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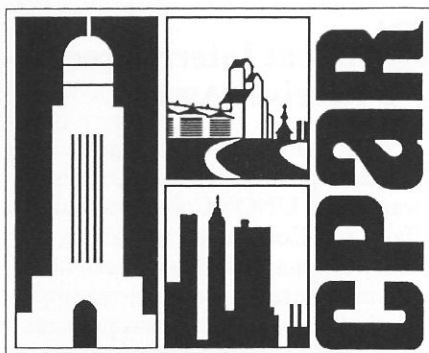
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Electronic Bulletin Board Gives Info

Businesses and individuals registered with CPAR's NEB-INDEX on-line computerized bulletin board and database service have access to the latest 1990 population figures prior to any public notification.

The NEB-INDEX system is capable of linking every Nebraska region to the newest census and economic data.

The service is provided free by CPAR and is accessible 24-hours, seven days a week on any computer equipped with a modem and telecommunications software. The only user costs are telephone charges.

Three user groups are targeted: members of the Nebraska State Data Center Network; communities using S.T.A.R.T. Economic Development (a program directed by CPAR); and Omaha area government, business and non-profit organizations.

For information or to register, contact **Tim Himberger**, CPAR information specialist.

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Interpreting the Census

A variety of interpretive reports on the 1990 population figures released recently by the U.S. Bureau of the Census are available for a nominal fee by contacting CPAR. The reports are available in print and diskette form from the Nebraska State Data Center.

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Study To Develop State Housing Plan

CPAR researchers **Russell Smith, Jerome Deichert** and **Robert Blair** are part of a task force appointed to develop a state housing plan. The plan is mandated by new federal legislation which requires states and localities of over 50,000 population receiving HUD funds to develop a planning document that identifies state housing needs and allocates state and federal resources to meet those needs.

The CPAR staff will join representatives from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, local government officials, and state and various federal agencies who will work through the summer to collect information on the opinions of private individuals and firms in the housing industry and schedule a series of hearings for input from citizens.

Communities Cover Broad Area

Five Nebraska communities representing a variety of geographical areas have enrolled in the S.T.A.R.T. Economic Development program during the first four months of 1991. The communities are Hooper (east), Red Cloud (south central), Bayard (west) and Curtis and Benkelman (south-west).

Facilitators who will coordinate the steering committees through a strategic planning process are **Corrinne Pedersen**, Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska; and **Leon Milobar**, Nebraska Business Development Center.

First State Conference Set by S.T.A.R.T.

The first S.T.A.R.T. Economic Development Conference will be held July 17 at Columbus, Nebraska's New World Inn and will be "designed for people from S.T.A.R.T. communities to share ideas and expertise and learn new ways of accomplishing goals," according to S.T.A.R.T. manager **Alice Schumaker**.

The conference is sponsored by Central Community College in Columbus. Funds are being provided primarily by a Peter Kiewit Foundation grant to the College, which also made possible S.T.A.R.T. projects in Ord, Albion and David City.

Recent Community Talks:

CPAR's **Jerome Deichert** and **David Fifer** spoke at Nebraska's Work Force and Community Development Linkages, a workshop for community development specialists held in Grand Island.

S.T.A.R.T. manager **Alice Schumaker** spoke at the Municipal Clerks Academy in Grand Island on "Update on S.T.A.R.T.," a review of recent results of community attitude and business attitude surveys from S.T.A.R.T. projects 1989-91. The annual academy is for those who have completed Municipal Clerks School administered by the UNO Department of Public Administration.

Ray Clark appeared before Gretna officials and members of the business community at the invitation of Mayor **Mike Avery** to discuss the S.T.A.R.T. Economic Development program.

Survey Shows Omahans Want to Recycle, Willing to Follow Required Activities

Most Omahans were aware of The Omaha Effort recycling program and over half of those who knew about it participated, according to early figures from the Omaha Conditions Survey: 1991.

CPAR's analysis of 632 interviews with adults from households in Douglas, Washington and Sarpy counties shows 84.4 percent of residents of the City of Omaha knew about the program, but only 52.7 percent said they had participated in it at some point.

Among those participating in The Omaha Effort, 58.9 percent cited the program's positive environmental role as the best liked factor and 48.1 percent cited poor coordination/organization and the fact that it was discontinued as the most disliked factors of the program. The survey was conducted in February 1991 and refers to the original program which was discontinued in December 1990.

The majority of respondents (84.3 percent) recycled because they felt it was the right thing to do. Other findings from respondents in the Metro area (including the City of Omaha) which were released in mid-April:

- Aluminum and paper were the two most likely items to be "always" or "sometimes" recycled, while plastic and glass were the two least likely in the same categories.

- 91.2 percent were willing to drive to a recycling center and 74.5 percent were willing to have a recycling center located in their neighborhood.
- 50.4 percent were willing to pay \$4 or more per month for recycling.
- The employers of 61.6 percent of the respondents participated in recycling.
- 62.7 percent preferred curbside recycling with residents separating recyclables at home prior to pick-up.
- 67.6 percent felt recycling should be area-wide and not a city or county effort.
- 64.2 percent felt homeowner waste collection should be based on a flat fee and not on the quantity of waste produced.
- 85.2 percent felt local governments should be involved in an educational campaign about recycling.

The Omaha Conditions Survey: 1991 is the second in a series of annual studies conducted by CPAR. This study is part of a CPAR initiative designed to monitor and improve the processes operating in Nebraska's urban areas by collecting quality information and making it accessible to decision-makers.

A copy of the full report may be obtained from CPAR.

Student Intern Green Receives Award

CPAR student intern **Kelly M. Green** in April received the Dean's Award from UNO's College of Public Affairs and Community Service. A social work major with a perfect 4.0 academic average, she is among seven top scholars each of which represents one of UNO's seven colleges.

The Benson High School graduate served on the Student Advisory Board and was recipient of a Regents' Scholarship and a World-Herald Honors Scholarship.

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