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- 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 City 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."
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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 25- 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

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