

Today's News - March 24, 2006

Rebuilding after Cyclone Larry in Australia (shades of and lessons from Katrina, perhaps?). – Alsop's risk-taking too risky; now he's part of "a conglomerate of little-known commercial architectural practices." – Is the "fertile chaos" of third-world cities the future of modernity? – "Save the burbs" campaign launches in the U.K. because "we need these greenbelts of condescension..." – Winner announced in Sydney's East Darling Harbour development competition - but there is a danger of bean counters and dullness winning out, warns Farrelly. – British city parks in danger of becoming "canyons of commercial opportunity amid towers of the new urbanism." – Big plans for Israel Museum in Jerusalem. – An interesting collaboration for the filling station of the future. – Metropolis magazine celebrates its 25th anniversary with eloquent articles reflecting on "some of the defining moments in the design world since 1981." – L.A. launches a design marathon (could it be the next Milan?). – Deadline looms for inaugural international Grand Designs Magazine Awards. – Weekend diversions: a tome about a dashing, daring designer. – "I Love the Burbs" on view in a New York 'burb. – Piranesi for just a short while in Washington, DC.

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[Op-Ed: Cyclone Larry: Building After the Event: The rebuilding in post-cyclone northern Queensland, Australia, affords a major opportunity to rebuild for a changing climate. By Tony Fry](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Risk-taking architect has to sell firm in fall from grace: ...Will Alsop, was forced to sell his business yesterday after being refused work in Britain...was taken over yesterday by SMC Group, a conglomerate of little-known commercial architectural practices...will be known as SMC Alsop.](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Maximum cities: London, Paris and New York are dying – the 21st century belongs to the fertile chaos of the third-world metropolis...the arrival of an alternative vision of modernity-](#) New Statesman (UK)

[Save our boring 'burbs: This week...think-tank Demos will launch a "save the suburbs" campaign, seeking to revitalise pleasantville...but don't pretend they are anything but naff: we need these greenbelts of condescension, this land of rockeries, Volvos, and garden gnomes...](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Glass to grass as Carr vision canned: Under the winning design for the future of Sydney's last remaining container wharf much of Millers Point \[East Darling Harbour development\] would be transformed into an 11 hectare park lined with 1500 apartments and 11,000 offices. -- Hill Talis Architects \[image\]](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[Politeness and bean counters win in an upset: The Talis team's winning proposal is careful and intelligent...But there is a danger of dullness here. By Elizabeth Farrelly-](#) Sydney Morning Herald

[Our precious urban prairies pay for themselves in peace and quiet: City parks are pearls beyond price - but that hasn't stopped mayors and ministers turning them into cash cows...see the royal parks as akin to New York's Central Park, canyons of commercial opportunity amid towers of the new urbanism.](#)- Guardian (UK)

[A face-lift for the Israel Museum: ...the most extensive and far-reaching renovation plan since the museum was inaugurated in 1965... By Esther Zandberg -- Alfred Mansfeld/Dora Gad \(1965\); Zvi Efrat/Meira Kowalsky; James Carpenter Design Associates; Asaf Lerman-](#) Ha`aretz (Israel)

[Fill 'er up - with hydrogen: The filling station of the future: ...architect Alan Goldberg...is principal of AG/ENA, which has formed a multi-company alliance working to develop a prototype. -- ARRC/H2 Alliance-](#) New Canaan Advertiser (Connecticut)

[25 Years Of Design Thinking: ...some of the defining moments in the design world since 1981, when Metropolis was founded. \[links to articles by Antonelli, Blum, Goldberger, Nobel, Pedersen, etc.\]](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[L.A. exhibits a spree décor: For the first time, three big shows will align in a marathon of design. But will it have legs? -- CA Boom; WestWeek; NeoCon West-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Call for entries: Inaugural International Grand Designs Magazine Awards for Architecture and Products; deadline: April 2-](#) Grand Designs Magazine

[The dashing designer: Carlo Mollino crashed planes, skied glaciers, raced at Le Mans - and made magnificent furniture. \[link to images\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Suburbia Explored at the Katonah Museum of Art's 'I Love the Burbs': ...a lighthearted but sharp-eyed exploration of suburbia as states of mind as well as physical environments.](#)- New York Times

[Master Architect Of the Fallen Arch: Images of destruction are regular fare, whether from Hollywood or the nightly news. But there is nothing like a Piranesi etching to convey the collapse of civilization. By Linda Hales-](#) Washington Post

[Second Look: Pavilion and Colonnade Apartments by Mies van der Rohe, 1960: Current news about "starchitects" designing high-rise housing in New York is at an all-time high, but Mies did it across the Hudson River 46 years ago. By Fred Bernstein \[image\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[René van Zuuk Architekten: Block 16 and Almere Bridge, Almere, The Netherlands](#)

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