

UGSG Plans Lively Discussions, Sessions, and Meetings for Denver

The UGSG will sponsor a wide range of activities at the Denver meeting of the AAG from 24-27 April. Included on the schedule are two panel discussions, three paper sessions, and two meetings. The meetings consist of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors on Sunday 24 April from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Statler Room of the Denver Hilton. The board meeting is a conclave of both the old and new boards and is open to all members. The UGSG annual business meeting will be Monday 25 April from 5:00 to 5:40 in the Beverly Room. All members are urged to attend and contribute to the discussion.

The panel discussions will follow formats similar to the successful conclaves at the San Antonio meeting last year. Elizabeth Burns (U. of Utah) and Roger Zanarini (Upland Industries, Omaha) have organized a discussion that will be chaired by Burns on "Outlook for the Future: A Dialogue Between Geographers and Private Developers". During that session, Peter Muller (U. of Miami, Coral Gables) and Joseph Beaton (U. of Denver) will discuss urban trends in the Mountain West and in Denver. Also in attendance will be Dana Crawford (Denver preservationist and developer of Larimer Square) and Richard Fleming (president and chief executive officer of the Denver Partnership, Inc.), who will discuss the private and public redevelopment efforts in their city. This session is designed to provide opportunity for increased contact and interchange of information and ideas between academically-based geographers and practitioners in the private sector. This discussion will take place on Sunday 24 April from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Statler Room.

The other panel session has been organized by David Hodge (U. of Washington) and is titled "Research Priorities in Urban Geography". It will be the follow-up to the lively exchange that took place in San Antonio, where 15 leading urban geographers charted their views of where the field was heading. Hodge has reduced the number of participants on the panel to six representatives of different perspectives: Michael Dear (McMaster U.), Robert Lake (Rutgers U.), David Ley (U. of British Columbia), Risa Palm (U. of Colorado), James Vance (U. of California, Berkeley), and Roger Zanarini (Upland Industries). The reduced number of formal statements and the heavy hand of moderator John Adams (U. of Minnesota) should provide more time for discussion by all of those in attendance in the Terrace Room on Monday 25 April from 1:00-2:40 p.m.

Paper sessions include a session cosponsored with the Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group. "Women in the City" will be held on Tuesday 26 April from 8:00-9:40 a.m. in the Statler Room. It has been organized and will be chaired by Roger Miller (U. of Minnesota) and will include presentations by Susan Dale Mackenzie (Queen's U.) and Damaris Rose (McGill U.), "Suburban Women: Towards Feminist Research"; Clare Stapleton Concord (U. of Wisconsin, Madison), "Residential Mobility of Aged Women"; and Mary Ellen Mazey (Wright State U.), "Women in Suburbia". Elizabeth Burns (U. of Utah) will serve as a discussant.

"Institutional Influences on Urban Structure", a session organized and chaired by Murray Austin (U. of Northern Iowa), will be held Tuesday 26 April from 1:00-2:40 p.m. in the Terrace Room. It will include papers by Austin, "Culture, Values, and Planned Urban Change: Implications of the Man-Environment Approach"; April Veness-Randle (U. of Minnesota), "The Influence of the Settlement House on the Structure and Experience of Place"; John Harmon (Central Connecticut State College), "Suburban Linear and Areal Institutions"; and Paul Groth (U. of California, Berkeley), "Hotels as Professionally Forbidden Housing: Ignorance and Omission as Shapers of Urban Form, Growth, and Culture".

The final UGSG-sponsored session on "International Perspectives and Processes of Urbanization" will be held on Wednesday 27 April from 1:00-2:40 p.m. in the Dillion Room. The session has been organized and will be chaired by Harold Leaman (Villanova U.) and will include presentations by Clifton Pannell (U. of Georgia), "Recent Perspectives on Urbanization in China"; John Western (Temple U.), "Colonization and Decolonization: Explorations Toward a Comparison of Certain Chinese and South African Cities"; John O'Loughlin (U. of Illinois, Urbana), "Intraurban Migration of Germans and Foreigners in German Cities"; and Gerald Krausse (U. of Rhode Island), "Interurban Mobility in Southeast Asia". Discussant for this session will be Chauncy Harris (U. of Chicago).

