Organization, 2125 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL 60647; 312/292-4980.
- **HOUSING REPORT.** "The State of the Nation's Housing: 1995," by the Harvard Jt. Center for Housing Studies (36 pp.), is available (no price listed) from the Center, 79 J.F. Kennedy St., Cambridge, MA 02138; 617/495-5494.
- **FAIR HOUSING.** "Your Fair Housing Rights" is a series of brochures addressing the rights & responsibilities of each "protected class" under the federal Fair Housing Act, fair lending laws & other pertinent civil rights legislation. To obtain copies, contact Talia at the Fair Housing Council of Greater Wash., 927 15th St. NW, #600, Washington, DC 20005; 202/289-5360.

## POVERTY / WELFARE

- **WELFARE.** Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger released a report entitled "Work To Be Done: Report of the Borough President's Task Force on Education, Employment & Welfare." The report examines the existing welfare system and makes recommendations for helping welfare participants attain jobs and achieve family-sufficiency. For copies, contact Messinger's office, Municipal Building, NY, NY 10007; 212/669-8030.
- **STATE INCOME TAX.** "State Income Tax Burdens on Low-Income Families & Opportunities for Relief," by Carol Cohen & Richard May (24 pp., June 1995), is available from the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities, 777 N. Capitol St. NE, #705, Washington, DC 20002; 202/408-1080; contact them for price.
- **EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.** "The Earned Income Tax Credit: A Target for Budget Cuts?," by Robert Greenstein (46 pp., June 1995), is available from the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities (see above item); related publication: "The Roth-



Nichles Proposal to Reduce the EITC by \$66 Billion" (7 pp., rev. June 16, 1995).

- **EFFECTS OF RECESSION CUTS.** "62% of Enacted Rescission Bill Hits Low-Income Programs," by Pauline Abernathy (5 pp., rev. 7/27/95), is available from the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities (see 2nd item above).
- **CONGRESS VS. THE POOR.** "An Unraveling Consensus? An Analysis of the Effect of the New Congressional Agenda on the Working Poor," by Isaac Shapiro & Sharon Parrott (46 pp., July 1995), is available from the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities (see 3rd item above).
- **CHILDREN IN POVERTY.** "Doing Poorly: The Real Income of American Children in a Comparative Perspective," by Lee Rainwater & Timothy Smeeding (24 pp. + apps./tables, August 1995), part of the Luxembourg Income Study, shows (in the words of the *NY Times* headline) "U.S. youth are among the worst off in a study of 18 industrialized nations." \$5 from Professor Smeeding, 426 Eggers Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244; 315/443-4526.
- **CASH ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANTS.** "Issues in Establishing a Distribution Formula for a Cash Assistance Block Grant," by Mark Greenberg (14 pp. + tables), is available (no price listed) from the Center for Law & Social Policy, 1616 P St. NW, #150, Washington, DC 20036; 202/328-5140.
- **CASH ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANTS.** "Left to the Tender Mercies of the States: The Fate of Poor Families Under a Cash Assistance Block Grant" (15 pp., June 1995) and "Securing Access to Multilingual AFDC Procedures, Personnel & Notices" (14 pp., June 1995) are available (\$2 each) from the Center on Social Welfare Policy & Law, 275 Seventh Ave., 6th flr., NYC, NY 10001-6708; 212/633-6967.
- **POVERTY JOURNAL.** *The Georgetown Journal on Fighting Poverty* is seeking both article submissions and subs. (\$25/yr., semi-annual issues). Contact Solicitations Editor at the Journal, 600 NJ Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202/662-9425.
- **WELFARE REFORM IMPACT.** "The Impacts of Welfare Reform in America's Cities & Towns," by Herbert Green, Jr. (22 pp., June 1995), is available (possibly free) from the National League of Cities, 1301 Penn Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004; 202/626-3000.
- **WORK OPPORTUNITY ACT.** "The Work Opportunity Act of 1995, S. 1120, Senate Republican Leadership Plan: Impacts & Provisions, Children & Family Effects, State & Federal Program Effects" is an August 1995 (21 pp. + tables) document prepared by the Departments of Health & Human Services, Agriculture, Labor, HUD & Social Security Administration Available (probably free) from James Dolson, Adm. for Chn. & Fams., HHS, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, Wash., DC 20447.
- **FAMILIES IN POVERTY.** *This Is How We Live: Listening to the Poorest*

*Families* (175 pp., May 1995) tells the stories of poor families from the U.S., Guatemala, Thailand, Burkina Faso & Germany, "showing why poor people should be considered the principal partners in their liberation from poverty." \$14.40 from Fourth World Publications, 7600 Willow Dr., Landover, MD 20785; 301/336-9489. Other publications on poverty also available from them.

