□ PN PURGE ALERT: A PN purge is upon you.
As you doubtless know, the only rule in PN is "we don't hear from you, you don't hear from us." We do keep records of any communication we get from you—whether it be an item for the Newsletter, a check, a change-of-address card, a complaint, whatever.
Those of you from whom we have heard not a word over the past year will find four asterisks — **** — on their labels.
Take a look right now. If you've got them, here's the story:
Come issue #70, you won't get it. Instead, you will get a postcard telling you we've sent the issue out, but not to you.
You then have been warned twice, and are D-R-O-P-P-E-D from our lists. Unless we hear from you again; then all is forgiven and you are once again a Networker.
Please go check your label now. A single number or pound sign, #, means you're okay.

□ MOOLA (Part III): Well, good news and bad news, as they say.
Our mild harangues in the last two issues have unleashed a welcome flow of funds. $2,552 from 87 of you since our last issue. That's a great measure of support; and we're deeply appreciative. But still more than half of current Network members bear the "freeloader" label. If you really can't come up with the bucks, that's okay by us. But it's hard to believe so many of you are in that unenviable position.
So reach for that checkbook—as soon as you've finished reading this issue. (PNer Jon Erickson suggests that we put on your label the date of your last contribution, to make annual giving easier; in principle a good idea, but it's more work than this low-budget, low-tech operation wants to take on).
A glance at your checkbook should reveal whether you've contributed this year. If in doubt, give. The accompanying PN purge alert gives many of you a good opportunity to shape up.

The document includes an Agenda, boiled down from the various conference workshop recommendations; a set of 12 policy proposal papers, each by one of the conference co-sponsors, on topics that include "A Proposed Agenda for the Community Movement," "A National Policy for Information Technology Empowerment," "CDCs," "Women and Economic Development," "Goals for Rural Housing Policy," "A Program to Provide All Americans with Decent, Affordable Housing," and "Housing Trust Funds"; and a set of resource lists for housing and economic development, capacity-building, and (continued on page 11)
Re-thinking PN?

From Pepe John Friedman (Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Univ. of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024, 213-825-4781): The call for $55 in PN #68 moved me to sit down and think a bit about the Network. Newsletter. Individual memberships are $30.

ENTERPRISE JOBS is a new division of the Enterprise Foundation, Madison, WI. The program is designed to provide job training and job placement services for the disabled. The Enterprise allemphasizes the development of partnerships between employers and the disabled. It is a significant effort to address the needs of the disabled population.

TAX REFERENCE: Bob Beauregard (Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ #8093) is looking for information on property tax relief programs targeted to long-term residents of the city. He is interested in finding out about such programs and related experiences in other cities.

MANAGEMENT TRAINING: The Support Center for Washington (1410 Qte St. N.W., Wash., DC 20009, 202/622-2000) will hold a spring series of management training workshops from April 12 through May 20. It is one of 12 Support Centers around the country; call for other sites and contacts.

URBAN COALITION NEWSLETTER: Housing & Urban Development Exchange is a new quarterly publication of the National Urban Coalition (1120 G St. N.W., Washington, DC 20005, 202/622-2990). A recent issue reported on affordable housing legislation, venture capital, and national affairs. No price listed.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE: Pepe Marcia Kingslow is creating a resource list of organizations and individuals who promote sustainable agriculture. Of particular focus are initiatives that help farmers diversify, promote greater fruit and vegetable production, create alternatives or expand existing markets, and increase local food production. Please send name, address, phone number, and a brief description program to Marcia at 5971 Western Run Dr., Baltimore, MD 21209, 301/764-7996.


FAIR HOUSING: The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (2027 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Wash., DC 20036, 202/667-1780) has prepared two publications, Questionings and Answers on the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1987 and Housing Discrimination Against Families With Children. No price listed.

HOUSING PUBLICATIONS: The National Low Income Housing Coalition (1101 14th St. N.W. #1006, Wash., DC 20005, 202/662-1530) has prepared a publications list of technical assistance manuals, research and policy papers, and Congressional testimony. No price listed.

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Seven years of Reaganomics—during which federal housing assistance has been slashed by 75 percent, from $33 billion to less than $10 billion—has taken a direct hit on the next round of federal housing policy.

Housing prices have skyrocketed, resulting in a decline in homeownership for the first time since WW II.

