MORE PN FEEDBACK: The whiter/wither PN issue raised in PN #91 by John Friedmann, Michael Brown, and Pat Morrissey, and annotated by PN Chair Chester Hartman, didn't exactly elicit a flood of responses. Here's what some of them said:

- From an academic Networker who asked to be anonymous: "I disagree with Brown and Friedmann (who suggested time may have passed PN by), and hope you will take their comments as typical of other PNers. Surely, the world has changed, and the nature of progressive planning within it; but, in my view, there is no other mechanism that serves the same function as PN.

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Surely, other Networkers have more to say than this on the subject. Please drop us a note with your thoughts, and the discussion can continue in an upcoming PN.

PN AT THE APA? Following a query in PN #91, we've gotten just three responses to our idea of a PN presence, either formal or informal, at the May conference of the American Planning Association in Washington, DC. That doesn't seem like enough to act upon. But, via some other, non-PN input and energy, there is a real possibility of a very interesting and useful "counter-sessional" or two of some type (plus maybe an informal gathering of PNers).

If you're going to be at the APA meeting, please let us know (202-234-9382, ext. 258), so we can keep you informed of plans and events.

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For comparison, our first-newsletter numbers for 1991 were $2,001 from 48 contributors.

To tell quickly when you last supported PN with a check, look for the date after your name on the mailing label. We change (or add) the date when we get a check. The absence of a date means you have not yet contributed, and we'd like a check from you if possible.

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Our solvency for the year was due entirely to the terrific response to our November reminder postcard, which we sent to more than 400 of you who had not made a financial contribution in more than a year. By year's end more than 160 PNers had responded with more than $5,600.

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FROM THE CHAIR: In this newsletter is a travel note by Newsletter Editor Prentice Bowsher. Lots of you go abroad on professional and vacation trips, and it would be good for you to think about similar brief accounts, relating what you see in other countries to what's going on in the U.S., in the way of planning issues.

While I'm on the subject: I really want everyone in the Network to recognize how important Prentice is to our operation. He handles newsletter editing (I do a bit, but he's the key editor), oversees its production, keeps our mailing list current, and handles our finances. All on about 2½-3 days a month. He's probably the easiest and most efficient person I've ever worked with, a true professional (he also has his own consulting firm, carrying out a wide variety of tasks), and PN simply wouldn't be without him. Thanks, Prentice.

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PARTICIPATORY DESIGN: Theory & Techniques, by Henry Sanoff of the North Carolina State University School of Design, is a 212-page collection of essays exploring the movement toward involving the user in the process of design decision-making. No price indicated. Contact: Henry Sanoff, 405 W. Park Dr., Raleigh, NC 27605.

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HOUSING MANAGEMENT: P:ner Tom Nutt-Powell (On Insight, 501 Providence Hwy., Norwood, MA 02062, 617/762-6870) has available two resources on planning for capital needs in long-term building management: an OSI newsletter on capital planning requirements in new HUD audit guidelines; and an OSI-authored article, "Capital Planning for Repair and Replacement," in the September/October 1991 journal for condominiums, co-ops, and co-housing.

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In Thailand, the issue is forcible government resettlement of indigenous forest-dwelling people, transfer of land from commercial use to forest; government conversion of the land to commercial tree farming by large paper companies.

According to the Bangkok Post, both plans—massive resettlement and tree farming—have raised extensive opposition from the press, nongovernmental environmental organizations, and the landless poor, who have been (or are about to be) evicted from their ancestral lands in forest reserves.

Even the Chairman of Phoenix, Pulp and Paper Co. Ltd., which stands to be a major corporate beneficiary of the moves, has described them as unfair to the people and unacceptable to him, and urged the Government to reconsider the objective of the program. His alternative, opposed by the Thai Forestry Department, would allocate 75 percent of the land in the degraded forest to the people and the rest simply to natural and economic forests.

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Networkers' Reports

'Planning in the Global Village'

by Prentice Bowsher

(PN Editor Prentice Bowsher spent part of a recent sabbatical teaching in Asia.)

