PLANNERS NETWORK

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'96 Congressional Budget: A Reflection of a World Upside Down

by Dana Wise

Liveryday, we see more signs of a world upside down. As I write this, today's newspaper (New York Times, 11/1/95, page 1) contrasts record stock market prices, soaring corporate profits, and workers' wages that grew by just 0.2 percent last year, "the smallest amount on record" according to the Labor Department. Current budget politics in Washington reflect this trend. Doug Henwood, publisher of The Left Business Observer wrote this week that when you combine tax and spending changes, the income distribution effects of current "balanced" budget proposals are as follows:

Change in Income Resulting from Budget, by Quintile:

Group	Dollars	% of income
Poorest	-\$2,497	-23%
Second	-1,085	-3.9%
Third	-419	-0.9%
Fourth	17	0%
Richest	760	0.4%

According to Henwood, the poorest among us will lose \$2,497, or 23% of their existing income by the time the budget is "bal-

anced", while the wealthiest will gain \$760. Calling this "balanced" is upside-down logic. The combination of stagnant wages, record profits, and a federal budget that redistributes existing income streams from the poor to the richest summarizes the sorry politics underlying the current Washington budget debate. [And I think we need to be careful in labeling this simply a product of the Republican victory in last year's election: three Democratic Representatives recently voted for the House budget reconciliation bill.]

On the housing front, both houses of Congress are working on authorization bills (setting policies and rules) and appropriation bills (that fund the programs). The most significant of these is the United States Housing Act of 1995 introduced by housing authorizing subcommittee chairman, Representative Lazio (R-NY). This billy repeals the United States Housing Act of 1937 which established public housing and substantially rewrites the federal commitment to low-income housing. The National

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A few words from the editor

The response to the newsletter's new design has been overwhelmingly positive, with a fair number of suggestions thrown in as to additional changes which could be made. Thanks for your comments.

Also being developed is a new editorial style; mainly trying to integrate more feature articles along with our usual resource listings and information on PN projects. This month make it a point to read the page one analysis of the federal budget proposals, and the guide to planning resources on the internet, which can be found on page 14.

Since this newsletter is as much of the membership as it is for the membership, we'll also be pushing for increased participation in its production. Readers who have suggestions for the resources section, ideas for articles, or even completed articles, are encouraged – implored, even – to submit them. This newsletter can truly only be as good as its readership.

Also featured this month is the long-overdue Planners Network Membership Roster. It includes the names and addresses of everyone

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Bulletin Board

PN'ER UPDATES

- Brazilian Sanitation. PN'er Garbrielle Watson's report "Good Sewers Cheap? Agency-Customer Interactions in Low-Cost Urban Sanitation in Brazil," completed for the World Bank, has been published and is available from The World Bank, 1818 H St. NW, Washington D.C. 20433. Attn: Ms. Mari Dhokai; 202/473-3970.
- Energy Efficiency as Credit Enhancement. PN'er Roger D. Colton's report "Energy Efficiency as a Credit Enhancement: Public Utilities and the Affordability of First-Time Homeownership" is available from him at 34 Warwick Road, Belmont, MA 02178; 617/484-0597.
- **Group Housing.** PN'er **Daniel Lauber**'s article "Group Think" about community residence regulations was published in the October issue of *Planning*. Available from American Planning Association, 122 S. Michigan Ave., Ste. 1600, Chicago, IL 60603; 312/431-9100.

QUERIES

- Accessible Neighborhoods. I am an Italian architect at the end of a Masters in City Planning. I am preparing a thesis on how to build accessible and affordable neighborhoods (ADA, Fair Housing Act, Universal Design). I would appreciate any help in identifying books, articles, reports, video or audio tapes, or other documents. Maurizio Antonietti, 2220 Cam. de la Reina, #207, San Diego, CA 92108; 619/294-8889.
- Citizen Participation Via Public Consultations. We are a University of Montreal based group working on a research project on public consultations from the point of view of local democracy. We are interested in studying and collecting information from cities of comprable size and population to Montreal, who use public consultations as a mechanism of involving citizens in the decision making process. For exchange of information contact Pierre Hamel, Institut d'urbanisme, Universite de Montreal, C.P. 6128, succ. centreville, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H3C 3J7.

FUNDING

• Housing and Urban Empowerment. The Discount Foundation has a Dec. 31 deadline for its 1996 grants (\$5,000-20,000 for housing & urban empowerment, all with a community organizing focus). Applications from Susan Chinn at the Foundation, 30 Winter St., 10th flr. Boston, MA 02108-4720, 617/426-7471.

CALL FOR PAPERS

- Latinos. The Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy is soliciting articles which provide analysis on public policy effecting Latino communities in the United States. Articles which provide insight into the practice of developing and implementing useful and effective public politices are expecially encouraged. Deadline is January 1, 1996. For more information: Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 79 John F. Kennedy St., Cambridge, MA 02138; 617/495-1311.
- Please see more calls for papers in the conference listings on page 9.

JOBS

- Professor/Los Angeles. Occidental College is filling a tenure-track Asst. Prof. position in Minority Politics, Public Policy, beginning Fall 1996. Ltr./c.v./3 ltrs. of recommendation by Nov. 10 (may be flexible if this newsletter arrives after that date) to Prof. Peter Dreier, Dept. Politics, Occidental College, LA, CA 90041.
- Executive Director/New Hampshire. Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth, NH, is looking for an Executive Director. The new organization will house 12 social agencies and serve the children and families of 19 towns in central New Hampshire. For more information contact Whole Village Family Rescource Center, Executive Director Recruitment, P.O. Box 538, Plymouth, NH 03264; 603/536-3720.

New York Planners Network Forums

The New York Chapter of Planners Network continues its annual series of forums.

December 1 • Grassroots planning in Puerto Rico

January 13 • Manhattan Planning: BIDs and the CBD

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.

Renewing Hope, Restoring Vision: Progressive Planning in our Communities

June 14-16, 1996 • Pratt Institute, Brooklyn New York

Projects underway for 1996 Planners Network Conference

Project on Community-Based Planning

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 historically 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. Discussion papers and action resolutions will be presented at the PN 1996 conference.

Project on a Progressive National Urban Policy

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, and resolutions to be presented at the 1996 conference. After the conference, the proposal will be distributed widely to the major political parties and organizations involved in debates around the 1996 elections.

Project on Globalization and Habitat II

This 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 an examination of the official positions taken by the United States delegation to Habitat II, and delegations from other "developed" nations.

