

PN FEEDBACK III: We have further Networker comments on the "whither/wither PN" issue, which was first raised in the December 1991 newsletter, and continued in the March 1992 PN.

From **R. Wayne Clark** (Co-ops and Social Change, Box 549, Durham, NC 03824): I find PN a valuable inspiration to keep my spirits up. If it did not come around regularly, I might forget that some people in Amerika are working to restore a sense of community in our lives—urban and rural. I would like to see more coverage of cooperatives and their role in rebuilding America.

From **Raphael Fischler** (Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Univ. of California, Berkeley, CA 94720): Any way the newsletter could include a bibliographic section on progressive planning? This would require Networkers to send in what they find, on a regular basis (any chance that would happen?). What about specific journals being "assigned" (on a voluntary basis) to individual PNs?

From **Cindy Roeser** (610 West End Ave., New York, NY 10024): I usually only glance at the newsletter, but I am nonetheless delighted to be connected to the Planners Network, and consider it a fine resource. I also am a member of the APA and ADPSR, but always have felt the strongest affinity to PN. I regret that we don't have more Network activities (e.g. conferences, workshops), and are not more active as a group (e.g. supporting specific legislation).

From **Chris Tilly** (Dept. of Policy and Planning, Univ. of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA 01854): I confess to utter complacency. I find PN as a newsletter and roster quite useful. I'm happy to keep sending money; I would have little or no interest in actually doing anything to revive or revise PN. I feel somewhat distant from planning, as an academic economist with policy-oriented interests. But there is enough overlap and cross-fertilization that I almost always get something out of the newsletter.

I'm not sure what feasible alternatives exist. One possibility would be an electronic bulletin board. Face-to-face events in various cities might help; but, given the broad range of interests among PN members, it may be difficult to craft events that would draw a significant percentage of PN folks in each city.

PN REPOSITORY: As the issue number on this newsletter indicates, PN has achieved a notable publishing record since its beginnings in 1975. PN #100 is approaching, and the idea of a library repository for a complete (and continuing) file of the newsletter has some growing appeal.

To convert the idea to reality, we are looking for specific suggestions from Networkers on how best to proceed. Please send us recommendations, warnings, proposals, etc.

FINANCIAL MINI-REPORT: Since the *May Planners Network*, we have received 45 contributions totaling \$1,600. Our thanks to each contributor for your financial support.

With these contributions, our year-to-date figures are \$5,611 from 163 Networkers. This compares to \$7,237 from 225 contributors in the first three issues of 1991.

To tell quickly when you last supported PN with a check, look for the date after your name on the mailing label. We change (or

add) the date whenever we get a check. The absence of a date means you have not yet contributed financially, and we'd like a check from you if possible.

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TOURISM/DEVELOPMENT: From Katherine E. Ennis (City Planning Dept., Box 511, Auburn, AL 36831): I am researching local economic development and tourism, and would like information on articles and publications on the topic, for a research report and annotated bibliography. I'll be glad to send a copy of the finished report on request.

BLACK ACTIVISM: *The Politics of Black Empowerment: The Transformation of Black Activism in Urban America*, a 230-page book by James Jennings of the Univ. of Massachusetts-Boston, has been published by Wayne State Univ. Press. Copies are \$29.95.

AIR POLLUTION: The Environmental Exchange (1930 18th St. N.W. #24, Wash. DC 20009, 202/387-2182) has issued a 111-page report, *Air Pollution Solutions*, which profiles 69 local laws, citizen campaigns, and innovative government and business programs that are effectively reducing smog, air toxics, and other chemical emissions. Copies are \$17.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT: *Electronic Byways: State Policies for Rural Development through Telecommunications*, by Edwin B. Parker and others, is a 306-page study of the combined effects on rural economic growth of advance telecommunications and strategic community development planning. Copies are \$18.95 (paper) from: Westview Press, 5500 Central Ave., Boulder, CO 80301, 303/444-3541.

MENTAL HEALTH/HOMELESSNESS: *National Organizations Concerned with Mental Health, Housing, and Homelessness* is a 36-page free resource from the National Resource Center on Homelessness and Mental Illness, 262 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054, 800/444-7415.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT: The Spring 1992 (Vol. 20, No. 2) *Policy Studies Journal* features a seven-paper symposium on selected rural development strategies, including business recruitment, business loans, tax increment financing, research parks, and others. The symposium was edited by PNER David W. Sears and J. Norman Reid of the U.S. Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service. Copies: Don Hadwiger, Policy Study Journal, Iowa State Univ., Ames, IA 50011, 515/294-4144.