- **WELFARE REFORM.** "Welfare Reform: An Analysis of the Issues," ed. Isabel Sawhill (72 pp., 1995), a compendium of the various "Welfare Briefs" listed in this and previous issues of *P&R* (plus an introductory essay by Sawhill), is available (no price listed) from The Urban Institute, 2100 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20037; 202/857-8687.
- **BREAKING CYCLE OF POVERTY.** "Welfare to Work: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty" (which concludes that "the overriding picture that emerges from this survey is of a significant group of poor families who have a good work ethic. Parents either can't find a job or lack the ability to earn enough to support a family") is available (no price listed) from the Children's Policy Institute of W. Virginia, PO Box 4387, 1116B Kanawha Blvd. E. Charleston, WV 25364; 304/344-3970.
- **AFDC TRAINING PROGRAMS.** "Welfare to Work: Most AFDC Training Programs Not Emphasizing Job Placement" (96 pp., May 1995, GAO/HEHS-95-113) is available, free, from USGAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015; 202/512-0006.

## RACE / RACISM

- **MEASURING DIVERSITY.** "How Shall We Measure Our Nation's Diversity?," by Suzann Evinger, appeared in the Winter 1995 issue of *Change*, the publication of the Amer. Statistical Assn., along with "Black, White & Shades of Gray (and Brown & Yellow)," by Margo Anderson & Stephen Fienberg. The two articles deal with how the 2000 Census will define the population. The 12-page two-some is available from The Poverty and Race Research Action Council, 1711 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 207 Washington, DC 20009, with a SASE (55¢).
- **NONPROFIT SUPPORT.** The Diversity Initiative is a funding collaborative designed to "support the efforts of nonprofits to become more diverse and better reflect the multiculturalism of the Greater Boston area." A report and further inf. are available from Tyra Sidberry at the Hyams Found., One Boston Place, 32nd flr., Boston, MA 02108; 617/720-2238; tsidberry@world.std.com
- **THE POLITICS OF DIVERSITY.** *The Politics of Diversity: Immigration, Resistance & Change in Monterrey Park, Calif.*, by John Horton (273 pp., 1995), has just been published by Temple University Press, Broad & Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215/204-8787. Monterrey Park — advertised in Asia as "The Chinese Beverly Hills" — is apparently the only US city to have a majority Asian-American population, a devel-

opment that has triggered a sharp "English only" and slow-growth movement by the Anglo population.

## TRANSPORTATION

- **LET'S BURY THE CARS.** What do cars and dogs have in common? They both make city living less pleasant, according to Cy Adler. Car owners should have to clean up after their vehicles just like dog owners, he says, and the use of Vehicular Urban Toll Tunnels – burying traffic below ground – should be more closely examined. For more information, write Greeneagle Enterprises, Box 20329 Cathedral, New York, NY 10025; 212/663-2167.
- **ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION.** *Access: The Quarterly Journal of Mobility Partners* reports on alternative transportation systems. Write to them for information at 1400 16th St. NW, Washington DC 20036; 202/939-3470; stpp@igc.apc.org
- **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.** The Department of Urban Design and Planning at The University of Washington has published a newsletter entitled "Reshaping Our Suburbs: Linking Land Use and Transportation to Better Serve Pedestrians, Bicycles and Transit." For copies write Rich Untermann, Professor of Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington JO-40, Seattle, WA 98195; 206/543-4190.
- **SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION.** A new collection of essays entitled *Transportation and Energy: Strategies for a Sustainable Transportation System* is available from American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, 2140 Shattuck Ave., Ste. 202, Berkeley, CA 94704. Cost is \$32.

