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□ REVISING PN DUES: Bob Beuregard is trying to think through a revised PN dues structure. If you have ideas, complaints, etc., please get in touch with him at the Department of City and Regional Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 201/932-3822, -4053. In the next issue, he will put forward a proposal.

□ FAXING TO PN: PN is now faxable! If you need to submit last-minute items, you now can fax them to us at 202/387-7915 (be sure to put Chester Hartman’s name on the transmission sheet, as it’s the general IPS fax number).

□ FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: We’re still getting returns from our emergency funding appeal, which have helped the PN Treasury, and include some warm encouragement. Since the December newsletter, 86 PNers have contributed $3,008, a rousing opening for a new decade. Our thanks to each of you.

Among our favorite words of encouragement: “It’s a great newsletter; thanks for all your hard work.” From a city planning department: “All three of us read it cover to cover.” “It never fails to provide interesting information and contacts.” “Thanks so much for ‘Passing the Word,’ and keeping us together over the years.” “Apologies from a freeloader . . .”

□ FREEDOADERS BEWARE: As the financial report above shows, we’re out of our deep hole, thanks to those of you who took our serious words seriously. But we’re still tremendously bothered (both financially and psychologically) by the fact that some 600 of you (70%) haven’t coughed up a dime over the past year (and in many cases for lots longer), even though you have indicated a continuing interest in consuming the product. So, we’re going to take up a suggestion a contributing PNer made, and send An Obnoxious Postcard to all you freeloaders out there from whom we haven’t received a check by March 31. The way to tell is to look for the date after your name on the mailing label. No date means no check, and no check means An Obnoxious Postcard. You still have time to avoid this upsetting experience. Act now!

□ PN ROSTERS: Any of you who have misplaced the latest PN Roster (printed as part of issue #76 and sent to all members who have joined subsequently) can get a replacement copy by sending a SASE (65¢) on an envelope large enough to hold something 8½” x 11”.

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□ JOB QUERY: From PNer Karen Rebecca Brown (Box 1200, Brown Univ., Providence, RI 02912, 401/274-1613): I will be graduating from Brown in May, with an honors degree in Public Policy and Women’s Studies, and I am looking for a job in urban planning research, with a focus on women’s issues. Due to the marginalization of this area, I’ve found the job search difficult. I would be interested in a research assistantship, involvement in a scholarly journal, or internship opportunities. I would be available in July, would relocate, and am fluent in Spanish.

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 system.

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 healthy environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

We oppose the economic structure of our society, which values profit and property rights over human rights and needs. This system perpetuates the inequalities of class, race, sex and age which distort human relationships and limit the potential for a decent quality of life. We advocate a shift in current national budgetary priorities to favor human services, social production, and environmental protection over military and other nonproductive expenditures.

We seek to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy, and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives.

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 students and unemployed; graduated payments for the employed of $25 plus $1 for each $1,000 earned above $10,000.

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Within three days, with 70 volunteers—carpenters, roofers, miners, and their kin who were handy with tools and Brooks—they transformed the place into a working camp, complete with kitchen, dining area, and a small dormitory. They defunct local deli, and 20 or so rented their Hummers.

For the first few months, people came in tents and in campers donated by the miners. A huge contingent of miners’ wives, calling themselves Daughters of Mother Jones” cooked daily for what came to be thousands of great crowds in the summer months. In the last news, the miners said Daughters Shirley and Sharon, for “to cook up 1400 eggs and 150 pounds of bacon in a day”

As winter approached and people needed better accommodations, the miners volunteered to erect a bunk house attached to the main quarters. It now houses 70 or more. A fire, a wood stove and sleeping areas offer a beautiful experience.

Since June, the camp has been a gathering place for miners, members of the community and visitors from far and wide. The pilgrimages have strengthened the stir, bringing in good wishes, food and financial support.

Some 7500 people have been through the camp since June. Some come from across the country for a day following the first weekend in January that we were there, a delegation arrived from Sweden, and nine Soviet miners expected the day after. Many come from other Appalachian coalfields.