EARNED-INCOME CREDIT: The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (777 N. Capitol St. N.E. #705, Wash. DC 20002, 202/408-1080) has issued a 53-page report on earned-income tax credits, *A Hand Up: How State Earned Income Credits Help Working Families Escape Poverty*, by Frederick Hutchinson and others. No price listed.

- ELDERLY SERVICES:** The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is establishing a grant and technical assistance program, called "No Place Like Home," to encourage state and local housing finance agencies to deliver supportive services for older people in HFA-financed housing developments. Details: James J. Callahan, Heller School, Brandeis Univ., Waltham, MA 02254, 617/736-3874.
- NEIGHBORHOOD CARETAKERS:** *Stories, Strategies, and Tools for Healing Urban Community*, by Burt and Betty Dyson, is a 240-page resource from Knowledge Systems, 7777 W. Morris St., Indianapolis, IN 46231, 800/999-8517. Copies are \$14.95.
- REDLINING/LAS VEGAS:** *Cashing Out: A Report on Home Mortgage Lending to Minorities and Low- and Moderate-Income Neighborhoods in Las Vegas* is a 32-page report from the Las Vegas Alliance for Fair Banking (c/o Culinary Workers Union Local 226, 1630 S. Commerce St., Las Vegas, NV 89102) on the 1990 lending practices of the city's largest banks. A leading finding: Of more than 10,000 home loans by all the city's lenders, 59 went to the mostly-minority, low-income Westside. No price listed.
- HOMELESS CHILDREN:** *No Place To Be: Voices of Homeless Children*, by Judith Berck, features poems, photos, and interviews with 30 children living in welfare hotels and shelters. Copies are \$14.95, from Houghton Mifflin, 800/225-3362.
- NETWORKER UPDATE:** From Frederick S. Taintor: I have left my position at IEP Inc., and now am a principal at LandUse Inc. (Box 155, Ashland, MA 01721, 508/881-8661), a consulting firm focusing on community planning, land use policy, and economic development.
- HOMELESS/COUNSELLING:** The American Association for Counselling and Development (800/347-6647) has published *Helping Homeless People: Unique Challenges and Solutions*, as a guide for educators, counsellors, social workers, and related human development professionals. Copies are \$22.25.
- HUNGER RESOURCE:** The Supplement to the January/February 1992 (Vol. 24, No. 1) *Journal of Nutrition Education* focuses on "Hunger in the '80s and '90s," and features research articles and reports on perspectives on hunger, problems of hunger, program response, and next steps for nutrition educators. Copies: Society for Nutrition Education, 2001 Killebrew Dr. #340, Minneapolis, MN 55425. No price listed.
- HOMELESSNESS/WOMEN:** *The Women Outside: Meanings and Myths of Homelessness*, by Stephanie Golden, examines homelessness and marginality among women, with an historical and cross-cultural perspective. Copies are \$25, from: Univ. of California Press, 510/642-4562.
- GROWTH MANAGEMENT:** The Growth Management Planning and Research Clearinghouse (Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, 206/543-5168) has begun distributing its *Tools That Work* series, providing information on 18 growth-management tools, including at least one example for each from a jurisdiction which has used it successfully. Also available is *Local Growth Management Planning Tools*, a report on the use, purpose and effectiveness of local government ordinances and planning mechanisms used to manage growth. No prices listed.
- RURAL HOUSING:** The Housing Assistance Council (1025 Vermont Ave. N.W. #606, Wash. DC 20005, 202/842-8600) has issued *Assessing Local Housing Needs: A Guide for Rural Communities*. Copies are \$5.
- ECONOMIC DATA:** *User's Guide to BEA Information* is a 22-page guide to the message service, publications, diskettes, and other information resources available from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (U.S. Department of Commerce, Wash. DC 20230, 202/523-0777) on economic growth, inflation, regional development, and the U.S. role in the world economy. No price listed.
- LENDING/CHICAGO:** The Woodstock Institute (407 S. Dearborn #550, Chicago, IL 60605, 312/427-8070) has issued *The 1990 Community Lending Fact Book*, providing detailed information on Chicago-area loan applications and denials, by race and income of applicant. No price listed.
- TENANT ALLIANCE/HUD:** Tenants in privately owned projects assisted by programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have formed the National Alliance of HUD Tenants. Details: Alliance President Jim McNeil, Box 525, Boston, MA 02218.
- SELF-HELP/SOCIAL CHANGE:** Frank Riessman, Executive Director of the National Self-Help Clearinghouse in New York, reviews the role of "Self-Help/Mutual Aid and Social Change" in a four-page article in the Vols. 15/4-16/1 *Perception*, Canada's social development magazine. Self-help/mutual aid efforts, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, have been integrally involved in social action, he asserts, and have been in the forefront of progressive social change. Copies: Frank Riessman, CUNY Graduate School and University Center, 33 E. 42nd St., New York, NY 10036.
- FAIR HOUSING FUNDS:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has issued a notice of funds availability for its \$6.9-million Fair Housing Initiatives Program. Applications: Fair Housing Information Clearinghouse, Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850, 800/343-3442.
- STATE GOVERNMENT:** The Council on State Governments (Iron Works Pike, Box 11910, Lexington, KY 40578, 800/800-1910) has issued the 670-page 1992-92 edition of *The Book of the States*, for reference, comparison, and analysis of state government. Copies are \$82.75.
- HOUSING PRESERVATION:** *Save Your Home* is a 34-page booklet for residents of federally assisted, privately owned housing on new programs in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to preserve the units' low-income affordability. Copies are 50 cents (minimum order, 20 copies), from: National Housing Law Project, 1950 Addison St. #200, Berkeley, CA 94704, 510/548-9400.
- CRA REQUIREMENTS:** The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council published in the March 31 *Federal Register* question-and-answer information on Community Reinvestment Act requirements, as a source of debt or equity funding for affordable housing programs.