## WOMEN, CHILDREN AND FAMILY

- **WOMEN ORGANIZERS.** The Women Organizers' Project at the Education Center for Community Organizing at Hunter College School of Social Work has published a workbook entitled "Women, Organizing and Diversity: Struggling with the Issues" (\$25). Also available is a video with the same title (\$45, \$65 with workbook), along with other materials. For more information contact Education Center for Community Organizing at Hunter College School of Social Work, 129 E. 79th St., New York, NY 10021; 212/452-7112.
- **VIOLENCE, POVERTY AND FAMILY.** "A Leadership Summit: The Link Between Violence & Poverty in the Lives of Women & Their Children" is a Program Summary & Recommendations from an April 1995 conference sponsored by the NOW Legal Defense & Education Fund. The 12-page document is available (likely free) from the Fund, 99 Hudson St., NY, NY 10013-2871; 212/925-6635.
- **FAMILY PLANNING.** "The Politics of Blame: Family Planning, Abortion & the Poor," by Patricia Donovan (48 pp., 1995), is available from the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 120 Wall St., NY, NY 10005; 212/248-1111.
- **DEMOGRAPHICS OF CHILDREN.** "Kids Count Data Book: State Profiles of Child Well-Being, 1995" (168 pp.) is available (likely free) from the Annie Casey Found., 701 St. Paul St., Baltimore, MD 21202; 410/223-2890.
- **POVERTY AND REPRODUCTION.** "Poverty, Women & Reproduction" (20 pp., 1995) is "A Catholics for Free Choice Position Paper on Welfare Reform." Available (possibly free) from CFFC, 1436 U St. NW, #301, Washington, DC 20009-3997; 202/986-6093; cffc@igc.apc.org.
- **CHILDREN AND HUNGER.** "Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation: A Status Report on the Summer Food Service Program for Children" is available (no price listed) from the Food Research & Action Center, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW, #540, Washington, DC 20009; 202/986-2200; HN0050.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- **RESOURCE DIGEST.** Resources galore for topics ranging from Food and Agriculture to Communication to Social Institutions can be found in TRANET: A Bi-monthly Digest for the Alternative and Transformational Movements. It's available (\$30 for individuals, \$150 for organizations) from TRANET, Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970-0567; 207/864-2252; tranet@igc.apc.org
- **PUERTO RICO.** The Institute for Puerto Rican Policy operates an information service on Puerto Rican issues called IPRNET. Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, discounted reports from the Institute, and invitations to IPRP forums and events. Institute for Puerto Rican Policy, 286 5th Ave., 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10001-4512; 212/564-1075; ipr@igc.apc.org.
- **THE WAR ON NONPROFITS.** *Responsive Philanthropy's* Summer issue is entitled "The War on Nonprofits," and focuses on Congress' "revolutionary rampage this year to uproot and destroy the relationships between nonprofit organizations and the government." For copies contact The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, 2001 S St. NW, Suite 620, Washington, DC, 20009; 202/387-9177.
- **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.** Volume 20, #1 of *Carolina Planning* focuses on sustainable development. Copies are \$6 from *Carolina Planning*, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Campus Box 3140, New East Building, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3140.
- **YOUTH ACTION.** *Breakdown* is the newsletter of Youth Action; the Spring 1995 issue, on "Economic Justice," is available from them at 1830 Conn. Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009; 202/483-1432.
- **HUNGER.** "30 Million Hungry Americans" is available from John Cook, Tufts Univ. Ctr. on Hunger, Poverty & Nutrition Policy, 11 Curtis Ave., Medford, MA 02155; 617/627-3956.

- **ANTI-VIOLENCE.** "An Appeal to Decency in a Culture of Violence," by David McReynolds (4 pp.), is available from the War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette St., NYC, NY 10012; 212/228-0450; wrl@igc.apc.org. Also available is McReynolds' 14-page analysis, "The Politics of 1995"; \$1.50.
- **CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY.** The Stakeholder Alliance is a new campaign for corporate accountability, representing civil rights, environmental, consumer, labor, feminist, institutional investor & organizational accountability constituencies. The emphasis appears to be on disclosure requirements. Further information from Ralph Estes & Ann Zill, Center for Advancement of Public Policy, 1735 S St. NW, Washington, DC 20009; 202/797-0606.