The opportunity to travel for a month as a tourist in Hong Kong, Thailand, and Nepal was a long-time dream come true, and turned out even better in reality than in prospect. In both Thailand and Hong Kong (I accepted a rare excursion into the deeply troubling poverty and deprivation of the Third World. All my senses were on high alert. The English-language literature was part of my alert system, and my workday interest in urban, social, and ecological planning issues soon began turning up local stories of planning-related activities.

First in Hong Kong and then later in Thailand and Nepal, English-language papers, citing major local events, raised serious planning-related issues: enforcement, forced relocation of indigenous people, and ecologically damaging deforestation. Curious, I began saving key stories.

I was interested, for example, in how the local players were, and how seriously they regarded the issues; how the public and private sectors related; what roles the press, nongovernmental organizations, and academic centers had taken up; how citizen participation was valued, and how active it might be. As cut from newspapers, the stories are "issue snapshots" only. Sometimes they capture a moment in the firewood production, in a country where 75 percent of the people still depend on wood as their main fuel. Firewood smuggling is another cause. More than 184,000 cubic meters of timber, for example, were smuggled out of Nepal in the year ending May 1991, according to the Forest Ministry.

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Upcoming Conferences

- SHELTER-FIRST & THIRD WORLDS: The Univ of Michigan College of Architecture and Urban Planning (Ann Arbor; MI 48109) is hosting an international conference May 7-9 on “Shelter, Women and Development: First and Third World Perspectives.” Registration is $225. Details: Homelata C. Dan- dekar, 313/763-1114.


- NATIONAL PEOPLES ACTION (810 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60622) will hold its 21st annual conference April 4-6 in Washington, DC.


- BUDGET MARCH: Save Our Cities! Save Our Children! (424 C St. N.E., Wash. DC 20002) will sponsor May 16 a nonpartisan national march on Washington in protest against cutbacks in federal funding for cities. Contact: Wendy Grassel, 202/944-5992.

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- DRUGS/HOUSING: UCSF Extension/Aldrich, Tobacco & Other Drug Studies (9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, CA 92038, 619/532-2434) will host a conference April 10-11 in San Diego on “Recovery-Conducive Affordable Housing Strategies.” A related conference, “Developing Social Model Recovery Resources,” will be held June 4-5, also in San Diego.


- NONPROFIT HOUSING/NEW YORK: The Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development Inc. (236 W. 27th St., New York, NY 10012) will sponsor a conference April 3 in New York on “Community-Based Housing: Visions and Challenges for the Nineties.”

- HOUSING CO-OPS/NEW YORK: The Urban Homesteading Assistance Board (40 Prince St., New York, NY 10012, 212/236-4119) will sponsor a conference April 11 in New York on “Managing Your Cooperative: Neighborhoods at Work.”

Calls for Papers

- GENDER/ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING: Economic Development Quarterly has issued a call for papers on gender and regional economic restructuring for a planned focus issue. One-page proposals are due June 15. Details: PNR Margaret Dewar, Urban Planning Program, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 313/936-0247.

- HUMAN ECOLOGY: The Society for Human Ecology has issued a call for papers and workshop proposals for its sixth conference October 2-4 in Snowbird, UT, on the theme “Human Ecology: Crossing Boundaries.” Submission deadline is April 1, but some papers may be possible. Details: Scott D. Wright, FCS Dept., Univ. of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112, 801/581-8750.


Jobs

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

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Upcoming Conferences

- **SHELTER/FIRST & THIRD WORLDS**: The Univ. of Michigan College of Architecture and Urban Planning (Ann Arbor, MI 48109) is sponsoring its 22nd annual conference May 7-9 on "Shelter, Women and Development: First and Third World Perspectives." Registration is $225. Details: Hemalata C. Dan- dekar, 313-763-1114.