The Desperate Need for SRO Housing

by Walter Thabit

The lack of single-room occupancy housing, or SROs as they are known, is forcing millions of poor and elderly single- and two-person households across the country to spend so much for rent they have little left to live on. Many others already are homeless.

An SRO tenant, in contrast, rents a single living room, shares a kitchen and bath with other tenants, and pays one-third to half the rent being charged for a full apartment.

The problem is that SROs are frowned upon by most big-city bureaucracies and local communities. With few exceptions (San Diego is one; Los Angeles another) city bureaucracies want to maintain their "high" housing standards, while people are living in cardboard boxes. SRO demolition and conversion to other uses is encouraged; the creation of new SROs is discouraged.

The result is an increasing squeeze on the very poor, ending in mental illness, substance abuse, and a growing homeless population.

Nowhere is the issue more clearly drawn than in *Desperately Needed Now: An SRO Housing Revolution*, a case study of the SRO situation in New York City.

New York has lost 150,000-175,000 SRO-type units over the past 30 years, resulting largely from misguided city policies, which banned SRO and furnished-room development in 1955, and encouraged converting low-rent residence hotels into co-ops and condos.

Since then, the city has continued to be antagonistic to SRO-type units, despite an explosive increase in single-person households (which don't need as much space as larger households), from 185,000 in 1960 to 700,000 in 1987, and also despite a doubling of renters paying 35 percent of income for rent (from 18.5 percent in 1960 to 38.5 percent in 1987).

Today, 400,000 one- and two-person households are either already homeless (at least 40,000), in danger of becoming homeless, or in critical need of less expensive accommodations.

About half the 400,000 neediest are elderly. The 160,000 elderly renters living

on the Supplemental Security Income maximum (\$4,884 in 1986) or less are paying 60-80 percent of their income for rent, leaving less than \$5 a day for all other expenses.

Some 30,000 mentally ill and physically disabled elderly need residential care settings.

Of the non-elderly, one-third are employed, and need only affordable housing. Some 70,000 of the non-elderly also need treatment and/or supportive housing for mental illness, substance abuse, and other disabilities.

To start satisfying these critical needs, New York City needs at least 100,000 SRO-type units. The operating costs alone of full apartments, even studios, are far higher than most poor persons can afford. SRO rents are more easily affordable.

So far, the city has undertaken a very modest program of nonprofit SROs, primarily to serve persons with special needs. At its best, the program produces less than 1,000 units a year.

But we need 10,000 SRO units a year, and private developers as well as nonprofits must be encouraged to supply them.

To turn the situation around, the city should immediately:

PN Special Feature

In its Special Feature, *Planners Network* presents thoughtful, provocative writings about substantive concerns and issues in the planning professions. Essays typically highlight a single issue, and illuminate it with examples and insights.

The Special Feature editor is Bob Beauregard (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Forbes Quadrangle, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, 412/648-7600; Fax: 412/648-2605).

We are grateful for Networkers' support of this feature, and encourage continued ideas, suggestions, commentary, and dialogue.

- Repeal the prohibition against SRO and furnished-room conversions, which would permit private developers to create SRO-type housing.

- Adopt a new building classification permitting new construction of SRO-type "living units," with a minimum floor area of 120 square feet.

Even if the city agrees with the need for SROs, the major impediments to their creation (based on the recent experience of nonprofit developers) will frustrate any attempts to produce them quickly and inexpensively.

