

Today's News - March 13, 2007

New report says we want "New Urban" not gated communities. – A green subdivision in Missouri will be cross between co-housing and a conservation community. – A call for "even the authors of LEED" to refocus priorities. – A windowless concrete box in San Jose will have zero emissions, zero electricity from the grid (and lots of light!). – Ouroussoff offers high praise for Maltzan's skid row housing projects: "keen architectural intelligence and a social conscience are not necessarily at odds." – Artists lofts project in L.A. shows what can be done (if zoning doesn't do it in). – Not all are convinced by fresh details for Chicago Spire (and no pix - yet). – First pix of Gehry's "artful expansion" of Weisman Art Museum. – Viñoly defends his "walkie talkie" tower (as do some other big names). – Alsop in Delhi says buildings should be fun, and he'd like to design in India, but "architects here don't get paid enough." – Karachi's remade urban park is a missed opportunity. – Emerging Voices 2007 are stronger than ever. – "Robert Moses and the Modern City" has "lessons to teach far beyond the intricacies of urban design."

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[Americans are leaving gated communities: ..."Modern Communities" report deemed "New Urban" communities...the most desirable areas...because they monitor sprawl, foster walkable amenities, and strike a development balance between homes, schools and businesses...."the result of careful and deliberate planning"- Denver Post](#)

[Cultivating a green community: New north Columbia subdivision to offer clean, green living...Bear Creek Prairie has elements of both co-housing and a conservation community. -- Mike Riley/Answers Inc. \[image\]- Columbia Missourian](#)

[Op-Ed: Conserving brick by brick: ...critics point out that in order to address the threat of climate change and reduce our dependence on oil, everyone, even the authors of LEED, must refocus their priorities. By James Batchelor/Arrowstreet -- Mazria/Architecture 2030- Boston Globe](#)

[A deeper shade of green: Z-squared - the latest in green building...a 1960s-era bank building is becoming one of the first commercial structures in the country to supply all its own energy while emitting no greenhouse gases. -- Integrated Design Associates \(IDeAs\); EHDD Architecture- Mercury News \(California\)](#)

[Defying the Odds on a Project in Skid Row: Bold and communally minded, Michael Maltzan's housing projects in Los Angeles are a refreshing rarity in architecture...Rainbow Apartments and the New Carver Apartments...reassure you that a keen architectural intelligence and a social conscience are not necessarily at odds. By Nicolai Ouroussoff \[images\]- New York Times](#)

[An Industrial Housing Lesson: 2121 Lofts Project Shows What Could Be, And How the City Could Zone the Area to Death. By Sam Hall Kaplan -- Killefer Flammang Architects- LA Downtown News](#)

[Architect tries to calm fears on Spire: Two weeks from disclosing their final plan for the nation's tallest building, the project's developer and architect offered fresh details...trying to calm fears about traffic and presenting their own plan for a nearby park to honor Chicago's founding father. By Blair Kamin -- Santiago Calatrava- Chicago Tribune](#)

[An artful expansion for the Weisman: Frank Gehry has some pods and bricks in mind for his Weisman Art Museum additions. By Linda Mack \[images\]- Minneapolis Star Tribune](#)

[...as Viñoly defends his 'walkie talkie': ...was quizzed over the sustainability of his proposed "walkie talkie" tower...has won backing from a coalition of other world-famous architects including Norman Foster, Richard Rogers, Cesar Pelli, Eugene Kohn and Frank Gehry, who have all written letters of support for the tower. \[video flythrough link\]- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Maverick British architect Will Alsop says buildings should be fun, not just concrete as seen in Delhi...He is game to work in India too. The only hitch, he says, is that "architects here don't get paid enough"- Delhi Newline \(India\)](#)

[Op-Ed: A missed opportunity: Last month the citizens of Karachi were 'gifted' a huge park... Ibn-e-Qasim Park fails at the conceptual level...neglects to appreciate...the possibilities inherent in the design of a large urban park...can only be achieved by qualified architects and landscape architecture professionals. Hopefully, the CDGK will engage one for their next major park. By Arif Belgaumi- The News \(Pakistan\)](#)

[Emerging Voices 2007: The Architectural League's program is now in its 25th year and going stronger than ever. -- AEDS/Ammar Eloueini; Anderson Anderson Architecture; Della Valle Bernheimer; Höweler + Yoon Architecture/MY Studio; IwamotoScott Architecture; Johnston Marklee & Associates; An Te Liu; Trahan Architects \[images\]- The Architect's Newspaper \(NYC\)](#)

[A Builder Who Went to Town: Robert Moses Shaped Modern New York, for Better and for Worse: The exhibition is extraordinary in that it is essentially an argument with a single book...to put Moses in a broader context and, sometimes, to make apologies for the man...has lessons to teach far beyond the intricacies of urban design. By Philip Kennicott- Washington Post](#)



[Exhibition: "DIGITAL PROJECT: Frank Gehry's Vision," Danish Architecture Centre, Copenhagen](#)

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