

Today's News - August 17, 2006

Public health and urban development: a call to cure our sick cities, and a report on the relationship between public health and the built environment - both offer advice. – Big, green plans for an obscure Toronto jewel. – Big, green, open spaces for Brooklyn's Atlantic Yards: are they big - and public - enough? – Will a large Ferris wheel be big enough to revive West Berlin? – Could high gas prices kill the suburbs and reshape cities? – A building blitz for a New Orleans family center. – The battle continues to save a Modernist landmark in Moscow (great pix). – Nobel likes his Gehry buildings better when they're undressed. – A Malibu house by an unsung Wright protégé "speaks volumes about the power of restraint." – Milwaukee museum cashes in on its commercial cachet. – "Design e{+2}" on TV: can Brad Pitt make "sustainable design" sexy? – Call for entries: a sustainable design competition for U.S. students. – Inflatable architecture (and more!) on view in Anaheim.

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[Finding a cure for our sick cities: The health and wellbeing of urban residents should be viewed as a central outcome of urban development...The Australian Government response to the Sustainable Cities 2025 inquiry is an important opportunity to move to a path for healthy and sustainable cities.](#) - Sydney Morning Herald

[LEED-ND \[Neighborhood Development\] Report on Public Health & the Built Environment - U.S. Green Building Council \(USGBC\); CNU; Natural Resources Defense Council \(NRDC\)](#)- Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)

[Planting a green vision at Toronto's obscure jewel by the Don River: ...if Evergreen gets its way...the Brick Works...site will be transformed into a busy complex that includes markets, restaurants, teaching facilities, recreational opportunities and a green design showcase.](#) By Christopher Hume – [architectsAlliance](#)- Toronto Star

[Open Space in the Atlantic Yards Development: Public or Private Eden? ...critics argue...the plan is woefully short on parkland, given the project's planned density and the privatizing design of the new open space...would actually worsen the existing deficiency of public open space...](#) – Frank Gehry, Laurie Olin- Gotham Gazette

[Ferris Wheel Plan Offers Hope for District in Decline: Lights Going Out in West Berlin...the tables have turned. The rejuvenated east has the tourists and the nightlife. The flaking west is pondering its past. \[image\]](#)- Der Spiegel (Germany)

[Could rising gas prices kill the suburbs? When a high-cost commute reaches the point of no-return, home buyers will start finding houses closer to work. In fact, some already are...high gas prices could reshape U.S. cities.](#)- MSN

[HomeAid and Beazer Homes to Perform Five-Day Blitz Build of New Orleans Family Center for Katrina Evacuees](#) -- Tulane University School of Architecture; Perez APC; Rodney A. Dionisio- HomeAid

[In Moscow, a Battle for a Modernist Landmark: A house of "global significance" is caught up in a family drama...The Constructivist architect Konstantin Melnikov's grandchildren are fighting over the fate of his landmark 1929 house \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Gehry: The Greatest Architect On Earth: The promise of a "Gehry" is often compromised by the unforgiving realities of building.](#) By Philip Nobel- Metropolis Magazine

[A prism of beauty and light: Frank Lloyd Wright's legacy has been overshadowed by the demand for bigger and more conspicuous designs. The Benton House in Malibu, created by his son-in-law and first apprentice...speaks volumes about the power of restraint. – William Wesley Peters \[slide show\]](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Striking style, commercial cachet: Milwaukee Art Museum draws attention — and revenue — as backdrop for ads...Unseemly? Museum officials don't think so.](#) By Whitney Gould – Santiago Calatrava [images]- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Environmentally Smart Design, Powered by Hollywood: Can Brad Pitt make "sustainable design" sexy? "Design e{+2}: The Economies of Being Environmentally Conscious"...those who tune in will encounter some of the smartest recycled, energy-efficient, materials-conscious buildings on the planet.](#) By Linda Hales – William McDonough; Cameron Sinclair/Architecture for Humanity; Werner Sobek- Washington Post

[Call for entries: 4th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity, and the Planet \(U.S.\); deadline: December 21-](#) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

[Inflatable Architecture \(and more!\) On View in Anaheim August 19-27 \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Fine Tuning: Utah State University Performance Hall: Inspired by the surrounding mountains, a new building establishes a campus arts precinct that bridges the town/gown divide. – Sasaki Associates \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

– Inauguration: SANAA/Kazuyo Sejima + Ryue Nishizawa: Zollverein School, Essen, Germany

– Under construction: Rem Koolhaas/OMA: Coal Washing Plant, Zollverein Mining Complex, Essen, Germany

– Master Plan: Rem Koolhaas/OMA: Zollverein Mining Complex, Essen, Germany

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