Key problems include excessively restrictive and complex building and zoning codes. Processing building applications and getting various agency approvals are nightmares.

Another problem is Local Law 58, which requires all buildings with elevators to be wheelchair accessible, adding 15 percent to project costs. (Accessibility could be required for a percentage of units, for ground-floor units, or for a percentage of projects, without burdening all units with the costs.)

In response, we also need:

- Easing of restrictive building and zoning regulations.

- Radical reductions in processing time.

None of the above steps would cost a dime, and they would spur development of more SRO-type housing by private developers—ranging from professional housing operators to the mom-and-pop conversion of one- and two-family houses into furnished condos in order to make it easier to carry those big empty houses.

While these steps would radically improve conditions for most low-income, single-person renters, we also have to:

- Encourage SRO-type developments at very low rents, by subsidizing conversion and new-construction costs as needed to meet the needs of the lowest-income persons.

- Rapidly expand nonprofit housing/residential care programs that treat/support the mentally ill, substance abusers, those with HIV and AIDS-related illnesses, and the seriously disabled elderly.

The city could pay for the needed subsidy programs by using the Housing New York program, as one example. This program, funded by Battery Park City and Port Authority profits, now boasts total deposits of \$1.2 billion.

Typically (and unfortunately), the fund now is being used primarily for moderate-

and middle-income housing. But the disaster of homelessness demands that top priority be given to the SRO program, until the crisis is contained.

In brief, cities have to start remembering the forgotten men and women at the bottom of the income barrel. They are a rapidly growing number, especially the

poor elderly; and they are being brutalized by high rents, illegal and unstable housing occupancies, and growing homelessness.

Finally, cities should take note that the costs of temporary shelters are greater than the costs of permanent SROs, and that one room is better than no room at all.

Walter Thabit is a planning consultant in New York City. Copies of Desperately Needed Now: An SRO Housing Revolution, by Walter Thabit, are \$5 postpaid from: Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development, 236 W. 27th St. 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10001.

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□ **LOAN FUND/CHICAGO:** The Chicago Community Loan Fund (407 S. Dearborn #585, Chicago, IL 60605, 312/922-1350), which was organized in 1991 as a financial intermediary in support of low-income community development, has made an initial \$26,000 loan to Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors for rehabbing a vacant 64-unit building into 50 SRO units and 14 one-bedroom apartments for senior citizens and other low-income community residents.

□ **CRA PERSPECTIVE:** *The History and Political Economy of the Community Reinvestment Act*, by PNER John Metzger, has been published by Papers in Planning, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia Univ., New York, NY 10027, 212/854-3515. No price listed.

□ **PNER HEADS SIAP:** PNER Pat Wilson (Dept. of Community and Regional Planning, Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78713) has been elected President of the Sociedad Interamericana de Planificacion. She is the first woman and first U.S. citizen to head the society, which includes 2,000 urban and regional planners in North and South America and the Caribbean.

□ **HOMELESSNESS/VOTING:** The Community for Creative Nonviolence and the National Coalition for the Homeless (1621 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #400, Wash. DC 20009, 202/265-2371) are sponsoring a voter-registration/organizing campaign, "You Don't Need a Home To Vote," and have materials and information.

□ **ASIAN AMERICANS:** *America's Fastest Growing Minority Group*, by William O'Hare and Judy Felt, is a 16-page report from the Population Reference Bureau, 1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 800/877-9881.

□ **NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES:** The National Neighborhood Coalition (810 First St. N.E. #300, Wash. DC 20002, 202/289-1551) serves as a clearinghouse and contact point on neighborhood issues, with monthly information forums and a newsletter.

□ **HIGH SPEED RAIL:** From Networker Jim Cohen (Institute for Transportation, City Univ. of New York, 445 W. 59th St., New York, NY 10019): In Europe and Japan, high-speed rail has attracted large infusions of public and private capital, but not in the U.S. I'm asking, "Why not?," and would appreciate suggestions for reading and relevant information that would help answer the question.

□ **URBAN AGENDA:** *Challenging Uneven Development: An Urban Agenda for the 1990s*, edited by Philip Nyden and Wim Wiewel, focuses on community efforts against gentrification, and preserving diverse communities, among other topics. The publisher is Rutgers Univ. Press; no price listed.

□ **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** From PNER Ken Corey (College of Social Science, Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI 48824): A correspondent in the Far East wrote he was charged with developing a research agenda on the impact of information technology in conjunction with a national development strategy, and asked for published documents on the experiences of others in developing such an agenda. I sent him some information, but wondered if other PNERs might have more. If you'll contact me, I'll pass your suggestions along to my correspondent.

