

Today's News - February 14, 2007

Grand Avenue passes go. – A peach of a plan for Atlanta's Peachtree Street. – Plan to slow sprawl in an Alabama county will reward developers with a new urbanist bent. – Dublin in danger of L.A.-like sprawl. – Shanghai's struggle to be a livable city. – Duany hot for light rail in Newburgh, NY, waterfront plans. – Innovative infill in Toronto. – A call to keep Ohr-O'Keefe Museum where it is in Gehry's "fanciful architecture." – Design for London challenges 6 young guns. – Blackpool's Peoples Park will be an "incredible surreal dunescape." – Four compete to design a "charm bracelet" of culture for Pittsburgh's North Side. – Singapore wants its own Louvre; will launch international competition shortly (we'll keep an eye on this). – Caro revisits Moses. – A new book about the sad state of British housing estates is a "myopic view of architecture" that invests it "with more power than it possesses on its own to transform society." – Save the Earth and win \$25 million.

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[Grand Avenue project passes go: City and county OK the \\$2.05-billion plan to reshape downtown L.A....some consider the project a model for "smart growth" aimed at encouraging people to walk and use mass transit rather than drive, others see it as a tax giveaway... – Frank Gehry \[images, slide show\]](#)- Los Angeles Times

[A new Peachtree for \\$1 billion: Details emerge on proposed overhaul to add streetcars, parks](#)- Atlanta Journal-Constitution

[Shelby County OKs plan to slow sprawl: The regulations create three types of subdivisions in an attempt to reward developers who build neighborhoods that are walkable and include amenities such as neighborhood business districts and green space. – Gould-Evans](#)- Birmingham News (Alabama)

[Think tank predicts LA-style sprawl: Dublin will soon have a footprint the same size as Los Angeles with less than a quarter of its population... – Urban Forum](#)- Irish Times

[Shanghai Rising: China struggles to build a livable city inside a world-class business capital...Ben Wood's work at Xintiandi has become a symbol of the changing aspirations China has for Shanghai.](#)- BusinessWeek

[Newburgh waterfront designer beats drum for light-rail connection between Stewart International Airport and the city's Broadway – Andres Duany; Leyland Alliance](#)- Times Herald-Record (NY)

[Innovative Infill: Breathing Life Into Toronto's Nooks and Crannies – Shim-Sutcliffe Architects; John Lorinc](#)- Maisonneuve (Montreal)

[Beachfront needs the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art to help rouse its recovery: Katrina must not be permitted to divorce George E. Ohr's fantastic pottery from Frank O. Gehry's fanciful architecture...-](#) Biloxi Sun Herald (Mississippi)

[Young guns go head to head in London design competition...run by Mayor's new design body \[Design for London\] will see six hot architects design plans for one-acre site – FAT; Urban Salon; S333; 6a architects; Brisac Gonzalez; de Rijke Marsh Morgan](#)- Building (UK)

[Lights win Promenade design: People's Playground...Blackpool's multi-million pound new seafront..."Inspired by the otherworldiness of Gulliver's travels and the strange landscapes of Japanese animated film..." – LDA Design; Speirs and Major Associates; Chris Levine; Gardiner and Theobald \[image\]](#)- Blackpool Gazette

[Four design teams offer proposals to revitalize North Side: Plans would link cultural, sports venues...into a "charm bracelet" that will attract families to the area. – Suisman Urban Design; Paula Sher/Pentagram Design; Colab Architecture; Muf Architecture Art](#)- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[Contest for the Louvre of art: The design of the proposed National Art Gallery \[in Singapore\]...will be decided through an Architectural Design Competition that will be launched later this month.](#)- ChannelNewsAsia

[It was his way or the highway: "Robert Moses & the Modern City"...a commentary not only on the figure in their title but on Robert Caro...he termed the exhibit "even-handed" and said it was "thrilling" to have people still debating Moses, and "The Power Broker."](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Building hopes too high: "Estates: An Intimate History" by Lynsey Hanley...The real bogeyman ...architects, especially those in thrall to Le Corbusier, the evil genius of Modernism...hapless working-class families were 'thrust' up in the air by 'arrogant' architects and planners...myopic view of architecture...-](#) Telegraph (UK)

[Billionaire Offers \\$25 Million to Save Earth! As governments dither about greenhouse gases, billionaire Richard Branson offers a reward for removing excess carbon dioxide from Earth's atmosphere.](#)- MIT Technology Review

[In Their Own Words: Abu Dhabi Cultural District: How Gehry, Hadid, Nouvel, and Ando envision their cultural venues on Saadiyat Island. \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[– 3XN: Music Building / BIMhuis, Amsterdam](#)

[– Eric Owen Moss Architects: The Stealth, Culver City, California](#)

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