Many would-be homeowners are now reluctant renters, increasing the demand for rental housing. As a result, escalating rents (with many families paying more than half their incomes just to keep a roof over their heads) have re-ignited tenant protest.

Not only has construction of new subsidized housing for the poor come to a virtual halt, but also much of the existing inventory of public and subsidized housing has been turned over to the market or is at risk from expiring subsidies.

The growing epidemic of homelessness is a direct result of Reaganomics and the major reason why the housing crisis is back in the news.

Nearly everyone agrees that we need to expand homeownership among young families, provide low-cost apartments for the poor, and preserve the existing stock of subsidized housing.

But few are willing to return to the so-called "public housing" programs of the pre-Reagan era, particularly those that bribed private developers with huge tax breaks, low-interest mortgages, and rent subsidies as inducements to build housing for the poor.

There is still a deep distrust of "government" in general and "government housing" in particular.

Concerns over the growing federal deficit also is likely to put a crimp in efforts to expand domestic programs, such as housing, unless Congress is unwilling to divert substantial Pentagon funds and to reform federal tax policy that has favored big business and the wealthy.

The task ahead for progressive housing advocates is to build a national constituency for a housing policy that not only dramatically expands federal housing funds, but also spends them in a cost-effective way that can win broad public support.

A task force sponsored by the Institute for Policy Studies has drafted a comprehensive legislative program that provides a long-term vision, and a set of steps to get there. Among the components is the next round of federal housing policy.

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The Special Feature editor is Bob Beauregard (Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ #8093, 202/932-4053, 932-3004). We are grateful for Networkers' support of this feature, and encourage continued ideas, suggestions, commentary, and dialogue.

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RECYCLING COALITION: The National Recycling Coalition (Box 80729, Lincoln, NE 68501) is a private nonprofit of individuals, municipalities, and businesses which advocates recycling as a successful waste-management strategy. It also publishes a newsletter, Resource Recycling. Individual memberships are $30.

ENTERPRISE JOBS is a new division of the Enterprise Foundation (101 Park Ave., New York City 10017). It is interested in finding out about programs and success stories. It expects to hold a conference in the spring. For information, contact: Steven Pines, Director.

TAX RELIEF QUERY: Bob Beaugard (Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903) is looking for information on property tax relief programs targeted to long-term residents of gentrifying neighborhoods. Philadelphia is close to having such a program, and the neighborhood coalition that is involved is interested in finding out about such programs and related experiences in other cities.

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Rethinking PN?

From P.N. John Friedmann (Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Univ. of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024, 213/823-4782): The call for $55 in PN #168 moved me to sit down and think a bit about the Network Newsletter. We've been doing this for a long time now, indeed grating, and shown there is a need to communicate amongst ourselves. But the passage of time also suggests that perhaps we should be rethinking what we want to say to each other via a low-cost publication.

One of course is important, but most of the news is ephemeral and forgotten the moment it's read. It makes no contribution to the way we think about our work (and the state of the world).

The situation for planners in the U.S. is undergoing radical changes, but we have done very little to re think our own roles and the tasks (acting those who wish to participate in radical reforms). How should we think about "radical planning," or "radical reforms," or "people-centered planning," or "planning as community mattered," or whatever else we may think is true up to.

The so-called radical ideas of the sixties and seventies are perhaps no longer valid; we should re-examine them. We must re-examine them. And The Newsletter is the instrument we have at our disposal.

The question is how and for what purpose we want to use it.

We now have the "Special Feature," which is a start but not enough.

All this, we have studiously avoided theoretical issues, but is the price not too high, all we can say to each other (in order not to offend anyone) is the sort of stuff that appears in "Passing the Word." It doesn't make for compelling reading, nor does it keep us awake at night thinking about it.

I would like to start a few good debates, people taking issue on where we are, and where we stand, and what it all means as we slide into the last decade of the millennium. A year or two ago, we got very excited about plant closings and what they meant for people's jobs and for communities. But now everybody realizes that plant closings are "inevitable," and that we are facing a new ballgame worldwide.

What are the new rules of the game? Should we accept them or fight them? Our reactions are too vociferous, too pragmatic. I'd like to have us devote more time to ideas.