Most are rank and file miners, although Jack Barreto has counted with much hilarity the arrival of a group of top union bureaucrats who had to rough it in tents a few miles away.

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NETWORK UPDATE: From Tony Schuman (21 E 21st St. #8-P, New York, NY 10010): I am happy to report two pieces of very good news: a successful conclusion to a difficult battle for tenure at the New Jersey Institute of Technology School of Architecture and my marriage to Peg Stig.

Peg is an urban planner (and Networker) actually employed in comprehensive community-based planning (students of Rob Burlage take heart) in the Highbridge neighborhood of the South Bronx. Her task is the development of employment and job training opportunities and the design of facilities and services to rehabilitate the over 700 apartments for a mix of homeless, low- and moderate-income families.

I am completing a paper on Herman Heriot, architect of over 35,000 limited-equity co-ops for the United Nations Foundation between 1947 and 1977, including Co-Op City. This spring I begin work with co-author Elliot Solar (economist, planner, networker, and win) on a history of the planned communities in America. For the past year, I have served as Chair of the NY Chapter of Architects/Planners/Designers for Social Responsibility.

WOMEN/MICRO-BUSINESS: Networker Deborah Smith (Greater North Pulaski Development Corp., 4054 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL 60639) highlighted two self-employment projects for low-income women in a two-page article in the December/January issue of The Neighborhood Works. The projects are Chicago's Women's Self-Employment Project, and Los Angeles' Coalition for Women's Economic Development.

HOUSING BOOK: The Urban Housing Crisis: Social, Economic, and Legal Issues by Kate Reuter Arezumabi is a forthcoming book which reviews and provides policy proposals in financing/affordability, inadequate supply of lower-priced housing, and utility costs. (Greenwood Press, 88 Post Rd. W., Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881, 203/226-3571).

THE SUN (107 N. Roberson St., Chapel Hill, NC 27516) is a monthly magazine of ideas, with interviews, essays, fiction, and poetry. Subscriptions are $10 per year. (One year of subscriptions from the magazine's first 10 years is $28.40).

DEVELOPMENT INTERNSHIPS: The Development Training Institute (4806 Seton Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215, 301/764-0780) is seeking applications for its 12-month National Development Internships in Community Economic Development, which begin in July.


TURKEY REPORT: From Networker Stewart G. Bryant (PSC #3226 Izmir, APO New York, NY 09924): I am working as a community planner with the U.S. Air Force, aiding in a search for NATO support facilities in Izmir, Turkey. No military base, only a NATO office center for western Turkey. It's a two- or three-year contract, depending on NATO-Air Force global reduction plans. NATO has committed considerable funds to personnel and equipment.

MICROFILM/VIDEO/SLIDES: World Microfilms/Pid- geon Audio Visual (Microworld House, 2-6 Foscote Mews, W9 2HJ, England) has issued an eight-page catalogue of slides, tape, slides, videos, and microfilms in architecture, art, design, and engineering.

POLICY/LOW INCOME: The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (236 Massachusetts Ave. N.E. #305, Wash, DC 20002, 202/344-0591) has issued reports on two low-income policy issues: a 70-page report (with the Housing Assistance Coalition), The Other Housing Crisis: Sheltering the Poor in Rural America, and an 18-page report, Proposals for Improving the Food Stamp Benefit Structure in 1990. No price listed.

HOUSING COST QUERY: For a project on long-term housing trends being produced by U.S. Data need are on land cost changes in the resale housing market. Please contact Norma Zane Chaplin, 1712 Riggs Pl. NW, Wash, DC 20009, 202/334-2880.

LAND TRUSTS: The Institute for Community Economics (151 Muir Way, Redwood City, CA 94063, 413/774-7950) has issued a selection of news reports, magazine articles, and editorials on community land trusts. Also available is a one-page fact sheet on land trust activities in the U.S. No price listed.


AUTOMATION/MANUFACTURING: Techncon is a three-times-yearly newsletter on automation and American manufacturing, concerned with U.S. industrial performance. Program of Analysis in Industry & Region, Industrial Technology Institute, Box 1485, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. No price listed.