The end product of the project will be position papers and resolutions to be submitted by Planners Network at the Habitat II conference, to be held in Istanbul June 3-13, 1996. The Planners Network National Conference will include workshops to discuss the Habitat II Conference and its outcome.

For more information and to participate in any of these projects, contact Tom Angotti or Winton Pitcoff at the PN Office 718-636-3486. E-mail: thobc@cunyvm.cuny.edu, wintonp@ix.netcom.com.

For more information on the ongoing efforts of these projects, see pages 10-11

Letter to the editor (and everyone else)

PN'er Francis Goldin, in response to a postcard reminder, writes:

Iguess the reason I have had two minds about staying on Planners Network's mailing list is that I've concluded that more newsletters and conferences and events aren't going to do much to turn the bad tide we've been in for the last year or so, only looking like it's getting much worse.

Not that all of the above aren't important - we know they are - but unless we take a more "in-your-face" and activist role, as planners, we're not going to be able to

turn the tide.

You know, when a shnook from a community gets up before the City Planning Commission, or the City Council, or wherever, we're just another nameless, faceless cry in the wilderness. But when a planner, with credentials and with the backing of an organization, on whose behalf the person or persons are speaking get up, those clowns tend to listen. After all, it's another "professional" and they stop yawning and are forced to listen.

I know it takes courage, and sometimes jobs are at stake, but if we stay in our little shell and speak only to each other, we're spinning our wheels.

Not only speaking at official hearings, but demonstrating, strategically, good suits and briefcases and all, would be a refreshing change.

So, should I stay off your list, or am I making any sense?

We like getting letters. Please send them to Planners Network (address on page 15) or e-mail them to the editor (ditto).

Resources

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Neighborhood Resources. The National Neighborhood Coalition's "NNC Information Report" provides job listings, a resource guide, and conference listings. NNC, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW, #712, Washington, DC 20009.
- Economic Development Dictionary. The California Community Economic Development Association (CCEDA) has published "The Dictionary of Community Economic Development Terms." Free to CCEDA members, \$25 for others from CCEDA, 1611 Telegraph Ave., Suite 402, Oakland, CA 94612; 510/251-8065.
- Business Incubation. Growing New Ventures, Creating New Jobs: Principles & Practices of Successful Business Incubation, by Mark Rice & Jana Matthews (156 pp., 1995), is available (\$29.95) from Greenwood Pub. Co.; 800-225-5800, sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation's Ctr. for Entrepreneurial Leadership.
- Local Development. "Paths to Economic Opportunity: Case Studies of Local Development Strategies to Reduce Poverty," a new case study book for local officials, is available (no price listed) from the Natl. League of Cities, 1301 Penn. Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004; 202-626-3030.
- Civic Disengagement. Civic Disengagement is the topic of political scientist Robert Putnam's address to the 1995 annual American Political Science Association meeting, examining the weakening of trust and participation in American society a phenomenon he attributes largely to TV. A copy of Putnam's 27-page + tables talk is available from the author (whose essay "Bowling Alone" got considerable attention), at the Harvard Center for International Affairs, 1737 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138; 617/495-4420.
- Community Building. "Prerequisites to Power: 6 Principles for Building Community," by Grace Jordan McGinnis, is a short research paper commissioned by the McKnight & Mpls. Foundations, available (\$8) from Rainbow Research, 621 West Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55408; 612/824-0724.

EMPLOYMENT / JOBS POLICY

• Public Employees. "Public Employees: Facts at a Glance" is a 53-page, 1995 pamphlet from the AFL-CIO Public Employee Dept., offering lots of data on services provided by the public sector, how public services are paid for, public sector expenditures & characteristics of public employees. Possibly free, from the Dept., 815 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, 202-393-2820.

Living Wage Jobs. The Los Angeles Living Wage Coalition -- labor unions, community organizations & research ctrs. -- has initiated an effort to bring decent jobs to tens of thousands of LA's low-wage workers. They have an ordinance before the City Council requiring companies benefitting from City subsidies or contracts to provide livable wages and job security to their employees. Similar efforts are under way in Boston, Dallas, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Little Rock and Baltimore (where BUILD, a citywide church-based organization, teamed up with AFSCME to win legislation guaranteeing that employees of companies holding service contracts with the City receive wages of \$7.70 an hour). Further info. from Madeline Janis-Aparicio at the Coalition, 634 S. Spring St., #1016, LA, CA 90014, 213/486-9880.

ENVIRONMENT

- Environmental Book. "Voices for the Earth: Vital Ideas from America's Best Environmental Books" contains 14 summaries of books ranging from "Confessions of an Eco-Warrior," by Dave Forman, to "Nature as Teacher and Healer," by James Swan. The book is \$16.95 from Sustainabel Futures Society, 7825 S. Malamute Trail, Evergreen, CO 80439.
- Energy Sources. "Power Source: Guide to the Coming Energy Revolution" predicts a coming showdown between traditional power companies and newer energy corporations. \$10.95 from WorldWatch Institute, 1776 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036; 202/452-1999.
- Toxic Report Card. "Toxics Watch 1995" provides a definitive source of toxics data analysis, including an explanation of the risks to citizens posed by toxic chemicals. Cost is \$125 from INFORM, Inc., 120 Wall St. New York, NY 10005.
- Public Land. The Fall 1995 issue of Land and People, published by The Trust For Public Land, features projects in Boston, Chattanooga, and San Diego which won long battles to prevent development of large tracts of public land. Copies are available from The Trust for Public Land, 116 New Montgomery, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105; 415/495-4103.
- Land Use. The November issue of *Landlines* features articles entitled "Land and Poverty" and "Redeveloping Urban Brownfields," and is available from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 113 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA 02138-3400; 800/LANDUSE.
- Land Loss. Land Loss Prevention Advocate is the newsletter (formerly titled Land Loss Prevention Project Update & News) of the Land Loss Prevention Project, PO Box 179, Durham, NC 27702; 800/672-5839.