UGSG Election Ballot Enclosed

The ballot for the UGSG Board of Directors election is included on the last page of this Newsletter. Brief biographical statements by each candidate are also included. In addition to the five persons elected in this election, four persons will remain on the Board: Elizabeth Burns, who will become pastchairperson, and Marilyn Brown, Roman Cybriwsky, and Eric Moore, who will serve the second year of their two-year terms as board members. In the event that either Brown or Cybriwsky is elected vicechairperson, the Board has indicated that it will name the fourth-place finisher in the balloting for board positions to fill out the remaining year of Brown's or Cybriwsky's term. Current pastchairperson Thomas Baerwald and board members Chauncy Harris, Truman Hartshorn, and Bonnie Loyd will conclude their terms on the Board.

The UGSG By-Laws stipulate that election ballots are to be tallied by the UGSG secretary-treasurer. Because this year's secretary-treasurer, Roman Cybriwsky, is a candidate, the UGSG has named Thomas Baerwald as acting teller. All ballots should be mailed directly to him and should be mailed so that they are received by him no later than 18 April 1983.



Plans for Washington to be Made in Denver

Robert Lake (Rutgers U.) has been named by UGSG chairperson Elizabeth Burns to chair the UGSG Washington Meeting Committee, which will plan UGSG sessions and activities for the 1984 AAG Meeting in Washington, D.C. Bob invites all persons interested in working with him to develop paper sessions, discussions, and other activities to meet immediately after the UGSG Annual Business Meeting on Monday 25 April at approximately 5:45 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Beverly Room of the Denver Hilton.

All persons interested in working on the committee or in offering suggestions for possible program ideas should phone Bob at (201)-932-3135 or write him at Apt. 2A, 151 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201. You do not have to attend the Denver meeting in order to work on plans for Washington.

Report from 1982 U.L.I. Meeting in Denver

The AAG convenes its annual meeting next month in Denver less than one year after the Urban Land Institute held its spring meeting in the Mile High City. The 19-22 May 1982 gathering of the ULI was attended by UGSG member Roger Zanarini (Upland Industries, Omaha), who described the meeting as one of ULI's best in terms of overall quality, but also one of the most pessimistic. (Zanarini reported that the somber mood was also present at the ULI fall meeting in Houston last October, when 1983 was described as a year of planning, because real estate development wasn't expected to pick up until 1984.)

Appearances were made at the Denver meeting by Mayor William McNichols and Eugene Bowes, chairman of the Board of the Denver Partnership, a semi-public downtown promotional organization. After hyping Denver as a city for the 1980s, they acknowledged that the current building boom would result in a 3.5 million square foot oversupply of office space by the end of 1983, although the surplus was expected to be exhausted by 1986 or 1987. Increased demands had increased downtown office rents from \$11 to \$25 per square foot since 1978, although the robust atmosphere of the late 1970s has been tempered somewhat by the withdrawal of Exxon from its western Colorado oil shale development project. Other local power brokers described the managerial emphasis for downtown Denver as one favoring mixed-use development. Housing was seen as a key element, although it was uncertain how affordable housing would be provided. Regeneration of a substantial retail base was another top priority, with the new 16th Street Mall seen as a first step in this process. Additional parking spaces and a new light rail transit system were seen as other pressing needs.

Zanarini reported that there was also considerable interest in two large development projects south of Denver. The New Town of Highlands Ranch is being developed on a 22,000-acre tract southeast of Denver. It was begun in 1978 and opened in 1981. The developer for this project is the Mission Viejo Company, which also developed the Mission Viejo project in the Los Angeles area. Over \$27.5 million was paid for the land at the Denver site. The Ken-Caryl Ranch is a 10,000-acre residential development about 16 miles south of Denver. It is being developed by Johns-Manville, primarily to supply housing for many of the employees who work at its nearby corporate headquarters.

BOARD CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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Following are short biographical statements of all candidates for the UGSG Board. The statements are in the form they were submitted to the UGSG Newsletter. Statements were based on a request by the newsletter editor for information on (1) current activities and research, (2) service to the UGSG, AAG, and other professional organizations, and (3) plans for the UGSG if elected.

Chairperson (1 Elected)

David Hodge

Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of Washington, Seattle.

