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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.

PN CONFERENCE REPORT: Copies of the good and useful, 112-page report, *Housing and Economic Development: A Shared Agenda for Government and the Grassroots*, from the wonderful December 1986 PN et al. conference are still available.

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
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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 healthful 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.

Members of the Steering Committee: Chester Hartman, DC, Chair; Emily Achtenberg, Boston; Eve Bach, Berkeley; Bob Beau regard, New Brunswick, NJ; Donna Dyer, Durham, NC; William Goldsmith, Ithaca; Charles Hoch, Chicago; Joochul Kim, Tempe; Judy Kossy, Buffalo; Jacqueline Leavitt, LA; Peter Marcuse, NYC; Jackie Pope, NYC; Alan Rabinowitz, Seattle; Tony Schuman, NYC; Andree Tremoulet, Pittsfield.

Newsletter Editor: Prentice Bowsher.

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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 (505 American Cities Bldg., Columbia, MD 21044, 301/964-1230) responsible for employment and training initiatives. Contact: Steven Pines, Director.

□ **TAX RELIEF QUERY:** Bob Beauregard (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.

□ **MANAGEMENT TRAINING:** The Support Center of Washington (1410 Que St. N.W., Wash. DC 20009, 202/462-2000) 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. #900, Wash. DC 20005, 202/628-2990). A recent issue reported on affordable housing legislation, venture capital, and national affiliates. No price listed.

□ **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE:** PNER Marcia Kingslow is creating a resource list of organizations and individuals working to 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/or promote urban-rural linkages. Please send name, address, phone number, and a brief program description to Marcia at 5971 Western Run Dr., Baltimore, MD 21209, 301/764-7906.

□ **HUNGER/HOMELESSNESS:** The Campaign To End Hunger and Homelessness (714 G St. S.E., Wash. DC 20003, 202/293-7567) has prepared an "Election Action Packet" in connection with 1988 political campaigns. No price listed.

□ **FAIR HOUSING:** The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (2027 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20036, 202/667-1780) has prepared two publications, *Questions 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 (1201 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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Rethinking PN?

From PNER John Friedmann (Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Univ. of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024, 213/825-4781):

The call for \$\$\$ in PN #68 moved me to sit down and think a bit about the *Network Newsletter*.

That we've been going for a dozen years is indeed gratifying, and shows 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.

News 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 rethink our own roles and the tasks facing 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 if community mattered," or whatever else we may think we are 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 along, we have studiously avoided theoretical issues, but is the price not too high, if 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 millenium.

A few years 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 visceral, too pragmatic. I'd like to have us devote more time to ideas.

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

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.

Community-Based Housing: New Bill a First Step

by Peter Dreier

Most progressive housing activists and experts would like to see a major overhaul of federal housing policy based on the premise that decent, affordable housing is a basic human right.

New legislation filed by Rep. Joseph Kennedy (D-MA), the Community Housing Partnership Act (HR 3891), may be a first step in that direction.

Seven years of Reaganomics—during which federal housing assistance has been slashed by 75 percent, from \$33 billion to less than \$8 billion—has been a disaster.

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 fallen into disrepair and/or is at risk from expiring subsidies.

The growing epidemic of homelessness is the most tragic symptom of these trends 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 lost-cost apartments for the poor, and preserve the existing stock of subsidized housing.

But few are willing to return to the so-called "big spending" 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 still is a deep distrust of "government" in general and "government housing" in particular.

Concern for the growing federal deficit also is likely to put a crimp in efforts to expand domestic programs, such as housing, particularly if 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 progressive housing program that provides a long-term vision, and a set of standards, against which to judge the next round of federal housing policy.

It calls for a substantial increase in federal housing funding, but also seeks to spend those funds more cost-effectively by building and preserving housing through capital grants (rather than long-term debt), by relying on nonprofit groups to be developers (to lower development costs), and by limiting speculation through restrictions on rent increases and resales (in other words, to sell and operate housing at cost).

Such a radical program is unlikely to get serious attention in Congress, so long as progressive forces are fragmented and isolated.

The strategic question is, thus, what housing policy agenda is both politically possible and progressive—a stepping-stone toward more fundamental reform?

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 (Dept. of Urban Planning, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 201/932-4053; 932-3822).

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

Perhaps the most promising trend is the community-based housing movement. The 1980s have seen an upsurge 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 public and political constituency for a housing program that is based on nonspeculative production, management, and ownership. This is the purpose of the Community Housing Partnership Act (HR 3891).