- **CDCs**: The National Congress for Community Economic Development (1875 Connecticut Ave. N.W. 20524, Wash. DC 20009; 202-234-5009) will host its 22nd annual conference March 25-27 in Philadelphia, on the theme: "Beyond Bricks and Mortar: Rebuilding Healthy Communities."

- **NATIONAL PEOPLES ACTION**: 810 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60622/212-343-3083 will hold its 21st annual conference April 4-6 in Washington, DC.


- **BUDGET MARCH**: Save Our Cities! Save Our Children! (424 C St. N.E., Washington, DC 20002) will sponsor May 16 a nonpartisan national march on Washington in protest against cutsbacks in federal funding for cities. Contact: Wendy Grassel, 202/444-5092.

- **TRANSPORTATION**: Transportation 2000 (Box 2389, Washington, DC 20013) will hold a conference November 8-10 in Washington, DC, on "What the U.S. Can Learn from Abroad." Contact: Merry Havens, 303/444-2100.

- **TUFTS INSTITUTE**: The seventh annual Tufts Univ. Nonprofit Management and Community Development Institute (Lincoln Fiese Center, Medford, MA 02155) will be held May 30-June 1 in Medford, with some 40 one-, two-, and three-day courses. Details: Mike Fogelberg, Program Assistant, 617/534-2324 will host a conference April 10-11 in San Diego on "Recovery-Conductive Affordable Housing Strategies." A related conference, "Developing Social Model Recovery Resources," will be held June 4-5, also in San Diego.

- **SOUTH AMERICA**: The Center for Urban and Regional Studies (Corrientes Ave. 2835 7th Flc., (1193) Buenos Aires, Argentina) and the University of Buenos Aires Institute of Geography will host the second international conference October 23-25 in Buenos Aires on "Economic Integration, Society, and Social Participation in South America: An Alternative Analysis." Details: Elsa Laurelli, Center for Urban and Regional Studies.

- **COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS**: The Institute for Community Economics (57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105) will sponsor a workshop March 27 in Rockford, IL, on "Introducing the Community Land Trust Approach to Permanently Affordable Housing and Farmland Preservation." Details: Carrie Noble, 413/746-8600.

- **NONPROFIT HOUSING/NEW YORK**: The Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development Inc. (256 W. 27th St., New York, NY 10011) will sponsor a conference April 6 in New York on "Community-Based Housing: Visions and Challenges for the Nineties."

- **HOUSING CO-OPS/NEW YORK**: The Urban Homesteading Assistance Board (40 Prince St., New York, NY 10012, 212/226-4119) will sponsor a conference April 11 in New York on "Managing Your Cooperative: Neighborhoods at Work."

Calls for Papers

- **GENDER/ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING**: Economic Development Quarterly has issued a call for papers on gender and regional economic restructuring for a planned focus issue. One-page proposals are due June 15. Details: PNer Margaret Dewar, Urban Planning Program, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 313/936-0247.

- **HUMAN ECOLOGY**: The Society for Human Ecology has issued a call for papers and workshop proposals for its sixth conference October 2-4 in Snowbird, UT, on the theme: "Human Ecology: Crossing Boundaries." Submission deadline is April 1, but some flexibility may be possible. Details: Scott D. Wright, FCS Dept., Univ. of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112, 801/581-8750.


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☐ MAY PN DEADLINE: The arrival deadline for copy for the next Planners Network is Monday, May 4. We look forward to hearing from as many Networkers as possible. As always, our thanks to those who can type their notes. It reduces our chances of misreading what you write.

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☐ 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 double as regional contacts), and how to calculate contributions.

☐ MOVING? TELL PN: When you move, please let us know directly. A thoughtful change-of-address postcard will cost you just 19 cents. On the other hand, if the Post Office returns our (non-forwardable) Third Class newsletter with your new address, which is how we often learn of PNers’ moves (we mark the newsletter “Return & Forwarding Postage Guaranteed”), it costs us far more. So please help us cut our costs, send us a postcard.

☐ 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, and generate support.

☐ 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 one. Names (like luggage) sometimes look alike, 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 us, 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.