HOUSING INFORMATION: HUD User (Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850, 301/251-5154) has issued a new edition of its Directory of Housing Resources in Housing and Urban Development. Copies are $25.

LAWYERS GUILD: The National Lawyers Guild (55 Sixth Ave., New York, NY 10012) has issued its 1989-90 National Lawyers Guild Referral Directory ($15), and also (continued on page 4)

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For the Pittston miners and their wives, children, and friends, this was a place to come and rest their heads — and to ask for help from outside their community. Rank and file members of unions who otherwise never would have met now swap anecdotes on their own families, stories of their unions, jobs and workplaces on rustic picnic tables which provide indoor as well as outdoor seating.

This January weekend, despite the post-

negotiation, pre-vote hullabaloo, the camp hosted its first weekend. The miners stowed away for a strike that had been on strike; a group of miners from southern Illinois coalfields whose union local had drifted into a wildcat strike. The miners were blogging for their nine-hour drive and release time; and two meateknappers from Oakland, a band of white men, were out from the recently formed white woman named Tamar, who assiduously took notes all weekend to report back to their fellow workers.

These encounters are slowly moving the entire labor movement. Tamar told how the miners and families brought their local that it was worth the airfare to them for go, instead of just sending the money. It was important to see Camp Solidarity, she said, to walk the picket lines, take pictures, listen to the stories of trooper harassment, of jailings, and of disbelief and disgust when one of your neighbors turns scab.

Last summer, many others, that the Pittston struggle is revitalizing the American labor movement, because it has created the entire range of community — holding the line on pension and health care obligations — and because of the seasoned Pittston miners, committed workers who handle legal harassment, how to take on evictions, and in force to strike. How to ask for help, first of all, from their community. Rank and file members of

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larger, there often is music, some of it reciting the old traditional mountain and mining songs of militants who have sung by the children and the youth groups formed to support the strike.

The miners are trying to figure out how to keep Camp Solidarity going once the strike ends. Some dreams of a series of such camps across the nation where union members can gather with others in their region and network. The Daughters of Mother Jones are considering lending their many skills to strikers elsewhere.

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Women's Development: The Women's Community Development Corporation of New Brunswick is a 50-year-old research institute in urban planning and research, which organizes conferences and seminars, publishes research and progress reports, operates a library, and maintains the Planning Sciences Information System.

LITERACY TRAINING: Literacy and the Marketplace: Improving the Literacy of Low-Income Single Mothers is an 80-page report from a seminar organized by Wider Opportunities for Women as part of a demonstration program designed to help low-income minority mothers get jobs. Free: Contact: Equal Opportunity Program, The Rockefeller Foundation, 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036; 212/689-8500.

PUBLIC HOUSING/TENANT OWNERS: Planned Kennett-Parkside Safe Rents Issues for Future Transactions (RCED-90-26) is a report by the General Accounting Office which recommends that HUD require an assessment of tenants' ability to afford homeownership before selling public housing property to a Resident Management Corporation. It focuses on the planned sale of the 464-unit Kennett-Parkside housing complex in Washington, GA. GAO estimates that rehabilitation costs average $54,000 per unit, or an average of $10,000 per unit. Single copies are free: GAO, RCED-90-26, Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20877; 202/275-6241.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Partnerships for Affordable Housing is a publication of the U.S. Conference of Mayors which lists programs in various cities for low- and moderate-income homeownership, rental housing, transitional housing, and single room occupancy housing for the homeless. Free: USCM Publications, 1620 E 13th St., NW, Washington, DC 20002; 202/293-7330.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS: At the Margin of Change: Unrealized Potential for the Disadvantaged concludes that "In most of the communities examined... the community foundations are operating at too great a distance from their communities' most serious problems. Their focus... is not on what is ripping apart the fabric of their communities, not on helping to determine what would make their communities whole, not on a planning priority whether... or where other donors may fear to tread." Cost: $20. National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, 201 S St., NW, 2060, Washington, DC 20006; 302/387-9177.