HEALTH CARE

- **Medicaid.** The September issue of *Advances*, the newsletter of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, features an article entitled "Medicaid Managed Care: Promise and Pitfalls" and is available from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, College Rd., P.O. Box 2316, Princeton, NJ 08543-2316.
- Access. "In the Nation's Interest: Equity in Access to Health Care," by Marsha Lillie-Blanton & Ana Alfaro-Correa (44 pp., 1995), is the Summary Report of the Joint Center on Political & Economic Studies' Project on the Health Care Needs of Hispanics & African Americans. Available from the Joint Center 1090 Vermont Ave. NW, #1100 Wash., DC 20005-4961; 202/789-3521.
- Insurance. "Just What the Doctor Ordered: The Effect of Health Insurance Coverage on Doctor & Hospital Visits" is a 2-page, June 1995 Census Bureau Statistical Brief, available, free, from John McNeil; 301/763-8300.
- Medicare Reform. "Medicare Reform: A 20th Century Fund Guide to the Issues" (32 pp., 1995) is available from the Fund, 41 E. 70 St., NY, NY 10021; 212/535-4441.
- Communities of Color. "Public Health & Communities of Color: Challenges & Strategies" is the Summer 1995 issue of Trotter Review, a semi-annual published by the Wm. Monroe Trotter Inst., Univ. Mass., 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125-3393; \$8/yr., \$22 insts. The upcoming (Dec. 1995) issue will focus on the information superhighway and communities of color.
- Mortality. "US Mortality by Economic, Demographic & Social Characteristics: The Natl. Longitudinal Mortality Study," by Paul Sorlie, Eric Backlund & Jacob Keller, appeared in the July 1995 American Journal of Public Health. Free copies of the 8-page article are available from Dr. Sorlie, Epid. & Biometry Prog., Natl. Heart, Lung & Blood Inst., Rockledge Bldg., Rm. 8178, MSC 7934, Bethesda, MD 20892. A related 8-page article, from the same issue, "Infant Mortality in the US: Trends Differentials & Projections, 1950-2010," by Gopal Singh & Stella Yu, is available, free, from Dr. Singh, Natl. Ctr. for Health Stats., 6525 Belcrest Rd., Rm. 840, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Housing

- Special Needs Housing. The Community Information Exchange's Fall/Winter Strategy Alert is titled "Would You Live There? Housing for People with Special Needs." It is available from The Community Information Exchange, 1029 Vermont Ave. NW, Ste. 710, Washington, DC 20005; 202/928-2981.
- Public Housing Threat. A memorandum jointly authored by The Center for Community Change, the National Low-Income Housing Coalition, The National Housing Law

- Project, and ACORN concerning the threats to public housing residents posed by proposed changes to restructure the nation's public housing system is available from the Center for Community Change, 100 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20007; 202/342-0567.
- Housing Awards. HUD is seeking submissions of local housing projects that represent outstanding examples of creative problem-solving. Application packets are available by calling 800/248-8180, or e-mail habitat2@aspensys.com
- Housing Books. Three books are available from *Shelterforce*: "Inside Clinton's HUD," (a series of interviews conducted by PN founder Chester Hartman) \$8, "Community Empowerment Strategies: The Experience of Community-Based Problem Solving in America's Urban Neighborhoods and Recommendations for Federal Policy," \$8, and "Streets of Hope," about Boston's Dudley Street Neighborhood, \$16. Available from *Shelterforce*, 439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050; 201/678-3110.
- Nonprofit Housing. "Status and Prospects of the Nonprofit Housing Sector" examines nonprofit organizations' efforts to meet national goals in providing low-income housing, and suggests policy recommendations toward strengthening the nonprofit sector. Ask for publication number 5976 from The Urban Institute, PO Box 7273, Dept. C., Washington, D.C. 20044.
- CDCs/Communities. The September/October issue of *Shelterforce: The Journal of Affordable Housing Strategies* focuses on CDC's and the Future of American Communities. Available from *Shelterforce*, 439 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050; 201/678-3110.
- Nonprofit Housing. The cover story of the October/November issue of *The Neighborhood Works*, "Home Makers," looks at four nonprofit low-income housing providers from across the country who have found creative ways to meet the demand for affordable housing in their communities, despite dwindling federal funds. *The Neighborhood Works*, 2125 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL 60647; 312/278-3840.
- NIMBY. A compilation of written and audio-visual resources regarding NIMBY issues on affordale housing, special needs/supportive housing, and service facilities, is available from HomeBase/The Center for Common Concerns, 870 Market St., Suite 1228, San Francisco, CA 94102; 415/788-7961.
- Fair Housing. "\$20,000,000 and Counting" is a survey of fair housing lawsuits filed from Jan. 1, 1990 through Dec. 31, 1994. In 320 closed cases, plaintiffs recovered \$23,557,405.26. The 72-page, June 1995 report is available (\$6) from the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 1249 Washington Blvd., #1312, Detroit, MI 48226; 313/963-1274.

- American Indians. "American Indians & Home Ownership" is a new 18-page report prepared by the American Indian Research & Policy Institute, 749 Simpson St.. N., St. Paul, MN 55104; 612/644-1728.
- Housing Policy. "Back to the Future: Housing Assistance Policy for the Next Century," by Sandra Newman & Anne Schnare (42 pp., Sept. 1994), is available from Newman, Institute for Policy Studies, Johns Hopkins, Shriver Hall, Baltimore, MD 21218.
- Demolition. "Demolition Watch" is a project of the Natl. Low Income Housing Coal., tracking the impact of public housing demolition and replacement around the country on the lives of residents and their communities. For more information contact Deborah Austin at the Coalition, 1012 14th St. NW, #1200, Washington, DC 20005; 202/662-1530 x227.
- Race and Residence. "Fallacies & Facts About Race & Residence" is available from Don DeMarco, OPEN, 311 S. Juniper St., #400, Philadelphia, PA 19107; 215/735-6915.
- Census Abstracts. "Housing of American Indians on Reservations -- Structural Characteristics" is a 2-page, April 1995 Census Bureau Statistical Brief, available, free, from Robert Bonnette; 301/763-8553. Other Statistical Briefs: "Home Sweet Home -- America's Housing, 1973 to 1993" (2 pp., July 1995), from Jeanne Woodward; 301/763-8553; "Home Equity Lines of Credit: -- A Look at the People Who Obtain Them" (2 pp., June 1995), from Howard Savage; 301/763-8552.
- CDC's. "More Than Housing: How Community Development Corps. Go About Changing Lives & Neighborhoods," by Mercer Sullivan, is available (\$10) from the Comm. Development Research Center, New School for Social Research, 66 Fifth Ave., NYC, NY 10011; 212/229-5415.
- HUD Rentals. "Promoting Housing Choice in HUD's Rental Assistance Programs," by John Goering, Abdollah Haghighi, Helene Stebbins & Michael Sieward, is available from HUD USER, PO Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20849; 800/245-2691
- Nonprofit Housing. "Status & Prospects of the Nonprofit Housing Sector," by HUD's Office of Policy Development & Research, is available (\$4) from HUD USER, PO Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20849; 800/245-2691.
- FHLB. "The 1994 Report on the Low-Income Housing & Community Development Activities of the Federal Home Loan Bank System" (51 pp., July 1995) is available from Sylvia Martinez, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F St. NW, Washington, DC 20006; 202/408-2500.
- Fair Housing. The Fair Housing Report is the new newsletter of the Fair Housing Council of Greater Washington, 927 15th St. NW, #600, Washington, DC 20005; 202/289-5360. The premier, Fall 1995, 20-page issue contains articles on racial discrimination experienced by members of the armed forces, CRA, developing allies in the real estate profession,