## FUNDING

- **URBAN PARKS.** The Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund has established a \$15.5 million Urban Parks Initiative. For information contact Peter Howell, Program Officer for Urban Parks, Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, 2 Park Ave, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10016; 212/251-9800.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

- **SCHRAMM PAPER.** The Lincoln Filene Center at Tufts University is now accepting applications for the 1996 Richard Schramm Paper on Community Development. The deadline for applications is October 15. Applications may be obtained from the Lincoln Filene Center at Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155; 617/627-3549.

## Jobs

- **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 urge you to phone first and check on the deadline schedule.
- **FACULTY/LOS ANGELES.** Occidental College is seeking to fill a tenure-track faculty position in American Politics/Minority Politics/Public Policy. Cover letter/c.v./3 letters of rec. by Aug. 21 (Nov. 20 if you will not be at the American Political Science Association meetings) to Prof. Peter Dreier, Dept. of Politics, Occidental College, 1600 Campus Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90041.
- **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR/ATLANTA.** The Community Design Center of Atlanta is developing a Community Outreach Partnership Center project for community based planning and multifamily housing development. A Development Director position (\$30,000+) will develop planning projects and design financing/packaging with neighborhood CDCs in Metro Atlanta. Resume to CDCA, 1083 Austin Ave., Atlanta, GA 30307; 404/523-6966.
- **ASSISTANT PROGRAM PLANNER/CHICAGO.** An organization in Chicago, IL, is looking to fill a full-time, salaried position providing leadership in the development and implementation of new resident related programs and the creation of an information system to connect residents and CHA staff with in-kind donations, volunteers and area service agencies. Letter/resume to: Ed Pawlowski, Windows of Opportunity, 626 W. Jackson, 6th Fl., Chicago, IL 60661.
- **ORGANIZER/NEW YORK.** The New York City Environmental Justice Alliance is hiring a full time organizer to run a transportation campaign in communities of color and low income communities in New York City. For more information contact NYCEJA, 271 W. 125th St., Ste. 303, New York, NY 10027; 212/866-4120.
- **TRAINING PROGRAM DIRECTOR/NEW YORK.** The New York City Environmental Justice Alliance is hiring a Director for its Minority Worker Environmental Training Program. For more information contact NYCEJA, 271 W. 125th St., Ste. 303, New York, NY 10027; 212/866-4120.
- **PROJECT DIRECTOR/NEW YORK.** Hunter College Center for Occupational and Environmental Health is hiring a Project Director for its Hazardous Material Worker Health & Safety Training Program. For more information contact Micki Siegel, Hunter College Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, 425 E. 25th St., Box 612, New York, NY 10010.
- **DIRECTOR/NEW YORK.** The City University of New York is hiring a Director for the Bronx Environmental Assessment and Training Project. For more information contact Deal Awilda Orta, Division of Planning, Hostos Community College, 500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.
- **HOUSING SPECIALIST/BRONX.** Neighborhood preservation organization in Northwest Bronx seeks housing specialist to develop revitalization program emphasizing management and financial counseling to owners of residential properties. Writing sample and resume to Executive Director, Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Corlandt Development Corporation, 5760 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463; 718/543-7100.
- **VICE PRESIDENT/WASHINGTON.** The National Community Reinvestment Coalition is seeking a Vice President for Program and Administration. Responsibilities include developing and administering all projects and programs, as well as working in fundraising. Resume, references, and writing sample to John Taylor, President, NCRC, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 1010, Washington, DC 20009; 202/986-7898.



