

Today's News - Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Congestion pricing bid bit the dust in NYC yesterday, while some "urban dreamers" offer some "mutinous proposals" to create greener, more walkable city. – Meanwhile, security plans for Ground Zero take a cue from London's "battened-down, barricaded Ring of Steel" (promising a "traffic hell" - oh joy). – Expanding U.K. airports makes eco-town plans not much more than the "Emperor's new clothes." – Perhaps it won't matter: a new report shows the zero-carbon home revolution is leaving home buyers cold (so will anyone build them?). – A U.S. developer wants to prove that huge luxury homes (didn't we used to call them McMansions?) can be green; USGBC making an effort. – Some campuses choose to go green but forgo LEED's expense and red tape. – It's AIA's Architecture Week 2008 - but it seems a bit light on sustainability issues. – If the planning process doesn't speed up, £5.5 billion Liverpool Waters may cross the river. – Heathcote finds it's "astonishing" that the benefits of good design is still questioned (despite "a surprising amount of junk still emerging"). – Hume fumes over big box corporate agendas that "represent planning at its worse." – Is Libeskind a "hypocrite" for working in Hong Kong? – Social architecture at its best turns an alienated urban space into a shared space in bloom. – An eye-ful of visions of vertical farms. – Q&A with Nouvel about "clone" architecture and dining with Gehry. – Hanganu wins 2008 RAIC Gold Medal. – NZILA Pride of Place 2008 Landscape Award Winners. – Five shortlisted for Global Award for Sustainable Architecture. – Winner of La Reunion TX competition has Dallas revisiting its utopian past. – A good reason to head to Denver this weekend: Doors Open Denver and Colorado Architecture Week launches.

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[Taking Back the Streets: Congestion pricing is in the news, but urban dreamers have come up with an array of ways to produce a greener, more walkable city. Here are 10 mutinous proposals. By Jeff Byles -- Project for Public Spaces \(PPS\); Jan Gehl; George Haikalis; Michael Fishman; Mitchell Joachim/Terreform; Michael Sorkin](#)- New York Times

[Security plan for WTC means army of cops, barriers and traffic hell: ...anti-terror plans would turn Ground Zero into Fort WTC - a bulked-up, battened-down, barricaded Ring of Steel...represents a breathtaking about-face from the work of post-9/11 planners, who called for restoring the original street grid on the site... \[images\]](#)- NY Daily News

[Eco towns slammed as 'Emperor's new clothes': One airport runway equals four hundred eco-towns according to local environmental pressure groups CO2 and 2M...pointing out that all 15 Eco-towns will save tiny amounts of carbon emissions in comparison with the increase in pollution from two new runways at Stansted and Heathrow.](#)- New Civil Engineer (UK)

[No...gas cookers... power shower... open windows... thanks...: A report by the NHBC reveals that the zero-carbon revolution is leaving home buyers cold. And if nobody's going to buy them, is anybody going to build them?-](#) Building (UK)

[How 'Green' Can a Huge House Be? NRDC Residential hopes to present large luxury homes as environmentally friendly...can a four-level house with a three-car garage and a kitchen full of energy-hungry Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances truly qualify as a model of environmental responsibility?-](#) New York Times

[Cost and Red Tape Hamper Colleges' Efforts to Go Green: They find ways to achieve sustainability without the official stamp...some college officials are raising questions about the process of LEED certification. -- Architerra; BOORA-](#) The Chronicle of Higher Education

[Architecture Week 2008 - Is It Sustainable? ...there are three big programs AIA is promoting. But sustainability gets only a passing mention in one of them, and seems not to be part of the focus anywhere in the program.](#)- Green Building Elements

[Developer threatens Liverpool Waters move: Peel Holdings has warned Liverpool City Council that it could move its £5.5 billion scheme across the River Mersey to Wirral...planning to build a cluster of skyscrapers...that could rival the waterfronts of Shanghai and Manhattan, but is threatening to move the scheme because of planning delays. -- Chapman Taylor; Broadway Malyan \[images\]](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Good design has hidden benefits: ...architecture is entrenched as a unique blend of branding and exuberance, physically embodied confidence, or hope...a surprising amount of junk still emerging... But there are powerful and beautiful exceptions. By Edwin Heathcote -- Foster & Partners; Eric Parry; Renzo Piano; Michel Mossessian-](#) Financial Times (UK)

[Impose minimum height on big boxes: ...represents planning at its worse, a failure to take advantage of the urban conditions...an affront to the city, painful demonstrations of what can happen once the corporate agenda is disengaged from the community in which it operates. By Christopher Hume-](#) Toronto Star

[Libeskind working on building in Hong Kong: Hypocrisy charge for architect who said he would never work in China...Creative Media Centre -- a scheme for the City University of Hong Kong -- had started on site last week..."there is a rule of law in Hong Kong that Daniel is comfortable with." \[images\]](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Playing with different spaces: An abandoned municipal area...in Bat Yam has been turned into a blossoming garden...included in the first International Biennale for Landscape Urbanism, which will open next Sunday..."A Piece of Paradise" project typifies social architecture...the attempt to turn the alienated urban space into a shared space. -- Kerem Halbrecht; Zvi Halbrecht; Ofir Zanathy-](#) Ha'aretz (Israel)

[Architects design vertical farms: Chicken farms on the 12th floor of a residential block? Fields of corn on the 47th storey of a Toronto skyscraper? Welcome to the world of vertical farming.](#) -- Ken Yeang; Pierre Sartoux/Atelier SOA; Mithun; Gordon Graff [[images](#), [links](#)]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Pritzker Prize winner Jean Nouvel talks 'clone' architecture...fight against generic designs, and dining with Frank Gehry.](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Dan S. