

Today's News - Tuesday, January 22, 2008

It may be winter outside, but it's a very green day here: Q&A with authors of "Women in Green." – Grand green vision for a massive aging housing complex in San Francisco will test the city's competing priorities. – A Connecticut town wants to save its remaining farmland for food and renewable energy - not McMansions. – Three British eco-architects' impressive designs for sustainable urban dwellings. – A pre-fab in Massachusetts is "out to extend the conventions of 'eco-friendly'." – A Sheffield, U.K., student-designed house made of rubbish will go on tour. – Pullman (of "the Golden Compass" fame) champions a new brand of environmentalism that offers us all hope. – A 4-month, 2,700-mile odyssey through 2,100 Detroit streets: hope springs eternal. – Tempe, AZ, toys with TOD. – From Russia with (and without) love: It's Wilkinson Eyre vs. Foster + Partners for huge St. Petersburg project (both plans have local experts concerned). – An artistic twisting tower for Moscow. – A British/French team to design Kiev children's hospital. – Kabul's old city gets major renovation. – A unique project in rural Karnataka, India, shows "how vernacular architecture can be redeemed and integrated into the modern context." – Kennicott's riff on ugly parking garages and how they got that way. – An eyeful of the 55th Annual P/A Award winners. – Calls for entries: 2008 Sustainable Leadership Awards for Design and Development; 10th Arquine International Architecture Competition; and AIA/COTE Top Ten Green Projects extends deadline.

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[Women in Green: A Conversation with the Authors: Is there a greener gender? Q&A with Kira Gould and Lance Hosey about their motivation and experience for writing the book, and what have they learned from the process. By Katie Swenson- ArchNewsNow](#)

[Grand green vision for San Francisco's Parkmerced: ...owners...want to add nearly 5,700 homes to the World War II-era rental housing complex...\\$1.2 billion project...will test competing priorities for which San Francisco is famous: its embrace of ecological causes and its aversion to denser development. – Craig Hartman/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\) \[images\]- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[The Onward March of the Jumbo Colonials: ...ethic of self-reliance is behind the mayor's desire to hold onto a sizable chunk of New Milford's remaining farmland...as a guarantee that the town will always have a local source for food or, possibly, renewable energy.- New York Times](#)

[Building the future: eco-architecture: Home gave three leading eco-architects different budgets and one brief: to create a sustainable urban family dwelling. – Dan Burr/Sheppard Robson; Justin Bere/Bere Architects; Burd Haward \[slide show, links\]- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[Building green, piece by piece: Assembled onsite from factory-built components, a Lawrence residence is designed to save its owner hundreds of dollars a year in energy costs...the latest output from PowerHouse Enterprises...out to extend the conventions of "eco-friendly" to include economical as well as ecological aspects. – John Rossi \[slide show\]- Boston Globe](#)

[Rubbish house is such a space of waste!...to show just what can be achieved by recycling. Why Waste commissioned a group of students at the University of Sheffield to design a building made from scrap... \[image\]- Telegraph & Argus \(UK\)](#)

[Philip Pullman: new brand of environmentalism: Climate change, say the pessimists, will destroy our world. But in an exclusive interview, acclaimed author \[of "The Golden Compass"\] champions a new brand of environmentalism that offers us all hope- Telegraph \(UK\)](#)

[Driving Detroit: It's worse than you think – but better, too: City's hope often trumps its troubles: Neighborhoods transformed as new homes spring up among vacant lots; Blight creeps into best areas: Elite neighborhoods try to stay that way; Detroit's creative side lends hand; Nature reclaims urban spaces: City goes green in unexpected ways; Detroiters' spirit keeps city going- Detroit Free Press](#)

[Light rail could fuel Apache Blvd. renewal in Tempe: ...along the 20-mile starter light-rail line that begins service in December...The question planners need to answer, said Arizona State University planning Professor Ruth Yabes, is "What kind of mixed-use development is necessary to have a thriving system?"- Arizona Republic](#)

[Architects Vie to Develop Apraksin Dvor — a dilapidated architectural ensemble in the center of St. Petersburg...results of the tender will be announced on Jan. 25. Regardless of the result, local experts are concerned about the impact of the project on the architectural environment. – Wilkinson Eyre; Foster + Partners- St. Petersburg Times \(Russia\)](#)

[RMJM unveils Moscow City Palace Tower: ...one of the first projects to be co-designed from conception by both an architect and an artist. \[images\]- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[BDPgroupe6 joint venture wins competition to design Kiev children's hospital \[images\]- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Kabul's old city gets major renovation: Last year the streets in parts of the old city dropped by nine feet. The reason? A massive garbage haul...Turquoise Mountain Foundation...has spent \\$1 million on conservation and clean-up...Aga Khan Trust for Culture has also undertaken two large restorations ...has not been easy to convince old city residents of the value of their wooden houses... \(AP\)- Yahoo News](#)

[Of the people, by the people: a unique project in Aneundi in rural Karnataka that shows how vernacular architecture can be redeemed and integrated into the modern context. -- G S V Suryanarayana Murthy, Niket and Tapan Deshpande- Business Standard \(India\)](#)

[Sacking the Decks: How Parking Garages Got Ugly: "The Parking Garage: Design and Evolution of a Modern Urban Form"...Shannon Sanders McDonald...finds beauty where there isn't any, the perennial danger of being too close to your subject...The anger and hostility against them that has grown up among committed urbanists is a good thing. By Philip Kennicott- Washington Post](#)

[55th Annual P/A Awards 2008: eight winning projects range widely in budget, location, program, scale, and architectural intent -- Tighe Architecture; Himma Architecture Studio/Office dA; SHoP Architects; Brian Healy Architects; Weiss/Manfredi; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Anmahian Winton Architects; Stan Allen Architect \[links to projects/images\]- Architect Magazine](#)

[Call for entries: 2008 Sustainable Leadership Awards for Design and Development, sponsored by CoreNet Global, International Interior Design Association \(IIDA\), and American Institute of Architects \(AIA\) -- Committees on the Environment and Interior Architecture; registration deadline: February 1- CoreNet Global](#)

[Call for entries: 10th Arquine International Architecture Competition: The Bicentennial Towers in Mexico City; cash prizes; registration deadline: February 4- Arquine](#)

[Call for entries: AIA/COTE Top Ten Green Projects 2008 -- deadline extended: February 14- American Institute of Architects \(AIA\)](#)



[-- Nearing completion: Gehry Partners: Science Library, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey](#)

[-- UNStudio: Agora Theater, Lelystad, The Netherlands](#)

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