The growth of the community-based housing movement is a 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 vacuum. Many were supported by local governments, churches, and private foundations.

A few national organizations—including the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (created by the Ford Foundation), the Enterprise Foundation (started by developer James Rouse), the United Way (which sponsored a pilot program in Boston and now has expanded it nationwide), 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 federal government and for-profit developers ignored or 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 combines social concern with hard-nosed business skills. Of course, they have grown unevenly. Some areas have small, fledgling groups with little experience or resources. Others have community-based groups that are highly professional.

Cities with sophisticated nonprofits—including Boston, Baltimore, New York, Chicago, Cleveland and San Francisco—have formed umbrella organizations of community-based housing developers to improve efficiency and expand the scale of development.

These efforts are working well, but local governments, churches, and foundations lack the resources to turn these small success stories into a nationwide supply

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program for affordable housing. Only the federal government has those kinds of resources.

What is needed is a partnership between the federal government and these community-based housing efforts.

During the past year and a half, the National Low Income Housing Coalition, Mayor Ray Flynn of Boston and Rep. Joe Kennedy have worked together to draft legislation to create such a program. Staff from the Center for Community Change, the National Congress for Community Economic Development, the National Neighborhood Coalition, LISC, Enterprise, and others participated in the effort.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities have endorsed the legislation.

In February, Kennedy introduced the Community Housing Partnership Act.

Through this program, the federal government would provide matching funds, in a three-to-one ratio, to locally based nonprofit housing groups to build and rehab affordable housing. The federal funds would match those raised from local government, business, private foundations, churches, United Ways, and other entities.

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

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

By relying on nonprofits, and by requiring restrictions that guarantee long-term affordability, it can be seen as a cost-

effective alternative to Section 8-type programs that relied primarily on for-profit developers, and limited the low-income use to 20 years.

Rather than get the federal government "off our backs," the bill puts the federal government "on our side," but relies on community groups to develop and run the housing.

The Community Housing Partnership Act is not, of course, an immediate solution to the nation's housing crisis. Even if enough funds were committed, the nonprofit sector currently lacks the capacity to build or rehab enough housing to eliminate the shortage.

Through this program, however, we can expect a steady, year-by-year growth of the nonprofit sector's capacity to build, rehabilitate and manage housing for poor and working-class families.

And, while doing so, it can build the public credibility and acceptance of this approach to housing policy so that, down the road, the vision of a federal housing policy based on a nonspeculative foundation can become a reality.

The immediate task is to build support for HR 3891. Congressman Kennedy is seeking cosponsors for the bill.

CDC staff and board members, tenant organizers, advocates for the homeless, and other housing activists should contact their Congresspersons, and urge them to cosponsor the Community Housing Partnership Act. A few letters and phone calls to their offices can make a big difference.

It might also be helpful to give your Congressperson a tour of housing developments sponsored by nonprofit groups.

Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA) and Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-TX) soon will be drafting a new comprehensive housing bill that they hope will be ready when the next

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

To make sure that happens, we must build support for the Community Housing Partnership Act (HR 3891) now.

Peter Dreier is Director of Housing at the Boston Redevelopment Authority. For more information on the Community Housing Partnership Act, contact him at the BRA, City Hall, Room 912, Boston, MA 02201; or Barry Zigas, 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 #68).

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 ownership of housing or municipal funding of housing cooperatives to transcend his dilemmas as a landlord. I don't have much sympathy.

Jack Lattemann
Seattle, WA 98115

Next issue will feature another commentary on Dan Garr's Special Feature (#67) and a further communication from Garr. — Ed.

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□ **PRISONS FOR PROFIT:** *Public Justice, Private Interest*, by John D. Donahue, is a 32-page report which raises important 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 20036, 202/775-8810. No price listed.

□ **TUFTS INSTITUTE:** Tufts University's Center for Management and Community Development (97 Talbot Ave., Medford, MA 02155, 617/381-3549) will offer its fifth annual Institute for Management and Community Development June 4-11 at Tufts. Workshop topics include democratic management, affordable housing, women and economic development, and many more. Contact: Nancy Askin.

□ **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 style and perceptive content. It is co-published and edited at Brandeis' Center for Social Change. Subscriptions are \$14, from: Changing Work, Box 261, Newton, MA 02258, 617/736-3827.