OFF-SITE DISPLACEMENT: People's Housing (1724 W. Jocque Ter., Chicago, IL 60626, 312/262-5900) is seeking information on effective resistance to off-site displacement in its connection with a planned transit/commercial development near the ethnically diverse, low- and moderate-income Rogers Park community on Chicago's north side.

PROGRESSIVE DIRECTORY: The second edition of the Progressive Directory, with entries on 600 national social concerns magazines, newsletters, and newspapers, is available from: Progressive Education, Box 120574, Nashville, TN 37212. Copies are $8.

Development Resources: The Univ. of Illinois-Chicago Center for Urban Economic Development (Box 4349, Chicago, IL 60680) has issued a summary list of recent publications, including a business plan for a workers cooperative cleaning service and a paper on the effectiveness of community economic development.

World Markets/Telecommunications: Telecommunications Policy, High-Definition Television, and U.S. Competitiveness, by Robert B. Cohen and Kenneth Donow, is a 50-page report from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The report notes that telecommunications policies threaten to cost world markets as other countries surge ahead, adding further to the U.S. trade deficit and jeopardizing our ability to compete. Van Nostrand Reinhold, Box 606, Florence, KY 41022; 406/652-6600.

Homelessness/Oregon: Ending Homelessness in Lane County (OR) is a 50-page report from the Lane County Task Force on Homelessness and Affordable Housing, which proposes a two-phase program of increasing the supply of permanent affordable housing and improving the existing emergency shelter system. Lane County includes the city of Eugene. No charge.

Poverty Reporting: Poverty in New York City, 1985-1988: The Greater Continues is a 50-page report from the Community Service Society of New York (105 E. 22nd St., New York, NY 10010), which documents that 80 percent of all poor New Yorkers are black, Hispanic, and that more than 700,000 are children. Copies are $7.

Census data: The Bureau of the Census is offering a special User-Defined Areas Program, which can provide data for geographic areas that are not available from the standard data products provided in the 1990 census, Questions: Adrienne Quasney, 301/763-4282. Information mailing list: Bureau of the Census, 1201 E. 10th St., Jeffersonville, IN 47139.

Development Networks/Grants: The National Community Economic Development (1612 S. N. #510, Washington, DC 20004, 202/414-1111) has announced grants (funded by the Ford Foundation) to 12 state community economic development associations in support of their work with community-based organizations.

Planning Theory: Planning Theory Newsletter, an international journal organized in part by Piers S. Fainstein, J. Forester, and J. Friedmann, has issued its second issue (Summer 1989), and included research articles by Networkers Rodney Bush, and Howard Baum. Contact: Luigi Mazza, Dipartimento Interattivo Territorio, Viale Mattioli 39,10125, Torino, Italy.

Voter Registration: Voter Registration: The State of American Voters, 1990, by the Center for Civic Education, 113th St. and 4101, New York, NY 10025; 212/880-4035 has announced that Minnesota has added a voter registration question to its state application form for employment and unemployment insurance. Minnesota also uses a computerized driver's license/voter registration form, and includes voter registration forms in state income tax booklets.


Law Journal/Liberation: The Yale Journal of Law & Liberty (172 Wall St., New York, NY 10005, Box 401, South Station, New York, NY 02520, 203/436-7046) has issued its 114th anniversary fall 1989 issue, with articles on the concerns of those opposed because of their race, class, gender, or sexual orientation, disability, or other characteristics. Individual subscriptions are $8.

Fair Housing: Yonkers: Implementation of the Yonkers court-ordered affordable housing income for the Yonkers court-ordered affordable housing income for the Yonkers court-ordered affordable housing income for the Yonkers court-ordered affordable housing income for the Yonkers court-ordered affordable housing income for the Yonkers court-ordered affordable housing income for the
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BRUNER AWARDS: The Bruner Foundation Inc. (244 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10001, 212/889-5366) has issued a book, Urban Excellence, which draws on the first winners (in 1990) of the Bruner Foundation Award for Excellence in the Urban Environment. The book highlights five successful efforts to overcome urban abandonment and despair. Copies are $34.95; from Van Nostrand Reinhold, Box 608, Florence, KY 41022, 606/535-6600.