- Hispanics' housing conditions and the insurance redlining debate.
- Apartments. "The Future of the Apartment Industry," by Coates & Jarratt, Inc. (195 pp., June 1995), is available (\$60) from the National Multi Housing Council, 1850 M St. NW, #540, Washington, DC 20036; 202/659-3381.
- **Housing Hotline.** The Housing Counseling Clearinghouse now has a toll-free hotline, 800/217-6970, giving access to information, HCC's quarterly newsletter and its calendar of events; it has bilingual (Spanish) capabilities. HCC is at PO Box 9057, Gaithersburg, MD 20898; 301/251-5389.
- Housing Bias. "The Spatial Bias of Federal Housing Law & Policy: Concentrated Poverty in Urban America," by Michael Schill & Susan Wachter, appeared in the May 1995 University of *Pennsylvania Law Review*. Copies of the 58-page article may be available from Prof. Schill, NYU School of Law, 40 Washington Square S., Rm. 411, NY, NY 10012-1099; 212/998-6696.
- Homelessness and Education. "A Foot in the Schoolhouse Door: Progress & Barriers to the Education of Homeless Children" surveys service providers from more than 120 family shelters in 20 states and DC; surveys state officials responsible for removing barriers to homeless children's education; and reviews plans states must submit to US DOE to receive program funds. The report also examines the DOE's administration of the program and Lamkin v. DC -- the first and only court decision interpreting (constructively) the McKinney Education statute. \$15 (+ postage) from the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, 918 F St. NW, #412, Washington, DC 20004; 202/638-2535; discounted rate for small nonprofits.
- Homeless Families. "Coalition Projects Increase in Homeless Families Sheltered by State in FY95" is the heading of a story from the Feb. 1995 issue of *StreetSmarts*, the newsletter of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, 288 A St., Boston, MA 02210; 617/737-3508.
- Homelessness and Education. "School Programs & Practices for Homeless Students" is the 2-page, April 1995 issue of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Urban Education Digest. Free with a SASE from the Institute for Urban & Minority Education, Box 40, Columbia University Teachers College, NY, NY 10027; 212/678-3436.

POVERTY / WELFARE

• Welfare Articles. "Challenging Myths About Welfare Recipients." by Joel Handler & Yeheskel Hasenfeld; "Faces of Poverty," by Jill Duerr Berrick; and "Self-Sufficiency for Single Mothers Through GAIN," by Neil Gilbert, Jill Duerr Berrick & Marcia Meyers, comprise the 13-page, May 1995 CPS Brief, available from the California Policy Seminar, 2020 Milvia St., #412, Berkeley, CA 94704; 510/642-5514.

- Social Science and Welfare. Looking Before We Leap: Social Science & Welfare Reform, eds. R. Kent Weaver & William Dickens, is a new Brookings book, with essays by Rebecca Blank, Evelyn Brodkin, Gary Burtless, Robert Reischauer, Robert Shapiro & others. \$12.95 from Brookings; 800/275-1447.
- Human Services Funding. "Maintaining Funding for Essential Human Services; A Necessity, Not an Option" is a 27-page + exhibits, July 1995 report to DC government by the Fair Budget Coalition, prepared with the pro bono assistance of the Hogan & Harston law firm. For copies, contact the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, 1800 Massachusetts Ave. NW, 6th flr., Washington, DC 20036; 202/872-1494.
- Census Poverty Data. "Poverty Areas" is a 4-page, June 1995 Census Bureau Statistical brief, available (free) from Leatha Lamison-White; 301/763-8578. A related June 1995 2-pager is "How Much We Earn -- Factors That Make a Difference," also free, from Kirby Posey; 301/763-8576.
- Poverty and Death. "Poverty & Death in the US -- 1973 and 1991," by Robert Hahn, Elaine Eaker, Nancy Barker, Steven Teutsch, Waldemar Sosniak & Nancy Krieger, from the Sept. 1995 issue of Epidemiology, calculates that the extent of mortality due to poverty is of the same order as that attributed to tobacco (which HHS considers to be the leading cause of death in the US). Reprints from Nancy Krieger at the Dept. Health & Social Behavior, Harvard School of Public Health, 677 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115; 617/432-1571; Email: nkrieger@hsph.harvard.edu.
- Welfare Reform. The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights has a 2-page "Principles on Welfare Reform." Contact them at 1629 K St. NW, #1010, Washington, DC 20006; 202/466-3311.
- Welfare Research. Welfare Research Partnership: The Inst. for Women's Policy Research is interested in forming partnerships with academics, researchers, advocacy groups & others to develop a research agenda and undertake research projects to track, monitor, analyze & evaluate the AFDC block grantsto-come programs and their effects. Contact Jill Braunstein, IWPR, 1400 20th St. NW, #104, Washington, DC 20036; Email: jillbraun@aol.com.
- State Welfare Programs. "Welfare to Work: State Programs Have Tested Some of the Proposed Reforms" (32 pp., July 1995, GAO/PEMD-95-26) is available, free, from the US General Accounting Office, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015; 202/512-6000.

RACE / RACISM

- TV Documentary. Across the River, the new PBS documentary by former NY Times reporter Hedrick Smith, "about people who are making a difference East of the Anacostia River [Wash., DC]," is scheduled for nationwide broadcast November 24 @ 9pm (the usual "check your local listings" caveat applies). Information from 301/654-9848.
- **Census Data.** Demographic Data has available census and political information by race, relating to voter participation, mainly for the Boston area; contact Walter Jonas, 3 Hawthorn Rd., Milton, MA 02186; 617/698-6828.
- Race and Class. Facing Up to the American Dream: Race, Class & the Soul of the Nation, by Jennifer Hochschild (412 pp., 1995), has just been published by Princeton Univ. Press, 41 William St., Princeton, NJ 08540; 609/258-5714; \$29.95.
- Inclusiveness. "Five Commandments for an Inclusive America" is the keynote address by President Hugh Price at the National Urban League's 1995 annual conference Available from Wayman Ezell at the League, 500 E. 62nd St., NYC, NY 10021-8379; 212/310-9021.
- Racial Discrimination. The Working Group on Racial Discrimination (WORD) has been convened by ESHRAN (the Economic & Social Human Rights Advocacy Network), in order to prepare a report to the Commission on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, established under the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, which the US ratified in October 1994. Contact Peggy Crane of ESHRAN, 782 West End Ave., #91, NY, NY 10025; 212/316-5036, to participate in the WORD effort, and to get a copy of the Convention.