Ideas are not what American radicals like to have too much of—they are rather in the thick of the melee, fighting—but without ideas we remain weak and fragmentary.

I would be interested to hear people's reactions.

This is a real challenge from one of our profession's most challenging thinkers. Let's hear some responses. C.H.

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The strategic question is, thus, what housing groups and others will be both possible and progressive—a stepping-stone toward more fundamental reform?

Perhaps the most promising trend is the community-based housing movement. The 1987 report on an spurge in grassroots community-based, nonprofit housing development.

The success of these efforts forms the foundation for a new direction in federal housing policy, a first step that will help build a broader political consensus for a housing program that is based on non speculative production, management, and financing. The bill is part of the broader Community Housing Partnership Act (HR 3891).

The growth of the community-based housing movement is the product of the Reagan era. In response to a growing demand for affordable housing, and to federal housing cutbacks, many nonprofit groups moved to fill the gap created by the cuts, often through grants by local governments, churches, and private foundations.

A few national organizations—including the Local Initiatives Support Corporations (created by the Ford Foundation), the Enterprise Foundation (started by developer James Rouse), the United Way (which sponsored a program in Boston to build affordable housing statewide), and Habitat for Humanity—have been working with many local nonprofit groups across the country.

These nonprofit housing developers—including churches, unions, neighborhood groups, community development corporations, and others—have helped rebuild neighborhoods that the government left behind when they were abandoned. Thousands of units of affordable housing are now in place that would not have been there without these incentives.

This new generation of nonprofit builders is growing and diversifying, with examples and insights.

The Special Feature editor is Bob Beaugard (Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 201/392-4053, 932-3057)

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In February, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities have endorsed the legislation.

Passed this through, the federal government would provide matching funds, in a three-to-one ratio, to locally based nonprofit housing groups to build and rehabilitate housing. The federal funds would match those raised from local government, business, private foundations, churches, and banks.

The legislation has a number of attractive features, from both a political and a social perspective.

It is flexible; it can be used to support rental, co-op, or for-sale housing. By requiring matching funds, it could be viewed as a "self-help" program that helps those communities that help themselves.

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In February, Kennedy introduced the Community Housing Partnership Act.

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The flexibility is an important advantage. For example, a developer in an area that is not eligible for federal funds may be able to use the program as a "seed" to leverage other funding from other sources.

President takes office. The Community Housing Partnership Act should be a cornerstone of this "post-Reagan" housing program.

To make sure that happens, we must build support for the Community Housing Partnership Act (HR 3981) now.

Peter Dreier is Director of Housing at the Boston Redevelopment Authority. For more information, contact Community Housing Partnership Act, contact him at the BRA, City Hall, Room 912, Boston, MA 02210, or Gary Zipper, President, National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1012 14th St. N.W. #1006, Wash, DC 20005.

Rental Housing

Thanks for printing William Goldsmith's response to Dan Garr on rental housing (PN 488).

The relationship between landlord and tenant is inherently one of conflict, no matter what the good intentions or political beliefs of the person owning the property.

In my opinion, Garr should work for some collective alternatives like community housing cooperatives and offer the funding of housing cooperatives to transcend his dilemmas as a landlord. I don't have much sympathy.

Jack Lattmann
Seattle, WA 98115

Next issue will feature another commentary on Dan Garr's Special Feature (PN 488) and further communication from Garr. — Ed.

Cleveland, OH 44115, 216/687-2298. You might offer a payment for copying costs.

INFORMATION REQUEST: From Networker Andy Rubenson (S.R.O. Housing, 311 S. Spring, #100, Los Angeles, CA 90015). I am conducting research on General Assistance nationwide, and hope to publish my research through the National Coalition for the Homeless. I would appreciate receiving copies of any research papers on the subject, and learning of volunteers to complete a survey questionnaire.

ACCESSORY APARTMENTS: Patrick H. Hare Planning and Design (1246 Monroe St. N.E., Wash, DC 20007) offers seminars on accessory apartments, which can be one form of providing affordable housing for the elderly.

MEMBER UPDATE: From Susan E. Bain (SPF Project, Letchworth House, The Garrison, St. Michael, Barbados, 809/436-3213): In late 1987, I worked on a USAID project evaluation of microbusinesses in the Caribbean, evaluating loans from credit unions and national development foundations. The findings pointed to whopping successes among assisted microbusinesses.