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DESIGN SPHRT is a new three-times-yearly magazine featuring articles on environmentally and socially inspired architecture, art, craft, design and geometry (living in harmony with the Earth). The initial issue featured articles on an energy-efficient Dutch bank, on spiritual impulses in modern art, on a New York metal frame and on the Chinese art of Feng Shui, designing a harmonious environment. Subscriptions are $15. From Design Spirit, 438 Third St., Brooklyn, NY 11215, 718/705-0256.

VOTER REGISTRATION: 100% vote, a project of Human Sec. (622 13th St. SE 8410, New York, NY 10025, 212/854-4053) has announced that Minnesota has added a voter registration question to its state application form for employment and unemployment insurance. Minnesota also uses a combination driver's license/ voter registration form, and includes voter registration forms in state income tax booklets.


LAW JOURNAL/LIBERATION: The Yale Journal of Law & Liberation (27 Wall St., New York, NY, Box 401, New York, NY 10203, 212/346-7046) has issued its 114th issue of Fall 1989 issue, with articles on the concerns of those oppressed because of their race, class, gender, sexuality, disability, or other characteristics. Individual subscriptions are $8.

FAIR HOUSING/ YOUNKERS: Implementation of the YOUNKERS: Centers of Affordability in Urban Income Housing has entered a critical stage. A faltering housing market and limited subsidy resources create a need for employing techniques to increase the development costs. Some developers are willing to explore new ways to produce housing with the implementation offices, which would influence over the usual municipal building and land use functions. Housing and development benefits to developers to meet enormous pent-up market demand for "affordable housing" are beginning to try out with a specially empowered public housing agency. We are waiting for a decision from anyone who has experience and/or theories in reducing the costs of land use and zoning of housing. Contact: Karen V. Hill, Executive Director, Fair Housing Implementation Office, 201 Palisade Ave., Yonkers, NY 10705; 914/376-9366.

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HOUSING RESEARCH: The National Housing Research Council (Clarkson St. Urban, 54 Rue de la Federation F, 75015 Paris, France) will hold its 7th-8th in Paris, with the theme, "Housing Debates, Urban Challenges." Registration (in French francs) is 1260 FF.

PEOPLE'S ACTION ACTION (610 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642) is holding its 19th annual conference April 28-30 in Washington, DC.

NOISE CONTROL: The International Association Against Noise (AIAC) will hold its 16th world congress June 6-8 in Brighton, England, on the theme, "The Future for Noise Control: Towards a Sustainable Approach." It is expected to attract 149 British pounds. Contact: National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection, 136 North St., Brighton BN1 1RJ, England.

NEIGHBORHOOD DIVERSITY: The National Association for Neighborhood Diversity (500 W. S. N. W. #300, Wash. DC 20036, 202-785-4816) will hold its 21st annual conference in Cleveland June 13-16. The agenda will focus on planning a fair housing/equal rights agenda for the 1990s.

UNITED WAY ALTERNATIVES: The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (201 S. W. S. N. W. #20, Wash. DC 20009, 202-387-9177) will hold a conference March 13-17 in San Antonio, "Alternatives to the United Way," focusing on ways for progressive organizations to raise alternative funds at the workplace.

EXPURSE USE-RESTRICTIONS: The National Housing Law Project (1950 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94704, 415-548-9400) will hold a conference March 26-30 in Berkeley on "Acquiring Subsidized Housing Threatened by Expuring Use Restrictions." Registration is $200 for Legal Services attorneys and $300 for nonprofits and housing development corporations and community-based groups; $30 for others.

PEACE DIVIDEND: The National Commission for Economic Conversion and Disarmament (Box 15025, Wash. DC 20003, 202-544-0599) is sponsoring a national town meeting May 2 on "The U.S. after the Cold War and the Peace Dividend." There will be an event in Washington, but plans also call for scores of simultaneous sessions in other communities across the country.