TRANSPORTATION

- New York Transit. "New York Streetcar News: Light Rail in the Big Apple," a bi-monthly newsletter, is available from the Committee for Better Transit, Box 3106, Long Island City, NY 11103. Cost is \$16 for individuals, \$25 for families/organizations.
- Traffic. Two articles by PN'er Tom Samuels, "Traffic Calming: Towards Reclaiming Urban Neighborhoods" and "Traffic Expands to Fill the Available Road Space: Re-Thinking Traffic Congenstion" are available from The Better Transportation Coalition, 517 College St., Suite 325, Toronto, Ontario, M6G 4A2, Canada; 416/961-5767; tsamuels@web.apc.org.

WOMEN, CHILDREN AND FAMILY

- Women and Organizing. "Women, Organizing and Diversity: Struggling with the Issues," a workbook and video to help women organizers create multicultural organizations, is available from the Education Center for Community Organizing, Hunter College, 129 E. 79th St., New York, NY 10021; 212/452-7112
- Child Care. "Child Care & Welfare Reform: More Painful Choices," by Nancy Ebb, combines a survey of the 50 state child care administrators and analyses of recent legislative proposals to increase work requirements. \$6.95 from Children's Defense Fund, 25 E St. NW, Washington, DC 20001.
- Youth and Poverty. "Healing the Heart of the Cities: Young Voices Speak Out," ed. Sean Dennis Cashman (91 pp.), details the work of the Youth Commission on Urban Poverty. Free, from Campus Outreach Opportunity League, 1511 K St. NW, #307, Washington, DC 20005; 202/637-7004.
- Food Stamps. "Mothers Who Receive Food Stamps -Fertility & Socioeconomic Characteristics" is a 4-page,
 August, 1995 Census Bureau Statistical Brief, available, free,
 from Amara Bachu, 301/457-2449; e-mail
 abachu@census.gov. Related Statistical Brief: "American
 Women: A Profile" (2 pp., July 1995), available from Dianne
 Schmidley; 301/457-2378.
- Volunteerism. Who Cares: A Journal of Service and Action is a youth-oriented quarterly magazine. \$15/yr. individuals., \$25 institutions., from 1511 K St. NW, #1042, Washington, DC 20005; 800/628-1692.

MISCELLANEOUS

- .• Nonprofit Boards. A catalog of resources for board members and directors of nonprofit organizations is available from the National Center for Nonprofit Boards, Suite 510-FT, 200 L St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036-4907; 202/452-6262.
- Corporate Welfare. The September issue of *Voces Unidas*, published by the SouthWest Organizing Project, features a special section on Corporate Welfare in New Mexico. Copies are available from the SouthWest Organizing Project, 211 10th St., SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.
- Internet Resources. A booklet entitled "The Internet: What it can and Can't do for Activists" is available for \$4.50 from Social Justice Connections, Dept. 7, PO Box 4090, Arlington, CA 22204; 703/553-4440; lamaryates@aol.com
- Labor. Grassroots Economic Organizing Newsletter's (GEO) August/September issue leads off with the heartening headline "Labor's Activism Renewed." It's available from GEO, PO Box 5065, New Haven, CT 06525; 203/389-6194.

- Foundations. "Foundations in the New Era," by Sally Covington & Larry Parachini (52 pp., Sept. 1995), is available (\$25) from the Natl. Comm. for Responsive Philanthropy, 2001 S St. NW, #620, Wash., DC 20009, 202/387-9177.
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- Immigration. "Racing Toward Big Brother: Computer Verification, ID Cards & Immigration Control" is the Natl. Council of LaRaza's 1995 State of Hispanic America report, (122 pp., July 1995, no price listed). Contact NCLR, 1111 19th St. NW, #1000, Washington, DC 20036; 202/785-1670.
- Citizen Planners. A publication called *Planning Commissioners Journal*, specifically designed for municipal, county, and regional planning boards but also very valuable to any citizen (or professional) planner, is available from Planning Commissioners Journal, PO Box 4295, Burlington, VT 05406; 802-864-9083; pcj@together.net. Standard subscriptions are \$40, but ask about quantity and small town discounts. The Fall issue featured articles about fast-food restaurant design, and rules of parliamentary procedure for boards and committees.

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Conferences and Workshops

- Land Use. The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy's 1995-96 course catalog is available from The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 113 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA 02138-3400; 800/LANDUSE. Courses are taught in various cities around the country, and include "Managing Community Growth and Change" and "The Interaction of Land Policy and Taxation."
- Poverty and Housing. "New Approaches to Poverty: Impacts on Housing in Delaware" is the 1995 Delaware Housing Symposium, November 28 at the University of Delaware. Information is available from the Center for Community Development, Graham Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716; 302/831-6780.
- Property and Values. The Equity Trust and the American Bar Association on Homelessness and Poverty will present "Property and Values: Striking an Equitable Balance of Public and Private Interests," a dialogue between scholars, practitioners and policy makers, at Harvard Law School on **December 1**, 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. For more information: Property and Values Conference, Equity Trust, Inc., 539 Beach Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384; 203/376-6174
- Apartheid. A panel discussion, "Apartheid's Future in South Africa and the United States: Signs of Convergence?" will feature two PN'ers, Columbia University Professor Peter Marcuse, and PICCED Director Ron Shiffman, along with South African civic movement leader Mzwanele Mayekiso, discussing the forces influencing the outcome of developments affecting major urban centers in South Africa and possible parallels in the U.S. Friday, December 1, 7:30 p.m. The forum will be held at 122 West 27th St., 10th Floor, in New York. For more information: 212/242-4201.
- Affordable Housing. "Preserving Affordable Housing: On the Road to Success" is a series of free HUD workshops highlighting how residents & nonprofits can preserve affordable rental housing. Hartford, KC, Pittsburgh & Orlando have already taken place. Still to come are Minneapolis (Dec. 2-3), Albuquerque (Dec. 2-3), Lansing (Dec. 9-10), Columbus (Dec. 9-10), Indianapolis (Jan. 20-21) & Birmingham (Jan. 27-28). Register with ICF, 9300 Lee Hwy., Office 1109, Fairfax, VA 22031; 703/934-3230.
- Economic Development. The National Council for Urban Economic Development will hold an Urban Economic Development Summit in Washington, D.C. on March 3-5, an annual conference in Cleveland, OH September 29- October 2 (1996), and "If You Build it, Will they Come?" on the sports and entertainment industries' effects on economic development from February 1-3 in Scottsdale, AZ. For more information: National Council for Urban Economic Development, 1730 K St. NW, #700, Washington, DC 20006; 202/223-4735.