□ **CLEVELAND ASSESSMENT:** *Cleveland: Post-Populist Public-Private Partnerships*, by PNers Norman Krumholz and Dennis Keating, and John Metzger, is a 20-page working paper on the neighborhood impact of Cleveland's often-cited public/private urban revitalization efforts. A key conclusion: Downtown development has overshadowed neighborhood redevelopment. Contact: Dennis, Urban Studies Dept., Cleveland State Univ.,

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

□ INFORMATION REQUEST: From Networker Andy Raubeson (S.R.O. Housing, 311 S. Spring, #1100, Los Angeles, CA 90013, 213/229-9640): 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 20017) offers seminars on accessory apartments, which can be one form of providing affordable housing for the elderly.

□ MEMBER UPDATE: From Susan E. Bain (SPIF Project, Letchworth House, The Garrison, St. Michael, Barbados, 809/436-3123): In late 1987, I worked on a USAID project evaluation of microbusiness 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 DPA Group of Ottawa on a Canadian government contract 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: PNER Larry Yates (3001 Brook Rd., Richmond, VA 23227) 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, 313/963-2200) held its annual business meeting March 24 in Lansing, and sponsored a benefit by the Dance Brigade of Oakland April 10, also in Lansing, in support of its advocacy work for the homeless and those at risk.

□ DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES: The Corporation for Enterprise Development (1725 K St. N.W. #1401, Wash. DC 20006, 202/293-7963) has an eight-page brochure on its studies and reports on enterprise development. Single copies are free.

□ FUNDRAISING RESOURCE: *Total Proposal Building*, by Richard Steiner, is a 232-page guide to grant and contract seeking from government, business, and foundations. Copies are \$19.95, from: Trestletree Publications, Box 295, Albany, NY 12201, 518/452-2000.

□ UN HUMAN RIGHTS: United Nations Publications (United Nations #DC2-0853, New York, NY 10017) has a publications sheet on human rights documents, periodicals, reports, and studies available as the 40th anniversary nears 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 Meeker-Lowry, and *Rise Up Singing*, edited by Peter Blood-Patterson.

□ LAND INVESTMENT and the Predevelopment Process: *A Guide for Finance and Real Estate Professionals*, by Networker Alan Rabinowitz, is a 248-page pioneering examination of land investment at the predevelopment 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, 203/226-3571.

□ MUNICIPAL RECYCLING: From PNER Bill Barlow (222 E. Saratoga St. 5th Fl., Baltimore, MD 21202, 301/396-5924): 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" receptacle information, innovative community participation techniques, legislation, and so forth. Everyone who writes to me will receive a summary of our project proposal.

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

□ DESIGN ARTS: The National Endowment for the Arts (1100 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20506, 202/682-5437) has 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."

□ 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 International Coalition Non-Governmental Organization Project, which examined effective housing strategies by the poor in Third World countries. It includes a Foreword by Dom Helder Camara, Archbishop Emeritus of Olinda and Recife, Brazil, and an Introduction and Conclusions by PNER John F.C. Turner of AHAS. Copies are UK Pounds 13.50 (surface), from: Building Communities, Bookshop-By-Mail, 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, education, and research, as well as news notes, conference reviews, and book reviews. Subscriptions are UK Pounds 20, from: NBS Services Ltd., Mansion House Chambers, The Close, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3RE, England.

□ MEMBER UPDATE: From PNER David Sears (4407 Rosedale Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814): I have left my job as a policy analyst with HUD's Division of Policy Studies, and now head the Government and Development Policy Section of the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service.

□ KID'S PLAY AREAS: *Play for All Guidelines*, edited by Robin C. Moore, Susan M. Goltsman, and Daniel S. Iacofano, is a 280-page reference on planning, designing, and managing outdoor play environments for all children—with and without disabilities. Copies are \$42.95, from: MIG Communications, 1824 Fourth St., Berkeley, CA 94710, 415/845-7549.

□ **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.

□ **COMPARATIVE RESEARCH:** The 196-page first issue of an annual review, *Comparative Urban and Community Research* edited by Michael P. Smith of UC-Davis, focuses on the theme "Power and Community in the City," with articles on the urban poor and minorities in developing and advanced nations. Details: Transaction Periodicals Consortium, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 201/932-2280. No price listed.

□ **TOXICS GUIDELINES:** The Local Government Commission Inc. (909 12th St. #203, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916/448-1198) has available a selection of guidebooks on successful pollution prevention programs in California communities. The guides typically include specific ordinances and policies for local control of toxics. Prices are \$12 and under. A \$12 monthly newsletter also is available.

□ **MIXED-USE QUERY:** From Networker Tom Bartnik (2129 N. Leavitt #2-F, Chicago, IL 60647): I am finishing my coursework at the Univ. of Illinois, School of Urban Planning and Policy, and expect to have my Master's degree by June. I also have been working as a consultant to an architecture/development firm. One of my projects has involved looking at older industrial buildings and seeing how they may be retained for small manufacturing use. I'm interested in hearing from anyone who has experienced or experimented with the idea of mixed-use neighborhoods comprised of manufacturing districts that combine living and working space.

□ **ILLINOIS HOUSING CUTS:** *The Reagan Approach to Housing: An Examination of Local Impact* reports on an 87-percent cut in federal housing funds in Illinois since 1981. For copies: Chicago Urban League, 4510 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60653, 312-285-5800. No price listed.

□ **GLOBAL DEBT:** *A Journey through the Global Debt Crisis* is a comic book, resource guide, and glossary on the global debt issue, with "interpretations" by the U.S. government, Third World peasants, U.S. taxpayers, the International Monetary Fund, and other key actors. Copies are \$3, from: Debt Crisis Network c/o Institute for Policy Studies, 1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash. DC 20009.

□ **MEMBER UPDATE:** From PNER Nancy Munshaw (3949 Russell, St. Louis, MO 63110): My new consulting firm, Public Interest Planning, 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 in which we offer strong experience include neighborhood planning, low-income housing, small-town planning, commercial redevelopment, and economic base studies. Networkers may phone me at 314/773-9121.

□ **MEMBER UPDATE:** From PN Member Yale Rabin (Dept. of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 02139): I am a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT (on leave

from the Univ. of Virginia). I am working on a study of changes in levels of access by transit to suburban employment, and beginning to work on a history of federal transportation policy from a social-impacts perspective. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who has done any recent work in either of these areas.

□ **HOUSING REPORT:** *The State of the Nation's Housing 1988*, by William C. Apgar Jr. and H. James Brown, is a 28-page report from the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard Univ. (53 Church St., Cambridge, MA 02138), which highlights critical problems for first-time homebuyers, disadvantaged renters, and homeless families and individuals. Single copies are \$5; bulk orders are \$3.50 each.

□ **HUMAN SETTLEMENTS RESOURCE:** Building Communities Bookshop-ByMail (Box 28, Dumfries, Scotland DG2 0NS) 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 one-hour special produced by PNER Sylvia Komatsu (KERA-TV, 3000 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75201, 214/871-1390), which documents the growing critical shortage of affordable housing, with scenes from Dallas, Baltimore, and Boston. It is scheduled for May 17 at 10 p.m. Please call your local PBS station to confirm the listing, and to encourage it to air the program if it hasn't already planned to.

□ *GENTRIFICATION, Strategic Initiatives, and the Left*, by Networker Bob Beauregard, is the fourth in a series of pamphlets from the Institute for Democratic Socialism, and Analysis and Policy Press (Box 374, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010). Single copies are \$1.50; orders of 20 or more are \$1.

□ **PREPAYMENT HALT CHALLENGED:** A legislative moratorium on prepayment of federally subsidized mortgages is under challenge in a Chicago case in which HUD accepted prepayment from owners of a 209-unit subsidized building in the Uptown neighborhood. The action occurred after Congress cleared the moratorium legislation, but before the President signed it. A lawsuit (*Avery vs. Pierce*, 75 C 3379) has been filed to stop the prepayment. For a newsletter and further updates: *Avery* Anti-Displacement Clearinghouse, c/o James P. Chapman, 33 N. Dearborn #930, Chicago, IL 60602, 312/263-0789.

□ **PROGRESSIVE ESSAYS:** *Democratic Promise: Ideas for Turning America in a Progressive Direction*, edited by Robert Kuttner and Irving Howe, is a 86-page collection of articles by Kuttner, Michael Harrington, Rashi Fein, and others on policy and programmatic issues in a pre-election period. Topics include arms control, voter registration, and health care, among others. Single copies are \$1.50; orders of 10 or more are \$1.

☐ NETHERLANDS' HOUSING: *The Netherlands Journal of Housing and Environmental Research* is a quarterly, published by Delft Univ. Press, for the Netherlands Institute for Physical Planning and Housing and the Foundation Gestructureerde Samenwerking (scientists concerned with the built environment). Subscriptions are Dfl. 90, from: Delft Univ. Press, Stevinweg 1, 2628 CN Delft, The Netherlands.

☐ FULBRIGHT FOR PNER: Bryan Higgins, associate professor of geography and planning at SUNY-Plattsburgh (Plattsburgh, NY 12901) has been awarded a Fulbright Grant for the 1988-89 academic year to study urban planning and politics in the growth and development of Managua, Nicaragua.

☐ PEACE WALKS: International Peace Walk Inc. (Box 53412, Wash. DC 20009, 202/232-7055) is planning two walks this summer as follow-up to a 1987 Moscow-Leningrad walk. One walk will be in the Ukraine, August 15-September 18; one will be in the United States, June 14-July 18. Walkers are already being recruited, including part-timers for the U.S. walk.

☐ OMB BLACKLIST: The White House's Office of Management and Budget is proposing new federal guidelines which could be used to create a blacklist of "irresponsible" and "seriously improper" people, organizations, and their associates, who could be denied virtually all federal aid. A neighborhood group, for example, could be barred from federal aid if the group's head had defaulted on a student loan, according to one view. Details: OMB Watch, 2001 O St. N.W., Wash. DC 20036, 202/659-1711.

☐ WORLD LABOR RIGHTS: *Trade's Hidden Costs: Worker Rights in a Changing World Economy*, from the International Labor Rights Education & Research Fund, is a study of how the global assembly line affects workers. Copies are \$4.95, from: Institute for Policy Studies, 1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W. 5th Fl., Wash. DC 20009, 202/234-9382.

☐ 'HOMES NOT BOMBS': The National Jobs with Peace Campaign (76 Summer St., Boston, MA 02110, 617/338-5783) is organizing a day of demonstrations June 4 around the country, including a house raising at the Pentagon, to focus on cutting the military budget to fund affordable housing and other human needs.

☐ WOMEN'S HOUSING REPORT: The National Congress of Neighborhood Women (249 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718/388-6666) has available a preliminary report on its October 1987 conference, "Housing Options for Women." It includes plenary highlights and pertinent press release. A more extensive report also will be prepared, at \$5 a copy.

☐ MIXED-USE QUERY: From Tom Shaffer, Director, Community Economic Development, Howard Area Community Center, 7648 N. Paulina, Chicago, IL 60626, 312/262-6622: In Chicago, a group of low/moderate income people are interested in doing a business venture with the primary goal of creating good-paying, unskilled jobs. We're especially interested in a manufacturing or warehouse-type company which has a walk-in retailing component. Examples which come to mind include a bakery or dairy. Is anyone else working on or have experience with this type of mixed-use concept to create good-paying, unskilled jobs?

☐ ECONOMIC CONVERSION: From George Lakey, Jobs with Peace Pennsylvania Campaign (924 Cherry St., Phila-

delphia, PA 19107, 215/925-3758): We have a major project here, the Shipyard Job Security Project, focused on economic conversion, which gets us into economic development, which gets us into planning. Are there Philadelphia-area participants in the Network who might be interested in participating in this project?

☐ HOUSING CAPITALISM/ CHINA: The Shanghai Housing Administration Bureau, moving, it said, to invigorate the market, held China's first auction in March for state-owned housing, and sold two units in Shanghai amid a crowd of potential buyers and media people. According to Sang Ronglin, the Bureau's Director, the city intends to sell most newly constructed housing as commodities, instead of allocating it to Shanghai citizens at low rents. "Housing reforms have deepened in China, and the concept of selling housing as a commodity is being accepted," Sang said.

This from a report in the March 9 *China Daily*, spotted in Beijing by Networker Norman Krumholz (Dept. Urban Studies, Cleveland State Univ., Cleveland, OH 44115). It was relayed to PN by Cleveland State colleague and PNER Dennis Keating.

☐ NEWARK 'ARK' UPDATE: From Networker Troy West (60 Union St., Newark, NJ 07105, 201/589-3973): Kea Tawana, a Newark demolition contractor, has been told she must dismantle her 98-foot, three-masted ark, which she built from salvaged material in a poor, center-city neighborhood. This is her life's work. Now is the time to come, to write, to act on Kea's behalf—on behalf of all that's human. We need help. (Earlier report, PN #64.)

☐ TEEN PARENTING: Just-A-Start CDC (Box 305, Cambridge, MA 02101, 617/492-7900) is in the process of developing transitional housing for teen parents and their children. Working with a six-unit building, the program is designed to provide a safe, supportive environment for up to two years in preparation for independent living. It is seeking information on similar programs elsewhere. Contact: PNER Kathy Gannett.

☐ ECONOMIC CONVERSION: The National Commission for Economic Conversion & Disarmament (Box 15025, Wash. DC 20003, 202/544-5059) is a newly formed organization which examines links among disarmament, economic planning, and a military economy. It is preparing a community workbook and guide on assessing needs in housing, infrastructure, child care, mass transit, health, and social services, and is seeking help in developing an appropriate assessment methodology. Contact: Networker Jonathan Feldman.

☐ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: New Hampshire College (2500 N. River Rd., Manchester, NH 03104) is accepting applications for fall enrollment in its masters degree program in Community Economic Development. The program meets one weekend a month for 16 months. An international program has a one-year residency requirement. Contact: PNER Michael Swack or Sharon Hunt, 603/668-2211, ext. 3043.

☐ BOSTON HOUSING ADVOCATE: PN member Kathy B. Gannett, a former HUD Management Specialist, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have settled a 19-month-old discrimination complaint, brought after her firing from HUD while studying possible discrimination against nonwhites by the Boston Housing Authority. HUD later found the Boston Housing Authority was discriminating in selecting and assigning tenants, and HUD and the Authority are now negotiating a compliance agreement.

Gannett is interested in knowing of other cities where HUD

and public housing authorities may be allowing discriminatory policies in tenant selection, and about organizing efforts to end them. Contact: Kathy Gannett, 38 Lindsey St., Boston, MA 02124.

Networkers' Reports

APA Election Outlook

by Daniel Lauber
Former President, American Planning Association

Beware the wolf in sheep's clothing in the national American Planning Association and American Institute of Certified Planners board elections to be held by mail ballot May 11 through June 15. Once again relatively conservative candidates are trying to win election to the American Planning Association board by sounding like the PN members who have held a slim majority on the board since 1985.

In 1985 PNers helped elect Norman Krumholz as my successor as APA President, as well as an array of progressive and liberal candidates who are slowly but surely turning APA from a conservative organization into a more aggressive, progressive vehicle to support sound planning practices and activist planners.

But the 1986 election yielded a conservative President and two at-large directors who essentially copied the position statement of PNers who had been elected the previous two elections. These three imitators have been an impediment to progress ever since.

We face the same danger this election. Unless we elect genuinely progressive candidates this time, we'll lose our board majority because the terms of so many PNers end this year.

Leading the progressive candidates are APA Presidential contender Stuart Meck and AICP Presidential hopeful Joseph Flynn, Jr. During both my term and Norm's, Stuart and Joe not only supported our efforts to make APA and AICP more progressive, but they also took an effective leadership role.

Here's a brief run-down on each APA and AICP race where there is a progressive candidate on the ballot:

- *APA President:* As noted above, Stuart Meck has established a solid progressive record of leadership in APA.

- *At-Large:* James Peters was responsible for many of the more progressive articles in *Planning* magazine when he was associate editor. As Midwest Director of the American Farmland Trust, he is working hard to preserve agricultural land and the family farm.

- *AICP President:* He may not be a famous lawyer, but Joseph Flynn, Jr. is the only candidate here who has maintained a very progressive record in APA and AICP.

- *APA Region II:* There's nobody better than Warren Zitzmann. His brilliant career speaks for itself.

- *APA Region III:* Sam Casella has been a quiet, but effective voice for sound, ethical planning for years.

- *APA Region IV:* Thanks to the efforts of Village Trustee (and professional planner) Janet Muchnik, Park Forest remains one of the most progressive and well-integrated municipalities in Illinois.

- *AICP Region III:* Lester Solin offers strong leadership to counter the politically reactionary tendencies of some current APA/AICP officers.

- *AICP Region IV:* While all three candidates would make fine AICP Commissioners, Charlotte "Tommie" Birdsall is certainly the most politically progressive.

Regional Roundup

□ **NETWORK/FORUM:** The Network/Forum of New York is completing a series of policy debates on the city's Report of the Commission on the Year 2000. Earlier debates were held on race, jobs and poverty, February 19; housing development, March 18, and education, April 15. The next debate will be on the politics of planning in the year 2000. It is set for May 13 at 6 p.m. (sharp!), at Nallin Recital Hall (Room 1220), Baruch College, 17 Lexington Ave. at 23rd St. Wine and snacks will be served; admission is free, but a hat will be passed.

Social Responsibility

□ **ADPSR BOOK:** *The Emerging Landscape of Peace* is a 114-page pocket-sized report from Architects, Designers and Planners for Social Responsibility (225 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012, 212/431-3756) on three educational sessions on nuclear arms and nuclear energy at the 1986 annual meeting of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The sessions were presented to capacity crowds, amid electric enthusiasm and energy, and were greeted with thunderous applause and cheers. The topics: "The US-USSR Peace Park Project"; "Threats to the Environment—Radioactivity"; and "The Emerging Landscape of Peace." An Epilogue suggests seven "next steps." Copies are \$8.90.

Upcoming Conferences

CO-OP HOUSING: The National Association of Housing Cooperatives (2501 M St. N.W. #451, Wash. DC 20037, 202/887-0706) is sponsoring a set of workshops June 11 in Kansas City on board training, management, and maintenance. Registration is \$100 for NAHC members, \$125 for others, before April 30; \$125 and \$159 later.

RURAL COALITION: The Rural Coalition (2001 S St. N.W. #500, Wash. DC 20009, 202/483-1500) will hold a national gathering April 30-May 3 in Green Bay, Wis. The theme: "Up from the Roots: A Rural Agenda for Change." Registration is \$15 for nonmembers.

RESEARCH CONFERENCE: IAPS, an international association of social scientists, architects and planners, will hold its 10th conference July 5-8 in Delft, The Netherlands. The theme: "Looking Back to the Future." Registration is Dfl 400. Details: Secretariat IAPS-10 Bk, Room 1250, Box 5043, 2600 GA Delft, The Netherlands.

HOMELESSNESS: The Los Angeles Section of the American Planning Association, the National Coalition for the Homeless, and the Office of the Mayor will present a conference April 23 in Los Angeles on "Homelessness in Southern California: What Can Planners, Architects, Designers, Service Providers, Public Officials, and Advocacy/Community Groups Do." Gilda Haas and Jackie Leavitt are among the PN presenters. Registration is \$50 for APA members, \$55 for others. Contact: APA/LA Section, c/o Carole Inge, Planning Dept., Southern California RTD, 425 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90013.

RESEARCH CONFERENCE: An international research conference, "Housing, Policy, and Urban Innovation," will be held June 27-July 1 in Amsterdam. Registration is Dfl. 450 before May 1; Dfl. 550 later. Contact: 1988 International Research Conference on Housing, Policy, and Urban Innovation, OTB/TUD, Postbus 5030, 2600 GA Delft, The Netherlands.

COMMUNITY TRANSIT: Community Transportation Reporter (Rural America, 725 15th St. N.W. #900, Wash. DC 20005) will sponsor a conference, Expo '88, in Nashville June 21-23, with workshops and sessions on "The ABC's of Community Transit Operations," "Improving and Stabilizing Your Operation," and "Keeping Up with Your Growing System." Registration is \$85 before May 15, \$95 later.

Calls for Papers

THIRD WORLD: Abstracts/proposals are invited for presentation at a November 22 international conference panel on "South-South Cooperation for Economic Development." Contact: PNeer Sachi G. Dastidar, PES Program, State Univ. of New York, Old Westbury, NY 11568, 516/876-3000. The panel is one of 20 at a November 20-23 conference in Saint Lucia in the West Indies, organized by the Association for the Advancement of Policy, Research, and Development in the Third World. The theme: "Toward a World Decade for Scientific and Technological Cooperation for International Development."

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 we urge you to phone first, if a number is listed, and check on the deadline schedule.

PROJECT MANAGER: Massachusetts' Community Economic Development Assistance Corp. (8 Winter St. #800, Boston, MA 02108, 617/727-0506) is seeking a Project Manager to assist nonprofits in developing and preserving affordable housing. Salary is in the low \$30s.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: La Casa de Don Pedro (75 Park Ave., Newark, NJ 07104, 201/482-8312) has an opening for a Housing Development Director to oversee a 66-unit rehabilitation program, and to develop future projects. Salary is from the \$30s to mid-\$40s. Contact: Ramon Rivera.

CHATTANOOGA HOUSING: Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprises (615 Lindsay St. #100, Chattanooga, TN 37403, 615/265-4114) has three positions in its citywide housing program: Rehab Specialist, Community Organizer, and Special Projects Coordinator. Contact: David Fromm.