□ **BLACK COMMUNITY/LA:** "Apartheid in an American Community: The Case of the Black Community in Los Angeles," is an article by Cynthia Hamilton, which first appeared in the *L.A. Weekly*. Copies are \$2, from: Labor/Community Strategy Center, 14540 Haynes St. #200, Van Nuys, CA 91411, 818/781-4800.

□ **PNER WORK CHRONICLED:** *Where the Buffalo Roam*, by Anne Matthews, recounts the Buffalo Commons work that Deborah Popper and her husband, PNER Frank, have done on the land use and economic future of the Great Plains in particular, and the American West in general. Copies are \$19.95, from: Grove Weidenfeld, 841 Broadway, New York, NY 10003, 212/614-7850.

□ **CIVIL RIGHTS/HUD:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's *1990 Annual Civil Rights Report to Congress* is available from HUD's Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Division, Wash. DC 20410. No price listed.

□ **NETWORKER UPDATE:** From Networker Dennis Crow (333 N St. S.W., Wash. DC 20024): I have been working for HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPs), which manages all of HUD's homeless assistance programs. I have the lead role for the Emergency Shelter Grants Program nationwide, and its new set-aside for Native Americans.

Personally, I married a SNAPs staffer last year, and am still writing stuff in planning theory, and doing other volunteer work for shelters, APA, AICP, and Maisoneuve Press.

□ **POLICY PROPOSAL:** The Eisenhower Foundation (1600 L St. N.W. #200, Wash. DC 20036, 202/429-0440) has issued *No*

Quick Fix, a comprehensive, 10-year, \$300-billion federal policy proposal for investing in children and youth, and reconstructing inner-city communities. No price listed.

□ RESEARCH/WOMEN'S ISSUES: July 31 is the deadline for two-three research mini-grants from the Institute for Women's Policy Research (1400 20th St. N.W. #104, Wash. DC 20036, 202/785-5100) for policy-oriented research, tied to local, state, and national advocacy, on women's issues, with attention to race, ethnicity, and class. Contact: Joyce Wando.

□ UTILITIES/ENVIRONMENT: *Power Line* is a bimonthly newsmagazine, providing environmental and consumer perspectives on national energy issues. Regular features include articles and analysis, information resources, and news briefs. Subscriptions are \$20 (individuals and nonprofits) from: Environmental Action Foundation, 6930 Carroll Ave. #600, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

□ CRA ORGANIZING: Hartford Areas Rally Together (660 Park St., Hartford, CT 06106, 203/525-3449) has published *Building Power with CRA*, describing its successful organizing effort to establish a low-interest loan fund for first-time buyers. No price listed.

□ AIDS HISTORY: *Against the Odds: The Story of AIDS Drug Development, Politics & Profits*, by Peter S. Arno and Karyn L. Freiden, is a book which tells the behind-the-scenes maneuvering among government agencies, activists, patients, and the health care system. Copies are \$25, from: Harper Collins Publishers, 10 E. 53rd St., New York, NY 10022.

□ TAKE THE MONEY and Run: *The Siphoning of Deposits from Minority Neighborhoods in 14 Cities* is a report on banking practices in selected cities. Copies: ACORN, 739 8th St. S.E., Wash. DC 20003, 202/547-9292. No price listed.

□ ANTI-DRUG FUNDS: Government Information Services (1611 N. Kent St. #508, Arlington, VA 22209, 703/528-6060) has issued an 1,100-page 1992 *Guide to Federal Funding for Anti-Drug Programs*, covering grants and contracts to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for drug abuse prevention, treatment, education, and rehabilitation. Copies are \$176.

□ HOUSING DATA: *The Widening Gap: The Housing Needs of Low-Income Families* (24 pages, \$10), and *The Widening Gap Sourcebook* (9100 pages, \$10), both by Networker Cushing Dolbeare, have been published by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1012 14th St. N.W. #1200, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530.

□ HOUSING AGENCIES/QUERY: From Networker Hans Jovishoff (4129 First Ave. #3-D, San Diego, CA 92103, 619/298-7005): Are Networkers aware of any housing agencies that do a particularly good job in providing low-income housing in their cities? The San Diego Housing Commission is being reorganized, and the person assigned the task would like to communicate with some successful agencies. I would welcome suggestions.

□ BLACK UNEMPLOYMENT: The National Urban League Research Department (1111 14th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20005, 202/898-1604) has published a free, 12-page report, *Perils of Neglect: Black Unemployment in the Nineties*.

