Editor's note: We're heading into the Labor Day weekend (U.S.); the ANN newsletter will return on Tuesday, September 2.

Project costs Australian architect his life. -- Urban sprawl causes midriff sprawl. -- Holyrood headaches continue. -- Architects choose fashion over function. -- Developers go for style. -- CASE chairman does not mince words: launches "broadside at the UK's housebuilders...champions the cause of good design and the need for buildings to create public space." -- Modern country homes cause debate. -- Public housing project gets landmark nod. -- New towers for Liverpool (but no observation deck). -- The punch of Guggenheim Bilbao in a bungalow. -- Birmingham's own Bilbao almost ready to draw the crowd. -- Ando reshapes Tokyo. -- Starck may reshape Boston brick. -- Weekend reading: Trailer parks (great slide show) and Russel Wright.

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Obituary: John Walsh, 49; Workplace accident kills architect - Port Macquarie News (Australia)

Urban sprawl makes Americans fat, study finds (Reuters) - Environmental News Network

Holyrood: 300 design changes in July point to even more delays to come: 36 architects on site working on drawings - Building (UK)

Architects choose fashion over function: These days, little thought is given to a building's ability to 'grow old with grace.' By Arrol Gellner - Staten Island Advance

Offering a sense of style: Builders try out bold designs, pricey materials to stand out - Harwick and Partners; Humphreys and Partners Architects; RTKL; Womack and Hampton Architects - Dallas Morning News

Developer who sees the world differently: chairman of the Commission on Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE)...feels comfortable with lambasting the property establishment - Sir Stuart Lipton - Financial Times (UK)

Countryside goes modern: a proliferation of intriguing, new rural homes...have sparked furious debate: New English Country House exhibition at the Royal Institute of British Architects [images] - This is London (UK)

Byker estate, from 1970s outrage to a bit of heritage: Official recognition for housing estate which was subject of awe, hilarity and controversy - Ralph Erskine-Guardian (UK)

Award for Byker Wall set to open a few doors: hope...means more funding for essential upgrading and refurbishment work. - Ralph Erskine - icNewcastle (UK)

Twin towers plan near Liverpool's waterfront - Allford Hall Monaghan Morris [image] - icLiverpool (UK)

Gehry says first UK project is better than Guggenheim: Maggie's Dundee cancer therapy centre packs punch of Bilbao into building the size of a large bungalow. [images] - Building (UK)

Birmingham shows its metal: Selfridges's new department store...likely to attract people to Birmingham in the same way Frank Gehry's Guggenheim brought people to Bilbao. - Future Systems [image] - This is London (UK)

Japan's maverick architect fashions new face for Tokyo - Tadao Ando - MSNBC

From 'under arrest' to possibly arresting: Former police station will get postmodern makeover if team gets nod to develop - Philippe Starck/Yoo Ltd.; Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates - Boston Globe

Trailer Joes: Do two new books on trailer parks signal the second glorious age of the RV? [slide show] - Slate

The Russel Wright way to live 'Easier' - USA Today

INSIGHT: A Story of a Place: Placemaking is the art of architecture connecting spaces to communities. By Alexander Wu - ArchNewsNow

- Bernard Tschumi: Construction start: New Acropolis Museum, Athens, Greece
- Frank Gehry & Partners/Herbert S. Newman and Partners: University of Connecticut School of Fine Arts at Storrs
- Rem Koolhaas/Office for Metropolitan Architecture: Paard van Troje (Trojan Horse), Hague, The Netherlands
- Snehettis: Final design phase: Museum and Hotel, Tafjord, Sunnmøre, Norway
- Santiago Calatrava: Preliminary design: Woodall Rodgers Extension Bridge, Trinity River Corridor Project, Dallas
- Cruz & Ortiz Architects: Final draft: New Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

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