Beginning in January, I joined the GPA Committee to implement a Small Project Implementation Facility. The Facility will design and implement small infrastructure projects in the Leeward and Windward Islands, focusing on agriculture, tourism, and small business. I am the project's Administrative Officer. The project is to run 3-5 years, and looks to be very exciting, in that Canada has never before tried anything of this sort in the Caribbean.

VIRGINIA HOUSING PRIMER: Pnner Larry Yates (3001 K St., NW, Washington, DC 20007) has completed a 32-page Virginia Low-Income Housing Primer, which describes the major statewide housing agencies, some history, some basic principles, and lists Virginia nonprofit housing groups. Copies are $6.50.

MICHIGAN HOUSING: The Michigan Housing Coalition (2111 Woodward Ave. #512, Detroit, MI 48201, 313/932-2200) held its annual business meeting March 24 in Lansing, sponsored by the Dance Brigade of Oakland Community College, also in Lansing, in support of its advocacy work for the homeless and those at risk.

DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES: The Corporation for Enterprise Development (725 K St., NW, #140, Washington, DC 20006, 202/291-7663) has an eight-page brochure on its studies and reports on enterprise development. Single copies are free.


UN HUMAN RIGHTS: United Nations Human Rights Commission (United Nations #DC2-0853, New York, NY 10017) has a publications section offering books, pamphlets, reports, and studies available at the 40th anniversary issue of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (December 10).

PEACE/SOCIAL JUSTICE: New Society Publishers (Box 582, Santa Cruz, CA 95061, 800/333-9093) has a new eight-page tabloid of books and other resources on issues of peace and social justice. Among them are Economics as if the Earth Really Mattered, by Susan Mockler-Lowe, and Rise Up Singing, edited by Peter Blood-Patterson.

LAND INVESTMENT and the Predemption Process: A Guide for Finance and Real Estate Professionals, by Networker Alan Rabiniowitz, is a 248-page pioneering examination of land investment and predemption development stage—when undeveloped land is converted into developable properties. It's due in May. Copies are $42.95, from: Greenwood Press, 88 Post Rd. W., Westport, CT 06881.

MUNICIPAL RECYCLING: From Pnner Bill Barlow (222 S. Saratoga St. 5th Flr., Baltimore, MD 21202, 301/396-9294) I am trying to assemble a comprehensive recycling package—tree planting to home-site separation—for the City of Baltimore. I need state"of-the-art" recycling equipment and information on community participation techniques, legislation, and so forth. Every one who writes to me will receive a summary of my project proposal.

I think this is an urgent need we planners should all be reconsidering in our communities/neighbohds.

DESIGN ARTS: The National Endowment for the Arts (1100 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Wash, DC 20506, 202/682-5400) issued application guidelines for fiscal 1989 Design Arts awards in urban design, historic preservation, and planning, among other fields. The national theme is "Design of Cities: Shaping the Public Realm, 1900-2000." Application materials are available.

HABITAT CASE BOOK: Building Community: A Third World Case Book, edited by Bertha Turner, is a heavily illustrated, 192-page report on 20 compelling case studies from the Habitat for Humanity International-Global Housing Mission Project, which examined effective housing strategies by the poor in Third World countries. It includes a Foreword by Don Holdener, Canada, Archipfel, Emeritus of Ontario, and Recife, Brazil, and an Introduction and Conclusions by Pnner John F.C. Turner of AHAS. Copies are UK pounds 13.50 (safari) from: Building Community Bookshop, Buy-Book, Box 28, Dumfries, Scotland DG2 0NS.

URBAN REGENERATION: Urban Futures is a new quarterly journal on urban regeneration from the School of Architecture, Newcastle University. The content will include projects of regeneration and reconstruction, together with design, economics, urban regeneration, and social change. The journal has two parts: an academic section, and a practical section, both with refereed and refereed articles. The contents of the first issue include: Historical Background; The Post-Modern City; and Out of the Ashes: Reflections on Regeneration. The journal is published by the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Further information is available from the School of Architecture, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne NE1 3RJ.

MEMBER UPDATE: From Pnner David Sears (4407 Rose Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814, 301/654-7374): I have left my job with the Urban Land Institute's Public Policy analysis with HUD's Division of Policy Studies, and now head the Government and Development Policy Section of the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service.


