- Sim Van der Ryn says it's time we start getting serious about sustainability with "an integrated approach that addresses how to change the architecture of culture."
- Environmental measures of "sustainability" need to include a bigger picture.
- AIA Home Design Trends Survey: good news for urban infill; bad news economically.
- U.K. study says council estates crumbling into broken ghettos, and the public sector spaws 'Soviet' towns (oh joy).
- NYC's public housing system is "dramatically different from troubled public housing" in other cities.
- Chicago should take a lesson from London, where arts institutions include hip gathering places.
- A call for "brave ideas and inspiring buildings": Why are we so short of the architects and ideas to build the environments that are supposed to inspire our children to learn?
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- Alsop and Schwartz debate: he questioned the role of landscape architecture in the development of public spaces; she couldn't resist a response.
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