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Weekly Eclipse on Federal Housing Programs now available

Federal housing programs are the topic of a new weekly eclipse from the WIRC. The eclipse covers news about HUD, USDA's Rural Housing Service, and VA home loans, including info from *Housing Affairs Letter*, *National Mortgage News*, *Inside Mortgage Finance*, and other industry newsletters. Each weekly update includes links to numerous articles available on the Web; all others can be ordered same day from the WIRC.

The Federal Housing Programs Eclipse is one of nine eclipse services available from the WIRC. Others include NAR in the News (daily), Technology (twice weekly), Insurance (weekly) and International Trends (weekly). To be added to a distribution list, or to find out more about eclipses, contact Frederik Heller, fheller@realtors.org or x1157.



1992 lunar eclipse (NASA)

WIRC Website debuts in January

Watch for the new WIRC website to debut in January 2004. More and more of the research tools & resources available to you through the WIRC are available online. This new website will put many of those resources right at your fingertips, with when-you-need-it access to the daily *American Banker*, *Housing & Development Reporter*, *ProQuest*, *ALLREGS*, and more. No more hunting for URLs and passwords....

Need a scanner? Visit the WIRC!

The WIRC has a scanner available for NAR staff to use. Convert your printed documents and photos to electronic formats, including PDF, JPG, GIF, DOC, or plain text. It can scan multiple pages, photos, drawings, etc., in black & white or color. Just bring a Zipdisk (100Mb) to transport your completed scan back to your PC. To use the scanner or for assistance, just visit the WIRC.

Did you know...

- The WIRC handled **347** NAR staff requests in November 2003
- The **Field Guide to Do-Not-Call Laws** was the most popular resource in the Virtual Library on Realtor.org during the month of November, with well over 30,000 page views. (<http://www.realtor.org/libweb.nsf/pages/fg707>)



Web Search Tip: Fed In Print

The Federal Reserve System publishes thousands of articles, regulations, and working papers each year. Search the published output of the entire Federal Reserve System with the San Francisco Fed's **Fed In Print** database (<http://www.frbsf.org/publications/fedinprint/index.html>). Fed In Print allows you to search by keyword, publication name, author, title, date, etc., including the latest *Federal Reserve Bulletin* and regional staff studies. Best of all, most of the recent (after 1996) material listed includes direct links to their full-text versions on the Web.



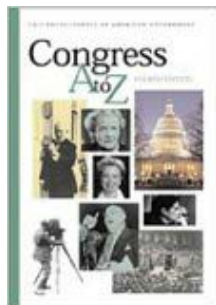
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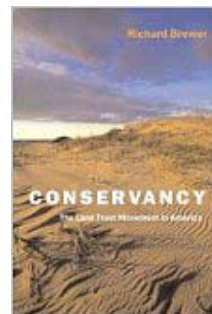
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Congress A to Z, 4th Edition, (CQ Press, 2003).
Whether you need to know who the Cannon House Office Building is named after or how the veto process works, *Congress A to Z* is the book to consult for quick answers to your questions about Congress. This new edition has been fully updated to include events and people who have appeared on the scene since the previous edition was published in 1996.



Conservancy: The Land Trust Movement in America, by Richard Brewer, (University Press of New England, 2003).
There are 1,300 land trusts in the U.S., with more coming into being each month. From their beginnings in 1890s New England to the rails-to-trails movement, Brewer combines history with an examination of different types of land trusts, how they work, and where they're most successful.

More new titles:

- » **Real Estate Brokerage: A Management Guide, 6th Edition**, by Laurel McAdams, John Cyr, & Joan Sobeck, (Dearborn Real Estate Education, 2004).
- » **America's Trillion-Dollar Housing Mistake: The Failure of American Housing Policy**, by Howard Husock, (Ivan R. Dee Publishing, 2003).
- » **Identity Theft: How to Minimize Your Risk of Becoming a Victim**, by John Vacca, (Prentice Hall, 2003).
- » **Identity Theft: How to Protect Your Most Valuable Asset**, by Robert Hammond, (Career Press, 2003).
- » **Discriminating Risk: The U.S. Mortgage Lending Industry in the Twentieth Century**, by Guy Stuart, (Cornell University Press, 2003).
- » **Residential Mortgage Lending: Principles and Practices, 5th Edition**, by Marshall Dennis & Thomas Pinkowish, (South-Western, 2004).
- » **Home Closing Checklist**, by Robert Irwin, (McGraw-Hill, 2004).
- » **Tips & Traps When Selling a Home, 3rd Edition**, by Robert Irwin, (McGraw-Hill, 2004).
- » **Mortgages for Dummies**, by Eric Tyson & Ray Brown, (Wiley Publishing, 2000).
- » **Political Polling: Strategic Information in Campaigns**, by Jeffrey Stonecash, (Rowman & Littlefield, 2003).
- » **Elections A to Z, 2nd Edition**, by John Moore, (CQ Press, 2003).
- » **Streets and the Shaping of Towns and Cities**, by Michael Southworth & Eran Ben-Joseph, (Island Press, 2003).
- » **Federal Regulatory Research: Selected Agency Knowledge Paths**, edited by Rachel Jones, (Haworth Information Press, 2003).
- » **Business Statistics on the Web: Find Them Fast—At Little or No Cost**, by Paula Berinstein, (CyberAge Books, 2003).

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