# Conferences and Workshops

- **ACTIVIST TRAINING.** SALSA (Social Action & Leadership School for Activists), of the Institute for Policy Studies, is holding its fall semester. Classes include "Fundraising for Communities of Color" (Phil Nash); "Interacting with a Hostile Congress" (Daniel Weiss); "Media Advocacy" (Phil Wilbur). For a catalog, contact SALSA/IPS, 1601 Connecticut Ave. NW, 5th flr., Washington, DC 20009; 202/234-9382, x229.
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** The National Congress for Community Economic Development (NCCED) is sponsoring "A Vision for Change Through Community Economic Development," **October 5-7** in Portland, OR. For more information contact NCCED, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 524, Washington, DC 20009; 202/234-5009.
- **ANTI-VIOLENCE.** "Zero Tolerance for Violence: Preparing the Family for the 21st Century & Beyond" is the **October 5-8**, Alexandria, VA conference of the National Consortium of African American Children (held in conjunction with the National Black Media Coalition's conference). Information from Brenda Leath at the Consortium, 3639 Alabama Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20020.
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.** "Community Development & Child Care Forum," sponsored by the National Economic Development & Law Center, will be held **October 8-9** in Portland, OR. Information from the Center, 2201 Broadway, #815, Oakland, CA 94612; 510/251-2600; HandsNet:HN0186
- **PEDESTRIANS.** The 16th International Pedestrian Conference will be held **October 11-13** in Boulder, CO. For more information on "Balancing Growth with Quality of Life," call 303/441-4260.
- **WELFARE REFORM.** The Center for Law & Social Policy is holding a series of 4 audio conferences on "The 1995 Welfare Bill: The Closing Months." The 1st likely will have taken place by the time you receive this issue of *P&R*, but the remaining 3 will take place on **October 10, November 14 & December 12** from 12:45-1:30 EST. Information from Jane Dye, CLASP, 1616 P St. NW, #150, Washington, DC 20036; 202/328-5194.
- **ENVIRONMENT.** The Student Environmental Action Coalition is holding its 4th national conference **Oct. 13-15** in Chapel Hill, NC. Invited speakers include Dolores Huerta, Winona LaDuke, Myrlie Evers-Williams, Barbara Dudley, Michael Moore, Richard Moore, Peggy Saika & Judi Bari. Information from SEAC, PO Box 1168, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-1168; 919/967-4600; seac@igc.apc.org
- **PRENATAL CARE.** "Promoting Prenatal Care: Strengthening Linkages & Empowering Communities" is the national biennial conference of the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, **October 13-15** in Arlington, VA. Inf. from HMHB, 409 12th St. SW, Wash., DC 20024-2188; 202/863-2552.
- **HUD WORKSHOPS.** HUD is sponsoring workshops for residents of private rental housing supported by federal subsidies that may end. The next session will be in Denver, CO, **October 14-15**. For more information contact the Preservation Workshop, c/o ICF Incorporated, 9300 Lee Highway, Office 1109, Fairfax, VA 22031; 703/934-2292.
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.** The National Association of Community Development Loan Funds (NACDLF) is sponsoring their **11th Annual Training Conference October 26-28** in Seattle, WA. For more information contact NACDLF, 924 Cherry St., 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107; 215/923-4754
- **COMMUNITIES.** "What Ought To Be, Can Be: A Vision for Communities" is the 14th annual Enterprise Network Conference, sponsored by the Enterprise Foundation, **October 26-28** in DC, preceded by pre-conference training activities, Oct. 23-25. Information from Enterprise, PO Box 903, Columbia, MD 21044-0903; 410/715-2297.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT TRAINING.** The Neighborhood Reinvestment Training Institute (NRTI) will hold its fall training **October 30 - November 3** in Oakland, CA. Over 50 courses will be offered, ranging from economic development to leadership and management. For more information contact NRTI, 1325 G Street NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005; 800/438-5547.
- **STUDENTS AGAINST HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS.** The National Student Campaign Against Hunger & Homelessness is holding its **9th annual Leadership Conference, November 2-5** in Tallahassee. Inf. from the Campaign, 11965 Venice Blvd., #408, Los Angeles, CA 90066; 800/NO-HUNGER, x324.
- **AMERICAN CITIES.** "Saving America's Cities: Pay Now or Pay Later" is the National Housing Conference's Fall Policy Conf., **November 2-3** in Chicago. Information from the NHC, 815 15th St. NW, #711, Washington, DC 20005; 202/393-5772; nhc@nhc.org
- **COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY.** "Cooperative Strategies and Solutions: Growing a National Infrastructure," organized by national leaders in nonprofit communications and technology, will be held in Alexandria, VA **November 5-7**. Cooperative Strategies and Solutions, c/o Galaxy Classics, PO Box 3867, Frederick, MD 21705.
- **SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION.** The Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA) is coordinating the **7th Annual Sustainable Transportation/Solar and Electric Vehicles trade show, symposium, and workshops, November 13-15** at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI. Write NESEA, 50 Miles St., Greenfield, MA 01301, or Fax 413/774-6053.

