

Today's News - Friday, July 13, 2007

Hawthorne offers an eloquent appreciation a master of the minute to the urban, lost much too soon. – A team of British architects offers a report on how to manage the social strains that arise in "superdense" housing schemes. – Kennicott finds himself in Prix's "so deliciously odd" new museum in Akron. – Whether one finds it awesome or absurd, the new museum takes Akron into 21st century. – London is lucky the Eliasson/Thorsen Serpentine was delayed; now there's Hadid's "mysterious, marvelous Brigadoon." – Retaining Athenian landmarks were part of the competition brief for Acropolis museum; now they may be torn down for the view. – And yet another £2 billion project in Dubai (why are we not surprised?). – Amsterdam's first 5-star hotel is an "architectural wonder." – Hume takes on the growing importance of green communal spaces and how important (and magical) a Toronto ferry service would be. – How could we resist: San Francisco's Panhandle Bandshell or NYC's reinvention of the carousel. – An interesting psychological profile of Olmsted, the "first landscape psycho-architect." – \$165 million will get you a Beverly Hills mega-mansion by Gordon Kaufman. – Parking spaces are the newest hot real estate in NYC. – The New 7 Wonders of the World: pyramids "will retain their exalted status as an eighth wonder (huh?). – Worth noting (but no room for links: 5 private jets for Spice Girls reunion tour (yawn) will generate 9,500 tons of CO2 (yikes!), and an artist threatens suicide over Calatrava bridge in Jerusalem. — Happy Friday the 13th!

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[Architect George Yu's death at 43 leaves huge chasm: There was nothing virtual about Yu's talent... His work had expanded in recent years to fill the wide range between the minute and the urban... By Christopher Hawthorne- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Population pressure: Can Britain learn to live with Hong Kong-style housing? A team of architects has reported on how we can manage the social strains that arise in such 'superdense' schemes - HTA: Levitt Bernstein; Pollard Thomas Edwards; PRP-Building \(UK\)](#)

[In Akron, a Museum Wing Lifts an Old, Earthbound Building: ...a discombobulated building pulsing with space-age energy, operating on different levels and at wild angles...so deliciously odd and unlikely a structure that it doesn't feel quite real. By Philip Kennicott -- Prix/Coop Himmelb\(l\)au \[slide show\]- Washington Post](#)

[Op-Ed: New \[Akron Art Museum\] building's architecture takes city into 21st century: ...has been called awesome and absurd, inspired and insane, wonderful and weird, exciting and atrocious... There's no reason the architecture of our downtown must remain stuck in the past. -- Coop Himmelb\(l\)au- Akron Beacon Journal \(Ohio\)](#)

[Pavilions mushroom thanks to Hadid's magic: The Serpentine's summer pavilion has been delayed. That's lucky - now we have Hadid and Schumacher's beautiful temporary installation as a bonus. \[image\]- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Greece may demolish landmarks for Acropolis view: ... decision was unexpected because retaining the buildings was part of the terms of the architectural competition... -- Bernard Tschumi- Reuters](#)

[Starwood and Accor link with £2 billion hotel and office complex in Dubai -- Hopkins Architects- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[Amsterdam's Restored Shipping House Reopens as Luxury Hotel: ...architectural wonder has just reopened as the Grand Hotel Amrath, the city's first five-star hotel. -- van Hoogevest Architects; Ray Kentie- Bloomberg News](#)

[Why parks are important: ...with growing urban populations comes growing need for communal spaces...Toronto's park system could be on the verge of a renaissance. If the proposed waterfront parks are built as designed, this city will be an international leader. By Christopher Hume -- Geuze/West 8; Van Valkenburgh- Toronto Star](#)

[Do you believe in ferry tales? The mayor may not like the idea of aqua-transit, but there's no denying that boat rides transform the urban experience into something magical. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star](#)

[Making Music, Art, Community: Computer parts, plastic bottles, old car hoods just part of recipe at Panhandle Bandshell -- Christopher Guillard/CMG Landscape Architecture; Finch Mob; Rebar \[images\]- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[Translucent Dolphins Go Round on a Reinvention of the Carousel -- Weisz + Yoes \[image\]- Wired magazine](#)

[Vita: Frederick Law Olmsted: Brief life of the first landscape psycho-architect...it could be said that many of us are the beneficiaries of Olmsted's landscape-psychoarchitectural artistry.- Harvard Magazine](#)

[Most expensive US house on sale for £82m \(\\$165 million\): Beverly Hills Compound - which once belonged to the publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst... -- Gordon Kaufman- The Times \(UK\)](#)

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