

Today's News - Tuesday, June 24, 2008

- Carson ponders whether sprawl or urbanization is to blame for growing lack of socialization.
- It's going to take federal policies to shrink the carbon footprint of Metropolitan America.
- Plans for U.K. eco-towns don't please environmentalists or motorists.
- Why a Boston firm sends its staff dumpster-diving.
- Viñoly explains his vision for Battersea Power Station.
- Glancey not totally convinced (though it's "not altogether hot air").
- He does find Perrault's tea pavilion totally delightful (too bad about the about the cheap aluminum chairs).
- Smith and Gill take on a 500-acre project in Dubai (with views of the Burj, of course).
- Heathcote has high hopes for a depressed region's "coal-to-celluloid makeover" with a planned film studio "of delightful clarity and transparency."
- U.K.'s ugliest building (no, not Robin Hood Gardens) might be listed (not all are pleased).
- Rawsthorn wonders if Fuller can be rehabilitated as a 21st century design hero.
- The lowdown on architects in NEA report, "Artists in the Workforce."
- King on two new San Francisco parks: "a reminder that neighborhoods aren't defined by architectural landmarks so much as by the spaces that people share."
- How Central Park has turned into a "type-A battleground."
- Vancouver architects are wowing them in London.
- Shuttleworth's Aspire meant to inspire.
- Good reasons to head to Montreal and Melbourne in July: SCUP looks at "Global Perspectives, Local Strategies," and State of Design Festival.
- Winners all: Prix Rotthier for Best Urban Neighborhood Built in EU in the Last 25 Years; and 38th Los Angeles Architectural Awards.

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[INSIGHT: Bowling Alone in Urbanistaville: Is living in suburbia the social antidote?](#) By [Richard Carson](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Shrinking the Carbon Footprint of Metropolitan America: ...federal policy actions are needed to achieve the full potential of metropolitan energy and climate solutions...five targeted policies are particularly important within metro areas and for the nation as a whole... \[links\]](#)- Brookings Institution

[Eco-town residents may be fined for using cars: Motorists living in England's new eco-towns may also be expected to park their cars at the outskirts and walk or cycle to their homes...plans have been criticised by environmental experts who believe that the remote locations chosen for some eco-towns will increase car use.](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[Something from Nothing: Why would a company want employees diving into its trash bins? Sasaki' Associates' employees have taken Thoreau's principles to heart in their renewal of land once thought unusable...at the core of many of the world's most congested cities, desperately yearning for an urban oasis.](#)- Boston Globe

[Vinoly explains his vision for Battersea Power Station: ...why his Thameside skyscraper is the perfect complement for the redeveloped Battersea... \[videos\]](#)- Building (UK)

[Could it be ... Battersea tower station? A 300m-high edifice is the latest proposal to transform south London's crumbling power station. Will it ever get off the ground? I can't help feeling that this project is more than a little over-the-top...latest scheme, though not altogether hot air, is still a design too far. Back to the drawing board, I'm afraid. By Jonathan Glancey -- Rafael Vinoly](#)- Guardian (UK)

[A charming French fancy on a British lawn: France's grand architect Dominique Perrault has designed his first building here - a delightful tea pavilion in a Surrey park...it positively gleams...Shame, though, about the cheap aluminium chairs... By Jonathan Glancey \[image\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Emaar unveils 500-acre The Grand Boulevard homes offering urban cultural experience in Downtown Burj Dubai -- Adrian Smith and Gordon Gill Architecture \[image\]](#)- AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

[Film complex in north-east gets call to roll: A depressed former mining heartland in England's north-east is in line for a coal-to-celluloid makeover after plans to build a £300m \(\\$592m\) film studio got the go-ahead. The scheme...proposes an architecture of delightful clarity and transparency. By Edwin Heathcote -- Michael Drain Architects](#)- Financial Times (UK)

[UK's ugliest building set to be given listed status: English Heritage has recommended Birmingham Central Library be given Grade II status, claiming it 'defines an era' of the city's history...said to be inspired by the design of the renowned Boston City Hall... -- John Madin \(1974\)](#)- Daily Mail (UK)

[Can Fuller be rehabilitated as a 21st century design hero? "Buckminster Fuller: Starting With the Universe"... "In some ways his 'comprehensive, anticipatory design science' is more relevant for design today than it was even in his own time"... By Alice Rawsthorn \[slide show\]](#)- International Herald Tribune

[The face of American architects: Well-educated, mostly male and white, and guess who makes the highest salaries? A new report from the National Endowment for the Arts... By Blair Kamin](#)- Chicago Tribune

[2 new parks catalysts for San Francisco neighborhoods: ...a reminder that neighborhoods aren't defined by architectural landmarks so much as by the spaces that people share.](#) By John King -- Marta Fry- San Francisco Chronicle

[Who Owns Central Park? How Frederick Law Olmsted's 843 acres of civilizing wilderness became a type-A battleground.](#) -- Calvert Vaux- New York Magazine

[London exhibition puts spotlight on Vancouver architects: Wood is not the only cultural difference between London and Vancouver...Part of...London Festival of Architecture, the serpentine sculpture...flanking Trafalgar Square...to encourage people inside to visit "Vancouverism: Westcoast Architecture and City Building"...](#) -- Bing Thom; Arthur Erickson; James Cheng; Trevor Boddy- Vancouver Sun

[UK's tallest free-standing artwork set to dwarf Angel of the North: Aspire Tower at the University of Nottingham...resembles a cross between an ice cream cone and a whisk, and is designed to represent 'limitless ambition'...](#) -- Ken Shuttleworth/Make Architects [images]- Daily Mail (UK)

[SCUP-43: Discover! Global Perspectives, Local Strategies, Montréal, July 19-23-](#) Society for College and University Planning (SCUP)

[State of Design Festival 2008: Victoria's design & business conference, Melbourne, July 16-24-](#) The State of Design

[Prix Rotthier European Prize for the Reconstruction of the City 2008: Top 10 Prize Winners of Best Urban Neighborhood Built in EU in the Last 25 Years -- Leon Krier; Cooper Robertson; Robert A.M. Stern; Atelier d'Art Urbain; ESHA; Robert Adam; Alan Baxter; John Simpson; Quinlan & Francis Terry; Arckitekengruppe Oberkassel; Tagliaventi & Assoc.; Jose Manuel Abalos; Duany Plater-Zyberk \(DPZ\); etc.](#) [images, links]- Fondation pour l'Architecture

[World-Class Design and Sustainable Development Take the Spotlight at 38th Los Angeles Architectural Awards -- Ankrom Moisan; HKS; Belzberg Architects; Renzo Piano; Gensler; Tighe Architecture; Jean Nouvel; Johnson Fain Hok; Ray Kappe/LivingHomes; Marmol Radziner; Lorcan O'Herlihy; ah'be landscape architects; Perkins+Will; Killefer Flammang; AC Martin; etc.](#) [links]- BusinessWire



[-- Foster + Partners: Elephant House, Copenhagen Zoo, Copenhagen, Denmark](#)  
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