Current activities and research: Current research involves (1) measurement of the geography of urban mass transit subsidies and (2) interurban differences in intraurban migration (using the Annual Housing Survey). Activities include being assistant chair of the department, academic coordinator of the UW Center for Social Science Computation and Research, and consultant to the Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Service: Boardmember and secretary-treasurer of the UGSG (1981-82) and vicechairperson of the UGSG (1982-83); Directorate Member, U.S. UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Panel 11 (1981-).

Goals for UGSG: The major goal of UGSG should be the encouragement of the growth of urban geography as an academic and applied field and the stimulation of communication between its members. The UGSG has made significant steps in organizing and supporting special sessions at annual meetings, a practice that should continue to be a high priority, especially for the 1984 meeting in Washington. We should also continue to encourage research and publication of our members through such activities as the dissertation awards and our relationship with Urban Geography. Finally, we need to find better ways to keep our members informed of ongoing research and applied projects and, if possible, help to coordinate, or at least encourage, cooperative research among our members.

Vicechairperson (1 Elected)

Marilyn Brown

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Urbana.

Current activities and research: Recent publications include "Modelling the Spatial Distribution of Suburban Crime", Economic Geography (1982); "A Typology of Suburbs and Its Public Policy Recommendations", Urban Geography (1981); and "Understanding Residential Energy Conservation Through Attitudes and Beliefs", with S. M. Macey, Environment and Planning A (1983). Current research includes writing a book with A. Isserman on the geography of contemporary American suburbs, and research on the urban geography of residential energy consumption.

Service: Board member of the UGSG (1982-84), including work to establish UGSG dissertation competition; chair and discussant at numerous sessions of regional and national meetings of the AAG and the Regional Science Association.

Goals for UGSG: Continuation of annual dissertation competition; development of a directory of funding opportunities for urban geographers; organization of UGSG paper sessions at regional meetings of the AAG; continuation of UGSG paper sessions and panel discussions at annual meetings of the AAG.

Roman Cybriwsky

Associate Professor of Geography and Urban Studies and Director of the Urban Studies Program, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Current activities and research: Research on neighborhood change, gentrification, and downtown development trends in U.S. cities. Recent publications on specific neighborhoods in Philadelphia and on the Philadelphia CBD.

Service: Board member of the UGSG (1982-84) and secretary-treasurer of the UGSG (1982-83); member of Local Arrangements Committee, 1979 AAG Annual Meeting (in charge of field trips and field trip guide); local author for AAG Comparative Metropolitan Analysis Project; member of Nominating Committee (1983) and Local Arrangements Co-Chair (1982) for the Urban Studies Association.

Goals for UGSG: UGSG should continue to serve as an important forum for urban geography and as a vehicle through which contacts in urban geography are made. The newsletter and the specialty group sessions at the AAG annual meetings should continue to evolve as important sources for information and research results. Additional emphasis should be given to improving teaching in urban geography.

Board Members (3 Elected)

Susan Brooker-Gross

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg

Current activities and research: Forthcoming articles in Urban Geography and Geografiska Annaler on some relationships between mass media and urban systems set the tone for my current research project—analysis of the portrayal of urban sub-regions by metropolitan newspapers. Other work in progress includes analysis of a journey-to-work survey in a nonmetropolitan urban area. Teaching activities include an introductory urban course and advanced urban social courses.

Service: Committee work includes Program Committee, Honors Committee, and others for the Southeastern Division, AAG.

Goals for UGSG: Supplementing newsletter with teaching ideas—course activities, outlines, reviews of textbooks (especially after actual use), notices of urban-related teaching materials in other publications. "Blocking" of UGSG sessions should continue at annual meetings, with the addition of times not to conflict with urban field trips. Speaker exchanges among academic departments and between academic units and nonacademic agencies and firms.

Forrest Cason

Planner, Long Range Planning Division, City of Aurora, Colorado

Current activities and research: Principal planning responsibilities for fiscal and economic policy analysis, economic base and economic development strategy research, and capital facilities programming. Recently served as governmental liaison to consulting team conducting a major analysis of intergovernmental fiscal flows.

Service: Participant in UGSG sessions.

