
Today's News - Wednesday, August 1, 2012

- Lubell offers a reminder that, as L.A. steps up its downtown redevelopment efforts, "the urban pattern must be preserved...there are still some people who don't seem to get what it means to be urban."
- Birnbaum weighs in on New Jersey's plan to demolish Tacha's "Green Acres": "like Peavey Plaza, it has not been well maintained...they're saying they broke it and are now complaining that it's broken" (great pix).
- Still Olympic-minded: some amazing before and after images of London's Olympic Park.
- RIBA's Brady denounces the U.K. government's admission that the Olympic marketing ban won't be relaxed for months: "These rules are against the whole spirit of the Olympics" + She and Murray cheer the British culture minister donning a T-shirt promoting all the Olympic architects included in the marketing ban + Free download of "unofficial posters for businesses to sidestep strict marketing rules - Sport, Not Sponsorship."
- It's Zaha's "time to shine": she "still believes her outsider status as a non-British woman in architecture, particularly in London, as a mixed blessing."
- A video tour of Beijing's rotting "Olympic cathedrals" (talk about depressing!).
- King cheers the growing trend in sunshades; besides energy conservation, there "can also be a payoff in terms of aesthetics" (with kudos to several San Francisco buildings).
- An eye-ful of BIG's design for planned Blåvand Bunker Museum to be "embedded in a historic seaside site where German forces occupied Denmark during World War II" (we can't wait to see this one!).
- News from Down Under: Living Future Institute Australia, a new green building initiative, launches.
- Monash University announces an impressive shortlist for its new \$150 million Law, Business and Economics Complex.
- A good reason to head to Melbourne in September: 5th International Urban Design Conference 2012: "Opportunistic Urban Design."
- Call for entries: EO/RFQ for new Inuit Art and Learning Centre at the Winnipeg Art Gallery + Call for papers for Think Space Pamphlets for the Unconference in Zagreb and exhibition at NYC's Storefront for Art and Architecture.

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Editorial> [Make It Urban: As Los Angeles makes major strides in redeveloping its core, Sam Lubell offers a reminder that the urban pattern must be preserved...there are still some people who don't seem to get what it means to be urban...LA can no longer pretend to be a suburb. A city has got to be a city.](#) - The Architect's Newspaper

[New Jersey's 'Done Deal': Destroying a Historic Resource With False Choices: Green Acres, like Peavey Plaza, has not been well maintained and its current diminished physical condition is one reason the State wants it demolished. In other words, they're saying they broke it and are now complaining that it's broken. By Charles A. Birnbaum/The Cultural Landscape Foundation -- Athena Tacha \(1986\) \[images, links\]](#) - Huffington Post

[London's Olympic Park – before and after: As the 2012 Olympic Games get under way at last, see the transformation of the area around Stratford, east London, in the seven years since London won the bid to host the Games...](#) [images] - Guardian (UK)

[Government admits Olympic marketing ban won't be relaxed for months: RIBA president Angela Brady denounced the admission... "These rules are against the whole spirit of the Olympics. Crushing the small guy is just not on."](#) - BD/Building Design (UK)

[Minister wears 'marketing ambush' T shirt in support of architects: Angela Brady/RIBA and Peter Murray/New London Architecture persuade culture minister Ed Vaizey to take part in campaign stunt: ...has worn a T-shirt promoting all the architects who are banned from promoting their Olympic work.](#) [images] - BD/Building Design (UK)

[Underground Supporter posters by Rizon: London designers have created a series of unofficial posters for businesses to sidestep strict marketing rules that prevent them publicising their involvement in the London 2012 Olympics... "Sport, Not Sponsorship"](#) [images, download] - Dezeen

[At last, it's Zaha Hadid's time to shine: ...a provocateur who critics have described as "the Lady Gaga of architecture"... Despite having achieved so much, she still believes her outsider status as a non-British woman in architecture, particularly in London, as a mixed blessing.](#) - CNN International

[Abandoned Olympic Cathedrals Sit Rotting in Beijing: Steve Engle looks back at how the venues of the 2008 Olympics have fared.](#) [video] - Bloomberg/BusinessWeek

[Green's sharp design move: sunshades: There's a payoff in terms of energy conservation... What some architects grasp is that there can also be a payoff in terms of aesthetics... "The most cost-effective sun-shading is to make a window smaller. That doesn't mean that's what you should do."](#) By John King -- SmithGroupJJR; David Baker + Partners; Morphosis; Marcy Wong Donn Logan Architects; KMD Architects; Stevens Architects; EHDD; Barcelon & Jang [images] - San Francisco Chronicle

[Bjarke Ingels Offers A Surreal Reflection of War at a Danish Bunker Museum: Denmark has chosen one of their own... to design the Blåvand Bunker Museum... embedded in a historic seaside site where German forces occupied Denmark during World War II. -- Bjarke Ingels Group/BIG](#) [images] - The Architect's Newspaper

[Global green building initiative launches new Australian institute: A group of green building practitioners are joining forces to create the Living Future Institute Australia, an organisation dedicated to setting a new standard for the built environment. -- Living Building Challenge](#) - Architecture & Design (Australia)

[Monash University Architectural Design Competition shortlist announced: Each will vie to design a proposed new \\$150 million Law, Business and Economics Complex at the University's Caulfield campus \[Melbourne\]. -- ARM Architecture; Denton Corker Marshall; OMA/Donovan Hill; Grimshaw Architects/NMBW/Kerstin Thompson Architects; McBride Charles Ryan](#) - Architecture & Design (Australia)

[5th International Urban Design Conference 2012: "Opportunistic Urban Design" - September 10-12, Melbourne, Australia](#) - Urban Design Australia

[Call for entries: Expressions of Interest and Qualifications/EO/RFQ for new Inuit Art and Learning Centre at the Winnipeg Art Gallery; deadline: September 4](#) [link to details] - Canadian Architect magazine

Call for entries: Call for papers: "Past Forward": fields of inquiry: Architectural Manifestoes, Iconic Architecture, CityScapes; to be published in Think Space Pamphlets to accompany the Unconference in Zagreb (Zagreb Society of Architects/ZSA) and exhibition at the Storefront for Art and Architecture, NYC; deadline for abstracts: September 10-Think Space



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