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PRISONS FOR PROFIT: Public Justice, Private Interest, by John D. Domanske, is a 32-page report which raises serious doubts about a current notion to privatize the nation's prisons. For copies: The Economic Policy Institute, 1730 Rhode Island Ave. N.W. #812, Wash, DC 20006, 202/775-8810. No price listed.

TUFTS INSTITUTE: Tufts University's Center for Management and Community Development will hold a 2-day meeting at the Hotel Talbot Ave., Medford, MA 02155, 617/381-3549) will offer its fifth annual Institute for Management and Community Development June 4-1 at Tufts. Workshop topics include democratic management, affordable housing, women and economic development, and many more.

Contact: Nancy Akin.

CHANGING WORK, a quarterly magazine about liberating worklife (portions of which occasionally appeared in early, pre-publication form in PN some years ago), has developed a handsome new style and conceptual content. It is co-published and edited at Brandeis' Center for Social Change. Subscriptions are $14, from: Changing Work, Box 261, Newton, MA 02158, 617/736-3827.

CLEVELAND ASSESSMENT: Cleveland: Post-Popular Public-Private Partnership, by PNers Norman Krumbholz and Dennis Keating, and John Metzger, is a 20-page working paper on the neighborhood impact of Cleveland's often-cited public/private partnership development program. Contact: Dennis, Urban Studies Dept., Cleveland State Univ.,
URBAN RECYCLING: From the Citizens' Research Education Network (32 Elm St., Hartford, CT 06106, 203/249-1416) Recycling will be mandatory in Connecticut in 1991. We are seeking information on urban recycling programs throughout the nation so that we can begin working with neighborhood groups in Hartford. If you have any suggestions—what works and what doesn't—please let us know.


HUMAN SETTLEMENTS RESOURCE: Building Communities Bookshop-By-Mail (Box 28, Dunmire, Scotland DG2 ONS) is a worldwide mailorder service for books, pamphlets, resource packs, and videos on community architecture, community building, community development, community planning, and community technical aid. It publishes a free annotated catalogue.

RECYCLING ADVICE: The National Recycling Coalition Inc. (Box 80729, Lincoln, NE 68501) has a technical assistance advisory program which can make available advisors for up to two days to assist in implementing many recycling programs. Contact: Richard Keller, Recycling Manager, Maryland Energy Office, 301-225-1810.

PBS HOUSING DOCUMENTARY: Locked Out of the American Dream is a Public Broadcasting System on special in Illinois. The program explores the housing crisis in the nation's major cities. For copies, Chicago Urban League, 4510 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605, 312-285-5000.


MEMBER UPDATE: From PnC Nancy Munshaw (9494 Russell, St. Louis, MS 63110): My new consulting firm, Public Interest Rating, especially welcomes progressive clients. Although we will tackle the whole gamut of city planning tasks, we are particularly oriented toward dynamic citizen- or client-participation events and internal organizational planning. Specific topics may include: housing, transportation, highway expansion, good planning, low-income housing, small-town planning, urban-redevelopment, and economic-base studies. Volunteers may phone me at 314-773-9211.

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Networkers’ Reports

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**Ex Conferences**

**HOMELESSNESS:** The Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (1111 20th St. N.W. #2000, Wash. DC 20575, 202/653-5540) sponsored a Washington conference March 18-11 on "Assisting the Homeless: State and Local Responses in an Era of Retrenchment."

**WATERFRONTS:** Waterfront 2000 was an international congress April 13-15 in Bristol, England, on the rejuvenation and development of waterfront sites. Details: Conard Crusader World Travel, 15 Colston St., Bristol BS1 5AP, England.

**COMMUNITY-BASED DEVELOPMENT:** The Council for Community-Based Development (1612 K St. N.W. #510, Wash. DC 20006, 202/659-8411) held a national forum March 31 in New York on community-based development.

**HOUSING/NEIGHBORHOODS:** The Center for Neighborhood Development (College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State Univ., Cleveland, OH 44115, 216/687-2166) sponsored a conference April 8 in Cleveland on "Innovative Municipal Housing and Neighborhood Development Policies." It focused on Boston, Chicago, and Jersey City, and featured heavy PN speaker participation.