Goals for UGSG: My primary interest is in promoting policy-relevancy (prescriptive) research and encouraging a change in the reward structures of academic institutions to support this research orientation.

Robin Elisabeth Datel

Instructor, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Current activities and research: Current research is a comparative international study of historic preservation in American and Western European cities. Other research interests include urban social geography and urban landscapes. Research findings have been published in Journal of Geography, Urban Geography, and the University of Chicago Department of Geography Research Papers (forthcoming).

Goals for UGSG: My goals for the UGSG include: (1) enhancing the possibilities for comparative research by improving communication between scholars with similar interests, (2) increasing urban geographers' public service, which becomes increasingly important as academic retrenchment accelerates, (3) promoting exchange of ideas for teaching urban geography, especially field methods, (4) helping urban geographers write collaborative grant proposals, and (5) continuing to innovate in annual meeting session formats.

Robin Flowerdew

Lecturer, Department of Geography, University of Lancaster, Lancaster, U.K.

Current activities and research: Research interests include: (1) inter-urban migration and residential mobility, (2) models of residential job search, (3) residential segregation in the U.S. South, and (4) analysis of small area data from the 1980 U.S. Census and the 1981 U.K. Census. Recent publications include Institutions and Geographical Patterns (edited), published by Croan Helm (London) and St. Martins Press (New York).

Service: Committee member of Quantitative Methods Study Group, Institute of British Geographers.

Goals for UGSG: I would like to encourage closer links between urban geographers in the United States and Britain, especially between the UGSG and the Urban Geography Study Group of the IBG. Possibilities would include joint research initiatives and conferences, perhaps taking advantage of recent census data from both countries.

Robert Lake

Associate Professor, Center for Urban Policy Research, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey

Current activities and research: Continuing research on suburban racial segregation, housing discrimination, and municipal service delivery. Director of New Jersey Capital Infrastructure Needs Analysis, cosponsored by the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee. Recent publications include Readings in Urban Analysis: Perspectives on Urban Form and Structure and articles in Urban Geography and American Planning Association Journal.

Service: Board member of UGSG (1980-81), member of UGSG Annual Meeting Program Committee (1981-82), and UGSG roundtable organizer (1982).

Candidate Statements (Cont.)

Robert Lake (Continued)

Goals for UGSG: The UGSG can expand its role through: (1) sponsorship of collaborative research, (2) monitoring of employment trends and opportunities for students trained in urban geography, and (3) conducting a survey of departments for a report on the status of North American urban geography, identifying enrollment trends, course offerings, and jobs obtained by graduates.

Edward Muller

Associate Professor of History and Director of the Urban Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Current activities and research: My current research, funded by a NSF grant, involves a micro-scale, longitudinal assessment of changing employment opportunities among public housing tenants. It is entitled "Employability in Public Housing: 1940-1970: An Analysis of Three Models of Social Change". I am also slowly pursuing a study of urban waterfront development with Pittsburgh as a case in point. Publications include various articles on the historical geography of 19th century North American cities in Geographical Review, Journal of Historical Geography, Historical Geography, and various monograph series.

Service: Chair of AAG Research Grants Committee (1982-83); secretary, Eastern Historical Geography Association (1976-80); and organizer of the combined meeting of the Eastern, Mid-America, and Ontario Historical Geography Associations (1982).

Goals for UGSG: I wish to promote the involvement of urban geographers in the public policy issues and affairs of their own regional and metropolitan areas. It is necessary to communicate what others are doing, what local funding sources can be tapped, and what services can be undertaken to underscore the contributions and assets of geography.

Allen Scott

Professor, Department of Geography, University of California, Los Angeles

Current activities and research: Research into the effects of production system dynamics on intra- and inter-urban spatial patterns, local labor markets in cities, and the urban land question in relation to urban political movements. Recent publications: (1) The Urban Land Nexus and the State, Pion (1980); (2) Urbanization and Urban Planning in Capitalist Society (with M. Dear), Methuen (1981); and (3) "Production System Dynamics and Metropolitan Development", Annals, AAG (1982).

Goals for UGSG: To work for the continued and extended operation of the UGSG as a serious forum of intellectual debate, critique, and exchange.