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## '96 Conference to focus on communities; national urban agenda

The 1996 Planners Network conference can help achieve these and many other purposes. This could be one of the most exciting and unique planning conferences ever.

The conference is scheduled for June 14-16 at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. It will be co-sponsored by Pratt Institute's Graduate Center for Planning & the Environment (GCPE) and Center for Community & Environmental Development (PICCED). The main focus of the conference will be preservation and development of historically disempowered communities, with three major themes:

- Community-based planning
- National urban policy
- Urban impacts of globalization

One of the objectives of the conference is to give participants a chance to get first-hand accounts of the diverse experiences with community-based planning in the New York area. There will be visits to local neighborhoods and meetings with community organizations that have decades of experience in building hope at the grassroots. Some of the conference workshops will be held in communities that have had long ties to the Pratt planning program: Bedford-Stuyvesant, Red Hook, the South Bronx, Williamsburg. Tours of development and preservation projects will highlight community empowerment and innovation.

A major objective of the conference will be to develop a progressive urban policy agenda for the U.S. Conference workshops will focus on various aspects of urban policy, including housing, transportation, health care, environmental justice, and education.

Special reports and workshops will focus on the urban impacts of globalization and structural adjustment programs. The

Planners Network conference will be held immediately after the United Nations Habitat II Conference in Istanbul, and Non-Governmental Organizations will be invited to report on Habitat deliberations. There will also be a broad range of country-specific workshops.

The conference organizing committee at Pratt proposes to launch projects on each of the three main themes to prepare for the conference workshops. Six Graduate Assistants in the Pratt Planning Program will be working on these projects — on community-based planning, national urban policy, and globalization. The projects, which will result in discussion papers for consideration at the conference, are described below.

Other features that have been proposed for the conference include an exhibit of exemplary community plans a bike tour, two keynote speakers, a cultural event, film and video showings, and visits to community-based museums

like the Lower East Side Tenement Museum and the Weeksville Houses in Brooklyn.

The success of the conference will depend upon how many PN'ers participate — not just by attending the conference, but also by contributing to preparation for the event. We need people to propose and organize workshops, serve as facilitators, do outreach and involve the diverse PN community. Help is needed to raise at least \$40,000 to run the conference and keep registration fees low (we have virtually nothing to start with). Help is needed in all aspects of planning the conference, particularly from PNers outside the New York metropolitan area.

If you are interested in helping with the conference, please contact Tom Angotti at 718-636-3486 or 718-636-3491; [thobc@cunyvm.cuny.edu](mailto:thobc@cunyvm.cuny.edu).

## Planners Network Project on Community-Based Planning

Despite the tradition of local home rule in the United States, communities in large cities have not had the power to plan their own futures. This is particularly true of low-income communities and communities with people of color.

This project will present case studies of communities throughout the United States that have undertaken a proactive approach to planning and set forth an independent vision for their future. The case studies will focus on planning as an integral part of a process of political empowerment in communities that have his-

torically been marginalized. The cases should be varied geographically and reflect varied experiences.

The project will engage in a discussion of the varied experiences, seek to extract common lessons and identify unique conditions. The resulting analysis will be written up in a summary discussion paper.

For more information and to participate in the project contact Winton Pitcoff at the PN Office (718-636-3486) or via e-mail: [wintonp@ix.netcom.com](mailto:wintonp@ix.netcom.com)

Please see page 14 for other two PN '96 projects

# ***PLANNERS NETWORK ROSTER INFORMATION***

(Return to Planners Network/Pratt GCPE, 200 Willoughby Ave.  
Brooklyn, NY 11205 by **November 1, 1995**)

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**Please indicate your interests and your situation: (OPTIONAL)**

I'm particularly interested in (check all that apply):

- ☐ Community development
- ☐ Economic development
- ☐ Land use
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Environmental issues
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Racial and ethnic issues
- ☐ Women's issues
- ☐ Poverty, welfare, etc.
- ☐ Job listings
- ☐ Conference listings
- ☐ Notices of grants

I would describe myself as a (check all that apply):

- ☐ Urban planner
- ☐ Architect
- ☐ Other professional \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Community activist/organizer
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Faculty member
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **Planners Network Biosketch for PN Roster (OPTIONAL)**

In no more than 50 words, please describe your work, planning interests and concerns you wish to share with the Network.