STAFF ASSISTANT: The Low Income Housing Information Service (1012 14th St. N.W. #1006, Wash. DC 20005, 202/662-1530) is seeking a staff assistant for its National Support Center for Low Income Housing. Salary is \$15,000-\$20,000. Contact: Andrea Hill.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The South Madison Community Development Corp. (2332 S. Park St., Madison, WI 53713, 608/256-0062) is seeking an experienced manager as Executive Director. Salary is based on experience.

PROGRAM ASSOCIATE: The Rural Coalition (2001 S St. N.W. #500, Wash. DC 20009, 202/483-1500) is seeking a Program Associate for its Military Issues Task Force. Salary is \$15,000. Contact: Jodi Schwartz.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: The Chino, Calif., Community Development Dept. (Box 667, Chino 91708) has an opening for an Administrative Assistant, working with the Director of Community Development. Salary is \$2,612-\$3,396 a month.

□ **COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA:** The Food Research and Action Center (1319 F St. N.W. #500, Wash. DC 20004, 202/393-5060) has an opening for a Communications/Media Officer with 3-5 years' professional experience. Salary begins at \$25,000. Contact: Susan Fisher.

□ **IPS DIRECTOR:** The Institute for Policy Studies (1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W. 5th Fl., Wash. DC 20009, 202/234-9382) is seeking a new Director. Contact Chester Hartman (at PN) with suggestions, or for a copy of the job announcement.

□ **ICE POSITIONS:** The Institute for Community Economics (151 Montague City Rd., Greenfield, MA 01301, 413/774-7956) is seeking a business manager, community investment specialist, revolving loan fund officer, housing technical assistance provider, and secretary. ICE also has one-year internship positions. ICE assists community-based groups across the country in meeting the needs of low-income people, with a staff that integrates political values and personal lifestyle. Salaries are modest, and based on need. Contact: Coordinating Team.

□ **PROJECT MANAGER:** Northern Community Investment Corp. (Box 904, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819, 802/748-5101) is seeking an experienced real estate development project manager for single-family subdivisions, multifamily developments, and public facilities projects. Salary is competitive. NCIC is an 11-year-old community development corporation in northeastern Vermont and northern New Hampshire. Contact: Christine Owre.

Ex Conferences

□ **HOMELESSNESS:** The Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (1111 20th St. N.W. #2000, Wash. DC 20575, 202/653-5544) sponsored a Washington conference March 10-11 on "Assisting the Homeless: State and Local Responses in an Era of Retrenchment."

□ **WATERFRONTS:** Watersite 2000 was an international congress April 13-15 in Bristol, England, on the rejuvenation and development of waterfront sites. Details: Cunard 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.

Etcetera

□ **JUNE PN DEADLINE:** The arrival deadline for copy for the June *Planners Network* is Monday, June 6. 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 #70 copy: Monday, June 6.

□ **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.

□ **PERSONAL UPDATES:** There are a number of short communications in this issue from Network members, letting us know about new jobs, projects, what's happening in their lives, etc. We encourage this. Sharing this kind of "where-I'm-at" information helps create a sense of community, provide contact, generate support, and generally act like the network we strive to be.

□ **ADDRESS CHANGES:** Many Networkers seem to move around a lot. When you do, please let us have your old address and zip code as well as your new ones. Names (like luggage) sometimes are identical, and we want to be sure we change the right address card. Moreover, our cards are maintained in zip code order (because that's the way the Post Office wants the mail); so if we don't have your old zip code, we can't find your old card; and we wind up paying postage for phantom recipients. So please help out and send both old and new addresses.

□ **"CALL" STATEMENT:** We have a one-page, broadside version of the "Call for Social Responsibility in the Planning and Building Profession," which appeared in PN #49. Copies are available on request. It makes a good addition to "The Planners Network—What It Is" in recruiting members.

First Reports

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affecting the electoral process.

Copies are \$5, from: Planners Network, 1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W. 5th Flr., Washington, DC 20009, 202/234-9382. *(Note: This is a source change from PN #68, and an address change for PN.)*

□ PN ADDRESS CHANGE: The Institute for Policy Studies has moved: and with it, Chester Hartman; and with him, PN. The new address is Planners Network (or Institute for Policy Studies), 1601 Connecticut Ave. N.W. 5th Flr., Washington, DC 20009, 202/234-9382. We're literally just next door to our former location; only the street address has changed.