- Habitat II Preparation. February 11-23, New York City. Third Preparatory Committee Meeting of Habitat II: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements. Contact Citizens Network For Sustainable Development; 212-431-3922.
- Wealth Distribution. "Share the Wealth: Organizing Against Corporate Power," a workshop to educate the public about growing inequality of wealth in the U.S. and its implications for our economy, civic life, and culture. The workshop, sponsored by The Learning Alliance and The Share the Wealth Project will be held Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 9 p.m. at The Learning Alliance, 324 Lafayette St., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10012. Cost is \$8-12. For more information: 212/226-7171.
- Livable Cities. The 18th International Conference on Making Cities Livable will be held in Carmel, CA, March 12-16, 1995. The conference will focus on three themes: "Restructuring Urban and Suburban Sprawl," "Creating Successful Urban Places," and "Conversion of Military and Industrial Facilities." For more information about the conference or to request information on presenting papers or case studies: Suzanne H. Crowhurst Lennard, IMCL Conference, P.O. Box 7586, Carmel, CA 93921; 408/626-9080.
- Pedagogy. "Pedagogy of the Oppressed," a conference with sessions devoted to scholarly dialogue and the exchange of information, research methodologies, and pedagogical approaches, will feature presentations by Paulo Freire, Augusto Boal, and Peter McLaren. The conference wull be held in Omaha, NE, March 21-23. For more information: University of Nebraska at Omaha, Mary Macchietto, Conf. Mgr., College of Continuing Studies, 1313 Farnam, Omaha, NE 68182-0361; 402/595-2355; mmacchietto@uomaha.edu.
- Sustainable Resources. "The Sixth International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Social Behavior, Natural Resources, and the Environment" will be held May 18-23, 1996, at The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. An interdisciplinary symposium dedicated to the study of sustainable relationships between natural resources and society, the symposium will focus on the usefulness of the social sciences to natural resource decision makers and managers. Anyone interested in participating, or presenting a paper can get more information from Jim Finley, Program Co-Chair, School of Forest Resources, The Pennsylvania State University, 2B Ferguson Building, University Park, PA 16802-2601; 814/863-0401; fj4@psuvm.psu.edu
- Community Development. The 28th Annual Internatl. Conf. of the Comm Dev. Society will be held July 22-24 in Melbourne. A Call for Presenters has been issued, with a Dec. 1 deadline. Inf. from the Society, 1123 N. Water St., Milwaukee, WI 53202, E-mail: 5547.2561@compuserve.com

Beyond Communities: Looking at the Global Roots of Urban Poverty

The Habitat II Conference will bring together principles

and resolutions that have

emerged from the earlier U.N.

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ability, equity, civic engagement,

the collaborative efforts of NGOs

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The 1996 Habitat II Conference in Istanbul will be a unique opportunity to focus the world on issues of urban poverty. But will it get at the global roots of poverty? Will it allow governments committed to the free market -- like the U.S. government -- to continue to ignore any commitment to the right to housing and a decent living environment?

The Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), to be held in Istanbul in June 1996, will bring global attention to the challenges and opportunities created by global urbanization. As in the other recent United Nations summit conferences—such as the Earth summit in Rio in 1992, the

Population and Development Conference in Cairo in 1994, and the Women and Development Conference in Beijing in 1995 this forum will provide non governmental and grassroots organizations (NGOs) an opportunity to voice their perspectives on the problems of rapid urbanization, poverty, inadequate housing and community services, and to collectively influence national governments. (Planners Network has been accredited as an NGO). Some community based organizations have been participating in Habitat II preparatory activities to raise awareness in their communities of global developments, to

involve people who have never participated in such events before, and to influence the principles and resolutions adopted by governments at Habitat II.

The U.S. delegation's official position paper, which will be issued in December, is expected to emphasize the importance of local initiatives while avoiding commitment to the right to housing and the allocation of resources for low income communities. This approach stands in sharp contrast with the position taken by many NGO's in other parts of the world, who call for a commitment by governments to address inequalities in the urban standard of living. The U.S. is not likely to acknowledge the role played by transnational corporations, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in creating global urban problems.

The Planners Network Project on Globalization is working in

three areas: 1) developing a progressive agenda for cities at a global scale; 2) participating in activities related to the Habitat II Conference; and 3) developing directions for post Habitat II activities. Conference workshops will reflect these themes.

We would like to generate short working papers that highlight a progressive urban agenda reflecting the needs and interests of the majority of urban residents throughout the world, who live in poverty and without adequate housing and services. These working papers will analyze the urban impacts of globalization and structural adjustment programs, and critically examine the positions of official government delegations, especially the US dele-

gation, to the Habitat II Conference.

We would like to engage in discussions and collaborate with other NGOs in the preparations for Habitat II. We hope to develop position papers to be submitted at the Third Preparatory Meeting of NGOs (PrepCom) in New York City in February 1996, and at the Habitat II Conference in Istanbul in June 1996.

The collaborative efforts of NGOs should continue after the conference to pressure governments to act on the resolutions adopted at Habitat II. Planners Network needs to develop strategies for post con-

ference collaboration among community based organizations and planners.

The workshops at the Planners Network Conference in June of 1996 are expected to cover a range of topics. There will be workshops examining different aspects and impacts of globalization on specific regions; national and international examples of progressive community planning; sessions discussing the Habitat II conference and its outcomes; and workshops exploring future strategies for national and international collaboration among progressive community planners. If you are interested in participating, please get in touch via the PN office.

-- Ayse Yonder

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Moving Beyond Empowerment: Planners Network Project on Community Planning

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Rarely are individual community planning concerns and initiatives considered within the broader contexts of national or global plans, policies, or practices. Many planners would argue that community planning is, by its very nature, "progressive." Advocacy planning, as originally described by Paul Davidoff, sought to give voice to community concerns within the planning and decision-making process. Davidoff argued that only through the full participation of all "stakeholders" affected

by planning policies and decisions was it possible for the planning process to be inclusionary and democratic. Since the late 1960's community planners have, in fact, successfully empowered numerous community groups to be active participants in the planning process.

