

Today's News - Wednesday, April 8, 2009

- Kaplan says it's a good time to become a homebody and curl up with Lubell's virtual tours of London and Paris.
- The shift of job share from the urban core to the suburbs has implications for housing, transportation, and economic development.
- Salt Lake County plans could bring cultural hubs to the suburbs.
- "The Geography of Buzz" in New York and Los Angeles illustrates the importance of the creative class to urban development.
- CTBUH study shows that despite economic downturn, more tall buildings were completed in 2008 than ever before: denser cities are essential to the prevention of climate change.
- Kennicott makes his pick for best proposal for Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture: "for once, we face the choice with some real options."
- Pearman gives thumbs-up to reinvigorated Whitechapel Art Gallery: it "has kept its progressive spirit."
- Kamin and Becker offer their takes on Hadid and van Berkel pavilions for Millennium Park: "they are sure to inspire a raft of nicknames" (pix to prove it, too).
- Hadid denies Michigan State University museum project is on the ropes, and will hit targeted budget.
- Glancey on why Bath could lose its World Heritage status: we'll have to wait to see if "UNESCO has the sense, and courage, to condemn Bath for trying to destroy itself."
- Chelsea Barracks brouhaha continues: RIBA calls for Prince Charles not to interfere; Baillieu's view: "very unwisely, the RIBA has waded into the row...helping to confirm the public view that architects are pompous and out of touch." - Fletcher claims Prince wants to drag London backwards: his "reactionary views on architecture would turn a vibrant city stale." - London mayor's top adviser backs Charles: "The proposals are nothing short of urban vandalism."
- AIA takes National Architecture Week (April 13-19) to the virtual world.
- Call for entries: Rising Tides: An International Competition for Ideas Responding to Sea Level Rise in San Francisco Bay and Beyond.
- We couldn't resist: proposed graphic identities for 1 World Trade Center, a.k.a. Freedom Tower (there are some doozies).

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[Book Review: Tripping Out to London and Paris: Time to become a homebody, shop frugally, eat in, and take two virtual tours led by Sam Lubell.](#)
By Sam Hall Kaplan- ArchNewsNow

[Job Sprawl Revisited: The Changing Geography of Metropolitan Employment: ...the shift of job share from the urban core to the suburbs has implications for housing, transportation and economic development - and should be taken into account as metro areas work to achieve more productive, inclusive, and sustainable growth and, in the near term, economic recovery.](#) - Brookings Institution

[Salt Lake County OKs cultural blueprint: Study calls for regional hubs, theater upgrades, film center...if...able to follow its new master plan, arts lovers could see cultural hubs in the suburbs...](#) -- AMS Planning & Research [image]- Salt Lake Tribune (Utah)

[Mapping the Cultural Buzz: How Cool Is That? A new study that measures what it calls the study, called "The Geography of Buzz" in New York and Los Angeles seeks to illustrate the importance of the creative class to urban development.](#) [image]- New York Times

[As Economy Sank, Skyscrapers Soared Ever Higher: According to a recent study by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat \(CTBUH\), more tall buildings were completed in 2008 than ever before...expects 2009 to be another record year...a growing interest in sustainability...denser cities are becoming widely accepted as essential to the prevention of climate change...](#) - Skidmore Owings & Merrill; HOK; Calatrava; Foster + Partners; Nikken Sekkei; Pelli Clarke Pelli- Architectural Record

[The Brightest Idea for Illuminating the Past: Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture...six proposals under consideration also reveal the city at an architectural crossroads...This time, for once, we face the choice with some real options...](#) By Philip Kennicott -- Diller Scofidio + Renfro/KlingStubbins; Devroux & Purnell/Pei Cobb Freed; Moshe Safdie; Foster + Partners/URS; Antoine Predock/Moody Nolan; Freelon Group/David Adjaye/Davis Brody Bond Aedas/SmithGroup [slide show]- Washington Post

[Guilt, industry, brutality, art - the reinvigorated Whitechapel Art Gallery in London's East End: As tendrils of gentrification coil through the area, is its mission still relevant? ...the place still works as originally intended...has kept its progressive spirit.](#) By Hugh Pearman -- Charles Harrison Townsend (1901); Robbrecht en Daem; Witherford Watson Mann [images]- HughPearman.com (UK)

[Watch out, Bean: Two new pavilions heading to Millennium Park to celebrate 100th anniversary of Burnham Plan...like Anish Kapoor's Cloud Gate \(a.k.a. "The Bean"\), they are sure to inspire a raft of nicknames — like, say, "the Arrowhead" or "the Roof."](#) By Blair Kamin -- Zaha Hadid; Ben van Berkel/UNStudio [images + links to Q&A's]- Chicago Tribune

[The Innie and the Outtie - Zaha and van Berkel in Millennium Park: Two global superstars and Chicago architectural virgins come to the city to join the centenary celebration of Daniel Burnham's 1909 Plan of Chicago.](#) By Lynn Becker -- Zaha Hadid; UNStudio; Garofalo Architects; Thomas Roszak Architecture [images, links]- Repeat (Chicago)

[Zaha denies reports that its Michigan State University museum has stalled over spiralling costs: ...had ballooned to \\$160 million..."Zaha Hadid Architects are working closely with our client...to ensure the overall project costs of the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum remain near the target budget of \\$40 million."](#) [images]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Will Bath lose its World Heritage status? For 22 years, the glorious spa town](#)

has been a World Heritage site. But now, thanks to a giant mall and 2,200 flats, it could be stripped of its status...we will have to wait till June to see if Unesco has the sense, and courage, to condemn Bath for trying to destroy itself. By Jonathan Glancey -- Chapman Taylor; Feilden Clegg Bradley; Wilkinson Eyre; Eric Parry- Guardian (UK)

RIBA president Sunand Prasad urges Prince Charles not to interfere over Chelsea Barracks + Amanda Baillieu's View: Now, and very unwisely, the RIBA has waded into the row...helping to confirm the public view that architects are pompous and out of touch... -- Rogers Stirk Harbour; Quinlan Terry- BD/Building Design (UK)

Op-Ed: Dragging London backwards: Prince Charles's reactionary views on architecture would turn a vibrant city stale. He should get out of the Chelsea Barracks row. By Simon Fletcher -- Rogers Stirk Harbour; Quinlan Terry- Guardian (UK)

Mayor's top adviser backs Charles in row over Chelsea Barracks scheme: "The proposals by Candy and Candy are nothing short of urban vandalism"... -- Rogers Stirk Harbour; Quinlan Terry [links to images]- Evening Standard (UK)

National Architecture Week Goes Virtual: Opportunity for discussions on ways to apply architectural skills to the particular needs of individual communities April 13-19- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Call for entries: Rising Tides: An International Competition for Ideas Responding to Sea Level Rise in San Francisco Bay and Beyond; cash prizes; deadline: June 29- San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)

Imagining a New World Trade Center Logo: For a City Room competition, designers proposed graphic identities for 1 World Trade Center [a.k.a. Freedom Tower], with commentary. [images, links]- New York Times

WORDS THAT BUILD Tip #13: Re-invent Green Communication: Try the spectacular 2-step program to cut fat and reduce telltale signs of greenwash. By Norman Weinstein- ArchNewsNow



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