WOMEN IN THE CITY: A conference, "Women in the City: Directions for the 1990s," will be held March 30 at Rutgers University. It is sponsored by the School of Planning at Rutgers and Columbia. There will be discussion sessions for "educators: the Role of Women in Urban Environments, " "Addressing Issues with Action: the Role of Practitioners," and "Bringing together Action with Education." Further information: 212-691-2295.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE: The National Consumer Law Center (11 Brainard Rd., 211 North 10th, 617-232-8010) will sponsor a conference April 25-27 in Albuquerque, NM, on "Innovations in Energy Assistance," focusing on state and local programs that add innovative programs of low-income consumers. Registration is $75 for nonprofits, $200 for government agencies, and $395 for industry representatives.

HOUSING/FINLAND: Baruch College (CUNY, 17 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10010, 212-725-3126) will sponsor a seminar February 22 with Anne Haila on "Housing, Land Use, and the Growth of the Finnish Welfare State: Helsinki in a Regional Perspective."

COMPARATIVE DEVELOPMENT: Interchange (88 Summer St., Dorchester, MA 02125, 617-288-8778) will sponsor a conference April 6-7 in Boston for community leaders from Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Africa, focusing on shared development issues.

JOBS

PN REMINDER: Some of the jobs we list may have application deadlines earlier than when you receive the newsletter. But deadlines can be adjusted sometimes. So urge your constituents to phone you to check if a number is listed, and check on the deadline schedule.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Nonprofit Affordable Housing Network of New Jersey (Box 1746, Trenton, NJ 08607), is seeking an experienced Executive Director, with background in fundraising, advocacy, and organizational development. Salary is up to $35,000.

UW-MILWAUKEE/DEAN: The Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201, 414-229-4511) is seeking a senior academic administrator with direct experience in planning in architecture or urban planning as Dean of the School of Architecture and Urban Planning. Contact: James M. Kuist, Chair, Search and Screen Committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Columbus Neighborhood Design Center is seeking an Executive Director to guide and continue its architectural and planning services for economic development and neighborhood revitalization. Salary is $35,000. Contact: Beth Hughes, Columbus Housing Partnership, 1465 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205.

HOUSING ADVOCACY: The Chicago Rehab Network (53 W. Jackson #1140, Chicago, IL 60606, 312-663-3965) is seeking a Housing Advocacy and Publications Coordinator. Salary is $25,000 plus benefits. The Network also has two clerical openings, for Office Manager, and Neighborhood Lending Program Administrative Assistant.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: The City of Springfield, OR, is seeking a Director of Development Services, which reports to the City Manager. Experience in planning, Safety, Comprehensive Planning and Economic Development. Salary is $3,533-$4,949/month. Contact: Frank Hotkies, Human Resources Director, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield, OR 97477, 503-727-3788.

LOAN FUNDS/TA: The National Association of Community Development Loan Funds (Box 40005, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-923-4754) is seeking candidates for a new position, Manager, Evaluation and Technical Assistance Programs, to develop and implement programs to strengthen the management, lending, and investor-development activities of community-based loan funds. Contact Martin P. Trimble, Executive Director.

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CHICANO OFFICIALS/DIRECTORY: Who's Who: Chicano Officeholders is a forthcoming directory of federal, state, and local elected and appointed Chicano officials. Copies are $24.95, from: Arthur D. Martinez, Box 2271, Silver City, NM 88062, 505-386-6229.

RUTGERS RESEARCH: The Bureau of Economic Research at Rutgers Univ. (New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 201-932-8019) has issued a one-page publication list of Bureau Reports on such topics as housing density bonuses, food safety regulation, and the 1929 stock market crashes. Copies are $3.

HOUSING RIGHTS/INDIA: The National Campaign for Housing Rights (36-1-A Garcha Rd., Calkutta 700-019) has been campaigning for three years throughout India to make "housing" and "the right to a home" a realistic and measurable "right" in the country. The Campaign celebrated with a national conference in Madras in August, to review achievements and plan further strategy.