□ PUERTO RICANS/HIGHER EDUCATION: The Higher Education Task Force of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies (Hunter College, 695 Park Ave., New York, NY 10021, 212/772-5689) has issued a *Directory of Puerto Rican Professionals Working in Institutions of Higher Education in the United States*, with some 600 entries on faculty, staff, and administrators in colleges and universities. Copies are \$25.

□ RURAL HOUSING: The California Coalition for Rural Housing (926 J St. #422, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916/443-7515) has published a 42-page guide on affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households, *The Affordable Housing Handbook* (\$5), and also publishes a bimonthly newsletter, *California Rural Housing News*.

□ NONPROFIT INSTITUTE/TUFTS: The Lincoln Filene Center at Tufts Univ. (Medford, MA 02155) has received funding for a New England Institute for Nonprofit Organizations, to improve the effectiveness of small and medium nonprofits through education, training, public policy assistance, and research. P.Ner Rob Hollister (617/627-3656) is Director of the Lincoln Filene Center.

□ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: The National Congress for Community Economic Development (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. #524, Wash. DC 20009, 202/234-5009) publishes a newsletter, *Resources*, on community-based development efforts. Subscriptions are \$39 for six issues.

□ RIOT RESOURCE/LA: *Inside the L.A. Riots*, edited by Don Hazen, is a new compendium, from the Institute for Alternative Journalism, 100 E. 85th St., New York, NY 10028, 212/799-4822. Copies are \$8.95.

□ CHILDREN'S ISSUES RESOURCE: The Spring-Summer publications list of the Children's Defense Fund (122 C St. N.W., Wash. DC 20001) features a 128-page book by CDF President Marian Wright Edelman, *The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours*, passing on to her sons a family legacy based on service to others. Copies are \$16.

□ POVERTY NEWSLETTER: *CAP News* is a quarterly newsletter of the Campaign To Abolish Poverty, 942 Market St. #708, San Francisco, CA 94102, 415/397-4911. Annual subscriptions are \$10.

□ HOUSING DISCRIMINATION: A national audit by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of housing discrimination is available (along with six substudies) from: HUD User, Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850, 800/245-2691. The price is \$4 each.

□ AMERICAN INDIANS: *Social Justice and Public Policy*, edited by Donald Green and Thomas Tonnesen, has been published by the Univ. of Wisconsin's Institute on Race and Ethnicity (Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201, 414/229-6701) as Vol. IX of its Ethnicity and Public Policy Series. Copies are \$16.95 (paper).

□ TOXICS ORGANIZING: The Vermont Toxic Education Project (Box 485, Barre, VT 05641, 802/476-7757) has published an 83-page book, *Organizing: One Woman's Experience, A Field Guide for Community Workers*, by Theresa Freeman. Copies are \$8.95.

□ CIVIL RIGHTS/ASIAN AMERICANS: *Civil Rights Issues Facing Asian Americans in the 1990s* is a 223-page report from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Wash. DC 20425. No price listed.

□ RURAL HOUSING: The Cattaraugus Preservation Corp. (1 Washington St., Box 806, Ellicottville, NY 14731, 716/699-2075), a rural nonprofit housing group of which PNER Dan Carr is Program Coordinator, has completed a 32-bed adult residential care facility for homeless single adults, is completing its fifth Farmers Home Administration Section 515 project for seniors, disabled, and handicapped, and is starting a single-family homebuying program, while exploring the community land trust concept.

□ CHILDREN/YOUTH PROPOSAL: Sen. Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT) has introduced legislation (S 1073) which would create a children's investment trust fund, similar to Social Security, for programs benefitting children, youth, and families. Details: Jule Sugarman (Box 27244, Wash. DC 20038, 202/785-9524), who proposed the strategy (and also was a founder of Head Start).

□ LIBRARIES AT RISK: The Institute for Local Self-Reliance (2425 18th St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/232-4108) has published a six-page report, *Save the Public Library*. No price listed.

□ NETWORKER UPDATE: From Networker Michelle Donnelly (8216 N.W. 5th Ct., Gainesville, FL 32607): I finally received my MAURP in December, and am working as a research associate on a study funded by the Florida Department of Transportation to develop a plan for older pedestrians, especially in the Orlando area, but applicable also to other Florida areas with concentrations of elderly.

□ HOMELESSNESS RESOURCE: *Homes for the Homeless: A Handbook for Action*, by Adam Berger and others, is a 259-page book, which recounts the Yale Law School Shelter Project and Home Inc., a nonprofit community-based housing effort. Copies are \$14.95 (paper), from: Carolina Academic Press, 700 Kent St., Durham, NC 27701, 919/489-7486.