Yet in the political climate of the 1990's, planners must ask if empowerment alone is sufficient to make community planning "progressive." Far too often community planning has been relegated to a very limited sphere; one where "local" victories are raised, "local" battles are waged, and "local" victories are won. Frequently the larger underlying causes of problems are left unexamined and unchanged.

Community planning has often satisfied itself with winning its specific case in court instead of questioning the validity of the laws themselves. Lacking a broader analysis of the root causes of local concerns, community alliances focusing on municipal, national, and global policies are generally not included in community plans. Thus, other communities (or even the same community at a later date) find themselves fighting the same "local" battles over and over.

Similarly, planning scholarship and theory relating to national and global policies is, in most instances, developed in the abstract, using micro-statistical data and thumbnail case study examples. Detailed examinations of the implications of national and global policies on actual ongoing local community planning initiatives are seldom undertaken.

Most conferences with panels or workshops on community issues separate these from panels on national or global issues.

The segregation of these areas of inquiry serves to further perpetuate a narrow view of community planning and the "ivory tower" isolation of national and global analysis. Opportunities for using community planning to actively support progressive national and global policies are not explored.

The Planners Network 1996
Conference provides an ideal opportunity for establishing an expanded agenda for progressive community planning that recognizes the still valid significance of community advocacy and empowerment, yet also strives to eliminate the false dichotomy between community planning

practice and national and global policy analysis. By integrating an analysis of the community implications of national and global policies with the description of actual community planning case studies, the conference can begin the process of building a unified and reinvigorated progressive planning agenda.

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who gets the newsletter, along with phone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses, and biosketches from those who submitted that information. Out of nearly 800 members, about 250 submitted biosketches. Please look for your own listing in the roster and notify me if any information is incorrect.

About 200 people who we hadn't heard from in over two years, and who hadn't responded to repeated requests to be in touch, were removed from our mailing list between the last issue and this one. We're not trying to cut back on our membership, just trying to ensure

that our limited resources are used for getting the newsletter out to those who really find it valuable. Keep encouraging interested people to join.

Finally, don't forget that the three projects for the 1996 conference (June 15-16) are underway, and we'd like them to be a truly national effort. Read about them on pages 3, and 10-12, and then call me at 718-636-3486 (or e-mail me at wintonp@ix.netcom.com) to let me know how you would like to participate.

- Winton Pitcoff, editor

Planners Network Updates

PN96 Conference Update

- About a dozen people responded to the call in the last newsletter to work on or participate in the PN96 Conference in Brooklyn June 14-16. We haven't been able to respond to everyone yet; please be patient.
- Working groups have been set up for each of the three main focus areas -- community-based planning, national urban policy and globalization. They will be generating working papers and action-related resolutions for the conference. To get involved, contact Winton or Tom at the PN office.
- Jennifer Fuqua is Conference Coordinator at Pratt. Jennifer is coordinating fundraising, scheduling, promotion and logistics. If you'd like to help out, call Jennifer at 718-384-3099 or 718-636-3509.
- Conference workshops will be led by Facilitators to promote broad participation. Jennifer will be organizing and orienting Facilitators. Two people have volunteered to help out, but we're going to need many more. To volunteer, contact Jennifer.
- Jennifer is organizing an exhibit at Pratt's Schaffler Gallery of community plans and projects. Contact her if you would like to contribute something or have suggestions.
- Ken Reardon will be organizing pre-conference walking tours, on Thursday June 13, in Manhattan's Lower East Side and Harlem and the South Bronx.
 Post-conference tours (Sunday afternoon, June 16) are expected to include a bicycle tour sponsored by Transportation Alternatives and a Brooklyn bus tour.
- The Association of Community Design Centers will hold their annual conference concurrently with the PN Conference at Pratt.
- Luis Garden Acosta of El Puente Academy in Brooklyn has agreed to be one of the keynote speakers. We are still looking for another keynoter with national draw. Any ideas?

• A cultural event is planned for Saturday night, including dancing to the music of "Borinqueña".

PN at Columbia University

Columbia University's Avery library has begun purchasing a complete set of PN newsletters, and will complete that acquisition early in 1996.

PN at ACSP

Planners Network roundtable and reception at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference in Detroit on October 19. That's not an adjective normally used at scholarly events. The reference is to the excitement elicited by the three panelists, who spoke about different experiences of building hope in central city communities, and the lively discussion that followed. The panelists were June Thomas and Reynard N. Blake, Jr., who spoke about Detroit and faith-based community development, Jackie Leavitt on Los Angeles and Ken Reardon on East St. Louis. The format of short, lively presentations and open discussion is one we hope to repeat at the PN Conference next June.

Planners Network On-Line

Planners Network operates an on-line listserv for members to stay in touch, discuss issues, and exchange ideas. It only works if people participate, though, so sign up today!

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Housing Law Project points out that while Congress in 1949 set the national housing goal to be "a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American," the United States Housing Act of 1995 proclaims that the Federal Government "cannot . . . provide for the housing of every American citizen, or even a majority of its citizens." Furthermore, the Federal role is limited to the responsibility to assist "responsible, deserving citizens who cannot provide for themselves because of temporary circumstances or factors beyond their control." Not-so-subtle rhetoric from the current war against the working class and immigrants.

For the first time in 20 years, the House bill proposes to eliminate incremental Section 8 rental assistance to needy poor and working families. Existing Section 8 recipients, with median family incomes of \$6,800, would see their rents increase by an average of \$200 a year.

Both houses would repeal or substantially revise the "Brooke Amendment" that ties public housing Section 8 rent to a percentage of a tenant's income (usually no more than 30 percent). Public Housing Authorities would have wide discretion in setting their rents, regardless of a needy family's ability to pay. The combination of reduced public housing operating subsidies (through reduced appropriations) and the elimination of restrictions on rent levels would drastically reduce the availability of housing to the neediest families. Other provisions of the housing bills include:

- Relaxation or repeal of the targeting requirements in public housing;
- Substitution of local preferences, based on weak or subjective guidelines, for current federal preference rules;
- Lowering of Fair Market Rents from the 45th to the 40th percentile;
- Elimination of good cause lease termination requirements in the Section 8 Program;
- Consolidation of the Section 8 Certificate Program into the previously separate voucher program, eliminating federal preferences for needy families, and protection from evictions without "good cause" during the lease term; and,
- Transfer of Fair Housing Enforcement to the Department of Justice.