W. Randy Smith

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Ohio State University, Columbus

Current activities and research: Research focuses on the evolution and structure of national and regional urban systems. Special attention has been given to population concentration in the urban systems of more developed and less developed nations, to the impact of transport changes on urban system evolution, to corporate activity at the urban system scale, and more recently, to the impact of recent international migration on the American urban system. Publications include: "Metropolitan Dominance and Foreign Control of the Canadian Urban System" (with R. K. Semple), Canadian Geographer (1981); Aspects of Growth in a Regional Urban System, Atkinson College, Department of Geography, York University (1982); and "Population Concentration in an Urban System: Korea, 1949-1980" (with W. Huh and G. Demko), Urban Geography (forthcoming).

Service: Member of and participant at meetings of UGSG, AAG, Canadian Association of Geographers, and National Council for Geographic Education.

Goals for UGSG: I see the main role of the UGSG as being a unit for collecting and distributing information on activities of importance and interest to its members, and for organizing special sessions at annual meetings. In those roles in its relatively short history, the UGSG has been very effective. As a board member, I would like to see: (1) a continued effort to increase membership and to involve as many UGSG members as possible in the activities of the specialty group, (2) the establishment of contacts between the UGSG and other urban-related specialty groups (of the CAG, for example), or groups with a strong geographic education function, such as the NCGE, (3) a consideration of additional methods to increase the visibility and the importance of the UGSG to the academic and non-academic communities. This might take the form of brief statements in the Newsletter of current urban research in various departments, of efforts by departments to place their students (undergraduate and graduate) as they complete their degree programs, or of recent titles of degree theses and research papers in the urban field. It might also be of use to consider establishing a limited urban geography working paper series or research projects to highlight the concerns and issues which the UGSG sees as being important to promote the visibility and viability of the specialty group.

OTHER ITEMS

Call for Participation in 1984 I.G.U. Congress in Paris

The U.S. National Committee for the International Geographical Union encourages participation of American geographers in the 1984 IGU Congress. The main sessions will be held in Paris from 27 to 31 August 1984, preceded by symposia of commissions and working groups at various sites in France and other Alpine countries. The Congress will be followed by field excursions, of which about 40 are being planned. Programs are being arranged by many commissions and working groups, including: Working Group on Great World Metropolitan Cities (contact J. Beaujeu-Garnier, Institute de Geographie, 171 rue Saint Jacques, 75005 Paris, France), the Working Group on Urbanization in Developing Countries (contact M. I. Logan, Department of Geography, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria 3168, Australia), and the Working Group on the Geography of Transport (contact C. Muscara, Instituto di Urbanistica, Facolta di Architettura, 32 Via Cassia, 00191 Rome, Italy).

General information on the 1984 Congress is available from IGU Comite International D'Organisation, 19 rue Isidore-Pierre, 14000 Caen, France. The U.S. National Committee is seeking funds to assist travel by American participants. Further information on the support and the conference will be published in the AAG Newsletter, provided at the AAG meeting in Denver, and will be available from H. J. Walker, Chair, USNC/IGU, Department of Geography, Louisiana State U., Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

UGSG Board Election Ballot

For CHAIRPERSON (Term ends 4/1984)
(Vote For One)

___ David Hodge

For VICECHAIRPERSON (Term ends 4/1984)
(Vote For One)

___ Marilyn Brown

___ Roman Cybriwsky

For BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Terms end 4/1985)
(Vote For Three)

___ Forrest Cason

___ Robin Elisabeth Datel

___ W. Randy Smith

___ Edward Muller

___ Robert Lake

___ Susan Brooker-Gross

___ Robin Flowerdew

___ Allen Scott

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Partners for Livable Places

Partners for Livable Places, a national civic organization that was created in 1977 by a number of nonprofit organizations that shared concern in the quality of communities, describes itself as "concerned about all the things that contribute to the livability of a community, with a special interest in the factor that unites them—the sense of community activism and involvement that makes livability possible.... Partners' major goal is to foster civic leadership in communities nationwide, to create the livable communities of tomorrow." Membership is open to nonprofit organizations, municipalities, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and individuals that share this concern. PLP runs a variety of programs, holds conferences and meetings, and publishes a number of periodicals and reports. Individual memberships cost \$35 annually and include subscriptions to Place magazine, Livability Digest, and Livability newsletter. To join or obtain more information, write Partners for Livable Places, 1429 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.