□ HOUSING TRUST FUNDS: The Housing Trust Fund Project (570 Shepard St., San Pedro, CA 90731, 310/833-4249), headed by PNER Mary Brooks, is an information clearinghouse on housing trust funds, and also publishes a monthly newsletter, *Current Trends*.

□ HOMELESS FUNDING: The Planners Network has joined with other national organizations in supporting the National Coalition for the Homeless (1621 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/265-2371) in a Congressional appeal for greater fiscal 1993 funding for McKinney Act homeless programs. Contact the Coalition for details.

□ POVERTY PERSPECTIVE: "Measuring Poverty" is a nine-page overview, by Patricia Ruggles of the Urban Institute, in the Spring 1992 *Focus* newsletter of the Institute for Research on Poverty (Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706, 608/262-6358).

□ PEACE DIVIDEND is a newsletter from *Social Policy* magazine (25 W. 43rd St. #620, New York, NY 10036) on using

defense savings for human needs, in moving toward a peace economy. No price listed.

□ CHILDREN/AFRICAN AMERICAN: A National Consortium for African American Children is in the early stages of organizational development. Contact: Brenda Leath, National Commission To Prevent Infant Mortality, 330 C St. S.W. #2014, Wash. DC 20201, 202/472-1364.

□ HOUSING RESEARCH: The Center for Housing Management and Development (Dept. of City and Regional Planning, Univ. of Wales, Cardiff CF1 3YN, UK) is compiling a database on housing efforts and activists, and wants to include entries for the United States. Contact: Leela Attfield, Manager, Housing Research Register.

□ HISPANIC DIRECTORY: *The Hispanic Resource Directory 1992-1994* is a 380-page reference from: The Denali Press, Box 021535, Juneau, AK 99802, 907-586-6014. Copies are \$50.

□ FAMILY UNIFICATION: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is preparing a notice of funds availability for an 11-state demonstration of special Section 8 rental assistance to help prevent unnecessary separation of children from their families. Details: Lisa Mihaly, Children's Defense Fund, 25 E St. N.W., Wash. DC 20001, 202/628-8787.

□ URBAN VILLAGE/SEATTLE: From Jim Krouskop (Growth Management Clearinghouse, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, 206/543-5168): We are looking for models of urban village developments, especially in which affordable housing, displacement, small business retention, and safety have been addressed, as part of our work with Seattle Commons Inc., a nonprofit group planning to redesign an area of downtown Seattle. The aim is to create in-town development consistent with the best growth-management principles.

□ HOMELESSNESS/LEGAL ISSUES: "Law and the Homeless" is a symposium issue of the *University of Miami Law Review* (Vol. 45, Nos. 2-3, November 1990-January 1991). Copies are \$7, from: William S. Hein & Co., 1285 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14209.

□ LIGHT RAIL: From PNER Phil McManus (189 Lake St., Perth 6000, Western Australia, Australia): The Light Rail Action Group in Perth is seeking information on light rail versus freeways, such as articles, experiences, statistics, personal issues, and so forth, which would help us defeat freeway planners and their allies.

□ NONPROFIT FUNDING: The Union Institute/Center for Public Policy (1731 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/667-1313) has issued *Neighbors Building Community: A Report of the Neighborhood Assistance Act Project*, a 101-page account of expanding business aid to nonprofits through state tax credits for donations. No price listed.

□ PNER UPDATE: From PNER Marc Weiss (Urban Planning, Columbia Univ., New York, NY 10027, 212/854-3524): I am looking for information, ideas, source material, and references on inner-city or ethnic retail development and marketing. Also, I am working on housing and urban policy issues for Gov. Bill Clinton's Democratic presidential campaign; so send me your thoughts, suggestions, strategies, and policy proposals.

HOUSING DOCUMENTARY: *Takeover: Heroes of the New American Depression* is a one-hour documentary by Pamela Yates and Peter Kinoy of May 1990 actions in eight cities, occupying vacant HUD housing. It is scheduled for an August 10 showing on PBS in the Point of View series. Details: The American Documentary, 330 W. 58th St. #301, New York, NY 10019, 212/397-0970.

Upcoming Conferences

PEOPLE'S CONVENTION: A national call has been issued for a People's Progressive Convention August 21-23 in Ypsilanti, MI. Details: National African American Network, 5113 Georgia Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20011, 202/726-0726.

Jobs

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: The National Association of Community Development Loan Funds (924 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215/923-4754) is seeking an Administrative Assistant, to provide office and program support, and clerical services to a three-person staff. Salary is \$18,000-\$21,000. Contact: Martin Paul Trimble, Executive Director.