Also in this year's authorization bill are provisions that will reduce community accountability and deregulate Public Housing Authorities' decisions surrounding severely distressed projects. Gone would be the one-for-one replacement rule that ensured that, for each unit of public housing demolished, a new one would be created. The Senate bill eliminates the requirement that residents and their organizations get notification and consideration in a PHA's decision to demolish or sell a property. The Senate bill further tilts the balance of power against the poor by reducing and eliminating many tenant protections, like adequate notice, and the requirement of "good cause" evictions. Combined, the provisions reverse Congress' historic commitment to public housing as the housing of last resort for low-income families.

During last Spring's close encounter with the balanced budget amendment, the Washington, D.C. based Center on Budget and Policy Priorities projected that the cuts necessary under a balanced budget by 2002 would be at least three times as large as those enacted under Reagan in 1981 and 1982. A balanced budget by the year 2002 would require roughly \$1.4 trillion of federal spending cuts over the next seven years when you include the proposed tax breaks for the wealthy. Because powerful lobbies protect the sacred cows in the military and elsewhere, drastic reductions are coming for weak constituencies. In order to balance the budget and pay for the proposed tax cuts by 2002, all federal expenditures other than Social Security and defense (and the required interest on the national debt) would have to be cut by at least 30 percent.

But it is also probable, if not altogether certain that some areas of federal spending such as federal prisons, veterans benefits, and border control will not be cut. Those programs that serve low income people with income support, education, training, health care, housing and community development are facing as much as a 50 percent cut between now and 2002.

Immediately after the 1994 elections, HUD produced its famous "Blueprint for Change" that consolidated and devolved the Department's programs. Like many predicted, Congress took the Blueprint as a license for radical restructuring and so has done some of its own consolidating and restructuring.

Congress' recommended appropriation levels for 1996 repeat the rescissions from the 1995 budget; proposed spending would be roughly 23 percent below the \$26.1 billion originally appropriated at the beginning of the last fiscal year. Furthermore, we need to incorporate the effect of a 2.5% rate of inflation on the budget amounts. The Congressional proposals further reduce the Annual Contributions Account by an average of 14% (16% when adjusted for inflation); FHA authorization is further reduced by 11% (14%); Operating subsidies for Public and Indian Housing by 9% (11%); HUD's Policy Development and Research is cut by 19% (21%); and Fair Housing, as indicated above, is completely moved to the Justice Department in the Senate Bill, while the House Bill terminates the Fair Housing Initiatives Program. The two block grants, CDBG and HOME, within the Office of Community Planning and Development are reduced only by the amount of inflation following the rescissions. Also, Republicans appear to be using some underhanded budget tactics in their funding for Contract Renewals by shortening the length of the contract from fifteen to two years, thereby hiding another massive cut in spending in relatively flat numbers in terms of budget authority. In other words, these numbers hide some very deep cuts in assisted housing.

Fortunately, public opinion polls show that the vast majority of Americans do not share Washington's upside down view of social justice. Most Americans are not sharing in the party that's going on in Wall Street, the boardrooms, and in Congress. As long as we stay focused on the phony logic at work there, we weaken the political support necessary to continue the trend.

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Nothing but 'Net: Planning resources on the Internet

There's no avoiding it any longer. The Internet is fast growing out of its reputation as a toy for computer-heads and game players, and is just as rapidly becoming a valuable tool for research and networking.

Resources for planners and community organizations abound on the internet, and to attempt to compile a comprehensive list would be impossible; new sites crop up and dissapear every day.

But there are a handful of sites on the World Wide Web, the internet's fastest growing and easiest to use segment, which are crucial first stops for any planner or organizer. Each site provides links to other sites. Those are listed here, along with a few other sites which are good staring points for internet exploration for planners.

Resource Sites

Neighborhoods Online

http://libertynet.org/community/phila/natl.html

This is the most comprehensive site for neighborhood resources. Information is divided into categories such as housing and community development, health and human services, and neighborhood environment and appearance. The neighborhood news site contains continuously updated articles and information on goings-on in government that are likely to affect neighborhoods, and frequently takes the extra step of suggesting actions to affect change. The people who maintain the site (The Institute for the Study of Civic Values) seem to be on top of what's going on with the internet, and are constantly adding links to new sites.

The Univ. of Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning http://arch.buffalo.edu:8001/internet/h_pa_resources.html

The University of California at Berkeley

http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/ENVI/cityweb.html

These sites are the best for resources relating to planning and community development. They provide listings of WWW sites by topic, ranging from housing, to the environment, to historic preservation resources.

The Guide to Internet Resources for Non-Profit Public Service Organizations

http://asa.ugl.lib.umich.edu/chdocs/nonprofits/nonprofits.html

This site has hundreds of links to sites with information on topics ranging from immigration to urban development. Also available at this site are job postings, funding announcements, and Federal Register information relevant to non-profit public service organizations.

List of Planning Schools Worldwide

http://www.ncl.ac.uk/~n270556/planning.html

Government sites

Department of Housing and Urban Development

http://www.hud.gov

US Bureau of the Census

http://www.census.gov

US Department of Transportation

http://www.dot.gov:80/

U.S. Congress

http://thomas.loc.gov/

Full text of congressional bills, and the Congressional Record.

Organization Sites

The Community Development Society

http://www.infoanalytic.com/cds/

Center for Neighborhood Technology

http://www.cnt.org

The Neighborhood Works

http://www.cnt.org/tnw/tnwhome.htm

Policy Research Action Group

http://www.luc.edu/depts/sociology/prag

The Planning Commissioner's Journal

http://www.webcom.com/~pcj/welcome.html

Mailing Lists

For those who can't get enough e-mail, "listservs" are essentially electronic mailing lists devoted to a particular topic. Subscribers post information or queries, which then get sent to everyone on the list, often resulting in informative "discussions." One of the best is CD4URBAN, a list devoted to the discussion of community development issues. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to listproc@u.washington.edu that reads "subscribe cd4urban" (without the quotes) followed by your name. Instructions on how to post messages to the list will be sent to you, and you'll start receiving whatever messages others might be posting.

Another worthwhile listserv is Civic Values, which bills itself as "a mailing list devoted to an ongoing dialogue on . . . how people in communities can work together to fulfill America's ideals and how we can build support for a "neighborhood agenda" in local and national politics." To subscribe, send a message to majordomo@civic.net containing the single line: "subscribe civic-values" (again, no quotes).

See pg. 8 for information on PN's own listserv!

Thanks to Ric Stephens (rixtephens@aol.com), whose "Infobahn Tourguide for Planners" was helpful in preparing this guide.

- Winton Pitcoff

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Article ideas (or articles, even) • Suggestions, comments, critiques of the newsletter.

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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.

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