INSIGHTS/HARVARD: PN Chair Chester Hartman has set down his plans for reestablishing and repositioning the Harvard University Planning faculty on political considerations, and the resultant controversy and long appeal process that many PNers played a role in. It's a chapter in a newly released South End Press book, How Harvard Rules: Reason in the Service of Empire, edited by John Trumpbour. A SASE (45c) will get you a copy, and it's titled "Out: A Case Study in the Politics of Faculty Reappointments (and the Limitations of Grievance Procedures)." All you Harvard non-fans out there, find your copy of the full story, which also has contributions by Andrew Kopkind, Alexander Cockburn, Jon Beckwith, Ruth Hubbard, Stephen Jay Gould, and others: $16 from South End Press, 116 St. Botolph, Boston, MA 02115.


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SENIOR MANAGER: The Development Training Institute (4806 Seton Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215, 301/764-0780) is seeking a Senior Manager for its training programs for community-based organizations, financial institutions, and public community development agencies. The Institute also is seeking two Program Officers to help design and implement training programs.

CDC PRESIDENT: The Northern Community Investment Corp. (Box 904, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819) is seeking a senior, experienced community economic development professional as President. Contact: Stephen McConnell, President.

FIELD DIRECTOR: Public Citizen's Congress Watch (215 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E., Wash. DC 20003, 202/546-4996) is seeking a Field Director, with responsibility for organizing grassroots citizens' groups on a range of policy issues related to consumerism and the environment. Congress Watch also has openings for two Field Organizers.

DIRECTOR: The Heights Community Congress (2163 Lee Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118) is seeking an experienced Director, with fair housing experience in working for an open, integrated community. Salary is $25,000-$30,000.

UC-IRVINE FACULTY: The Program in Social Ecology at the Univ. of California-Irvine (Irvine, CA 92717) is seeking a senior professor in Environmental Analysis and Design, with background in urban and regional planning, facility planning, or environmental design research. Contact: Daniel Stokols, Director.

GEORGE MASON UNIV. FACULTY: George Mason Univ. (Fairfax, VA 22030) is seeking distinguished senior scholars to fill two endowed professorships in public policy, which would be part of the core faculty of a planned Institute for Public Policy. Contact: Office of the Provost.

CDC DIRECTOR: The Salt Lake Association of Community Councils (451 S. State St. #335, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, 801/355-7085) is seeking a Director for its newly formed community development corporation, as start-up staff to develop affordable housing and neighborhood preservation projects. Salary is $25,000-$30,000. Contact: Stan Penfold, Chair.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Utica Community Action (214 Rutger St., Utica, NY 13501, 315/797-6473) is seeking an experienced Economic Development Planner to help in the formation of a community development corporation aimed at revitalizing inner-city Utica. Contact: John J. Furman, Education Coordinator.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Community Housing Options Involving Cooperative Efforts (Box 6212, Youngstown, OH 44501, 216/744-2667) is seeking a Program Coordinator to help expand its community land trust activities into a community development corporation.

Etcetera

APRIL PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the April Planners Network is Monday, April 2. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who type their notes. It's a great help in production, and it reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

Arrival deadline for PN #81 copy: Monday, April 2.

TALK UP PN: Please don't be shy about sharing news of the Planners Network with others. Let them know about us. Probably the best outreach we have is when you educate and recruit your friends, co-workers, acquaintances, and others. We have a good, one-page introductory sheet, "The Planners Network—What It Is," which we can send you in any quantity you wish. "What It Is" includes a statement of our principles, a brief organizational history, a list of Steering Committee members (who also double as regional contacts) and the method of calculating contributions. If you wish, you can also send us a list of prospective Networkers, and we will contact them for you.

MOVING? TELL PN: When you move, please let us know directly. If our (non-forwardable) Third Class newsletter is returned to us, with your new address, which is the way we usually learn of PNers' moves (we mark the newsletter "Return & Forwarding Postage Guaranteed"), it costs us 69c per; a thoughtful change-of-address card to us on the other hand will cost you just 15c.

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