Denver in 1859. (From a drawing in the collection of the Library of Congress.)



Neal Pierce Applauds Downtown Denver Redevelopment Efforts

Neal R. Pierce, nationally-syndicated commentator on the contemporary urban scene, discussed downtown redevelopment efforts in Denver in an article last May. Excerpts of that article (from the Minneapolis Tribune, 16 May 1982) are:

"Denver has emerged as the city of the '80s. In the '60s, it was Atlanta and Minneapolis. Houston was the boomtown of the '70s. In the '80s, the spotlight is on Denver." Such traditional hyperbole, from a promotion piece boosting this city, is best taken with a grain of salt. Denver, however, may soon show the country something more than the present unbridled growth fueled by a floodtide of energy industries exploiting the Rocky Mountain region. An unconventional focus on downtown development is coming from an unexpected quarter—the city's captains of finance and industry. And it isn't your typical brand of rah-rah boosterism. Instead, this fast-expanding city is talking about values such as quality urban design, historic preservation, downtown, and close-in neighborhood housing.

"An advanced form of managing the downtown retailing district is emerging here. Suddenly, it seems fair to say that Denver in the '80s embodies the latest planning for more livable, competitive downtowns. The new approach is sorely needed. With the roaring office-space boom, Denver has a ghost-town aura after working hours. The catalyst for change was introduced two years ago when Downtown Denver, Inc., the city's 25-year-old traditional trade association, recruited Richard Fleming as its president. Fleming is one of those indefatigable civic entrepreneurs' timid city establishments hesitate to hire. He quickly convinced the city's business elite to recast its organizational structure from the ground up. First came formation of a new private-sector leadership forum, The Denver Partnership, with a board of 110 business leaders (mostly chief executive officers). Then, under the Partnership umbrella, Downtown Denver, Inc., reemerged as the management corporation for the 50-square block district surrounding the 16th Street pedestrian mall now being completed. A chief goal will be to attract crowds evenings and weekends, not just when the nearby office towers are filled with workers. The corporation plans to sponsor open-air concerts and festivals, arrange for crafts and produce markets, and hire mall attendants to provide directions and information to pedestrians. Costs will be paid by a mandatory assessment of businesses based on their estimated economic advantage from the new mall.

"On the nonprofit side, the Denver Partnership has formed a second subsidiary called Denver Civic Ventures. A charitable, public-purpose group, its mission is to improve the quality of life of the inner city by encouraging high-quality urban design, historic preservation, and the development of downtown housing. Now the same design team—six architects and planners—offers regular advice to developers on how they can shape their plans to promote mixed use, enhance the cityscape, and build an environment attractive to pedestrians.... Sweet persuasion is not the only new tool being applied. There was great fear the 16th Street Mall would become a street-level tunnel between 70-story buildings. So Downtown Denver involved more than 100 merchants, developers, architects, property owners, and public officials in drawing up a major new zoning code. It rewards developers with greater height allowances if they will include such public-purpose amenities as ground-level, pedestrian-oriented retail space, historic preservation, and open plazas to let in sunlight. The city council agreed unanimously. The mall... will have public-transit terminals at each end, acting as intercept points for the regional transit system... and will be serviced by low-slung electric vehicles. Operating every 60 to 90 seconds, they're supposed to match the convenience of elevators, linking the mall's stores, restaurants, offices, and a planned Rouse Co. 'festival marketplace' bigger than Baltimore's Harborplace.

"Denver still faces a myriad of challenges. Heavy auto traffic pollution often casts a brown cloud over the city; that and traffic from the mushrooming downtown office concentration makes a regional light-rail system—so far rejected by the voters—virtually mandatory.... Denver's acute shortage of affordable center-city housing is a serious problem that the partnership is committed to solving—as yet without a clear solution. Denver Civic Ventures is also going all-out to get local firms to give 2 percent of their pre-tax profits to charity and encourage employee volunteerism. But so far many new raw-and-ready energy firms haven't thought beyond their own profits. Denver can take hope, though, because it's mobilized the heavyweights in its business establishment to start looking beyond narrow self-interest and to understand the need for planning and careful management—especially in a booming Sunbelt city."

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