LISC STAFF: The Local Initiatives Support Corp. (7334 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017, 212/455-9800) is seeking an Assistant Director of Development in connection with a five-year capital campaign, and also a Program Director in connection with a three-year community-building initiative. Salary is based on experience.

HOUSING DIRECTOR: The Texas Development Institute (824 W. 10th St. #110, Austin, TX 78701, 512/478-6067) is seeking a Housing Director. Salary is \$25,000-\$35,000.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The University City Hospitality Coalition (3601 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104, 215/898-9643) is seeking an Executive Director for its services to homeless and indigent adults of West Philadelphia. No salary listed.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER: The National Equity Fund, an affiliate of the Local Initiatives Support Corp., has an opening for a Senior Portfolio Manager in its New York office, to oversee the asset management of a portfolio of 68 projects in the New York region. Salary is based on experience. Contact: Beth Demes, Director of Portfolio Management, National Equity Fund, 118 N. Clinton #d101, Chicago, IL 60661.

PROJECT STAFF: The Mega-Cities Project (4 Washington Square N., New York, NY 10003, 212/998-7520), headed by PNER Janice Perlman, is seeking a Program Associate for organizational development and administration (\$45,000-\$50,000), and a Leadership Program Director (\$35,000-\$40,000), creating linkages between neighborhood leaders in low-income and minority neighborhoods and the government and business community.

The Planners Network

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

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

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□ **ACADEMIC COORDINATOR:** The Univ. of California Center for Cooperatives is seeking a three-quarter-time Academic Coordinator (position #APG92-02) in connection with developing a research and educational program in cooperative housing and rural economic development. Contact: Personnel Dept., UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 300 Lakeside Dr. 6th Flr., Oakland, CA 94612, 510/987-0087.

□ **PLANNING/CHILD CARE:** The National Economic Development and Law Center (1950 Addison St. #200, Berkeley, CA 94704, 510/548-2600) has an immediate opening for a planner specializing in child care development in low-income communities. Duties will include technical assistance and public policy analysis. Contact: James Head, Executive Director.

□ **PHILADELPHIA LISC** (924 Cherry St. 4th Flr., Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215/923-3801) has an opening for a Program Officer, with strong technical skills and at least three years' experience in community and real estate development. Salary is competitive. Contact: V. Lamar Wilson, Program Director.

□ **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** The Center for Democratic Renewal (Box 50469, Atlanta, GA 30302) is seeking an Executive Director. No salary listed.

□ **POLICY ANALYST:** The National Coalition for the Homeless (1621 Connecticut Ave. N.W. 4th Flr., Wash. DC 20009, 202/265-2371) has an opening for a Policy Analyst. No salary listed.

Ex Conferences

□ **LA RAZA:** The National Council of La Raza (810 First St. N.E. 3rd Flr., Wash. DC 20002) held its annual conference July 19-23 in Los Angeles, on the theme, "La Raza Cosmica 1992: Building on a Legacy of 50 Centuries."

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□ **AUTO-FREE CITIES:** Transportation Options (427 Bloor St. W. #205, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1X7, Canada) held the second international conference on auto-free cities May 22-24 in Toronto, on the theme "Car Dependence: Costs, Causes and Cures." Among the speakers was PNER David Gurin, Deputy Commissioner, Metro Toronto Planning Dept.

□ **POVERTY/POLICY:** The Univ. of Wisconsin's Institute for Research on Poverty (Madison, WI 53706) has held its 25th anniversary conference, "Poverty and Public Policy: What Do We Know? What Should We Do?" Details: Robert Hauser, Director, 608/262-6358.

Etcetera

□ **SEPTEMBER PN DEADLINE:** The arrival deadline for copy for the September *Planners Network* is Tuesday, September 8. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who can type their notes. It's a great help in production, and it reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

Arrival deadline for PN #95 copy: Tuesday, September 8.

□ **LOST SOULS:** We herewith are reviving a former occasional feature in which PNers still in the Network can help us renew contact with PNers on the move who neglected to advise us of their address change. We're always optimistic they really meant to stay in touch. Please let us know if you have an address for any of our wandering PNers:

Nina Bohlen, Cabin John, MD; **Peter Medoff**, Roxbury, MA; **Charles Downs**, New York, NY; **Deborah Schnabel**, Venice, CA; **Steven Bass**, Los Angeles, CA; **Theresa Selfa**, Berkeley, CA; **Melissa Mandos**, Baltimore, MD; **Jonathan Feldman**, Washington, DC; **Catherine Adsitt**, New Brunswick, NJ; **Mary E. Shea**, Hyattsville, MD; **Mike Wold**, Seattle, WA.

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