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## Planners Network Project on a Progressive National Urban Policy

The *New York Times* (8/28/95) reported that a recent demonstration in Chicago led by Rev. Jesse Jackson demanded a national urban policy "that emphasizes jobs and education over incarceration and revenge."

The term "national urban policy" may appear to be a fiction at a time when Congress is downsizing government and eliminating what is left of programs for central cities. Yet there is, and always has been, a set of national policies that critically influence cities. Over the last fifty years, and more so now than ever before, these policies have generally favored suburban development over central city renewal. Even when they focused on central city renewal in the 1950s and 1960s, national policies privileged development of the central business district at the expense of low-income neighborhoods and communities with people of color.

With a suburban majority in Congress, and both major political parties playing to their suburban constituencies, it might appear that there is no political space for an alternative approach to national urban policy. However, a substantial minority of the U.S. population -- about one-third -- lives in central cities. The section of the population once considered "minorities" is grow-

ing proportionately. While some central cities continue to stagnate and decline, many remain stable living environments for viable working class communities.

This project will identify specific federal policies that affect central city communities, and propose changes that would promote community preservation and development. Federal policies examined will include housing, transportation, environmental protection, health care, social welfare and education. The analysis will include grant and aid programs, tax policy, and regulatory actions.

The project will generate discussion leading to the drafting of a proposal for an alternative national urban policy. After the PN1966 Conference, the proposal will be distributed widely to the major political parties and organizations involved in debates around the 1996 elections.

For more information and to participate in the project contact Winton Pitcoff at the PN Office (718-636-3486) or via e-mail: [wintonp@ix.netcom.com](mailto:wintonp@ix.netcom.com)

## Planners Network Project on Globalization and Habitat II

The Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), to be held in Istanbul June 3-13, 1996, is expected to be one of the major international events focusing on world urbanization during this century. The first Habitat conference, which was held in Vancouver twenty years ago, brought global attention to the problems of rapid urbanization, urban poverty and inadequate housing, especially in so-called developing nations.

As with other recent United Nations conferences, such as the Rio conference on the environment and the China conference on women, U.N. conferences are no longer exclusive events in which the public discussions are dominated by professional diplomats and bureaucrats. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) involved in community development, housing, local economic development, transportation and many other grass roots initiatives will be going to Istanbul and participating in the public forums there.

The Planners Network project will seek to develop a progressive agenda for cities on a global scale that reflects the interests and needs of the majority of urban dwellers throughout the world

who are poor, live in substandard housing and have inadequate services. The analysis will consider the urban impacts of globalization and the structural adjustment programs mandated by international lending institutions. It will entail a critical examination of the official positions taken by the United States delegation to Habitat II, and delegations from other "developed" nations. Project participants will seek to make contact with NGOs preparing for Habitat, engage in discussions with them, and analyze their positions. They will participate in the Preparatory Conference meetings to be held in New York in February, 1996.

The end product of the project will be a position paper or series of position papers to be submitted by Planners Network at the Habitat II conference. The Planners Network National Conference will include workshops to discuss the Habitat II Conference and its outcome.

For more information and to participate in the project, contact Tom Angotti at the PN Office (718-636-3486) or at 718-636-3491. E-mail: [thobc@cunyvm.cuny.edu](mailto:thobc@cunyvm.cuny.edu)

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The surest sign of an effective network is as much participation as possible. As we strive to fill *Planners Network* each month with information and resources, we can only do so much without your help.

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Article ideas (or articles, even)

Suggestions, comments, critiques of the newsletter.

## The Planners Network

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic systems.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

The Planners Network Newsletter is published six times a year as the principal means of communication among Network members. Annual financial contributions are voluntary, but we need funds for operating expenses. The Steering Committee has recommended the following amounts as minimums for Network members: \$15 for those with incomes under \$25,000, students and unemployed; \$25 for those between \$25,000 and \$50,000; and \$45 for those over \$50,000. Organizations may subscribe for \$30.

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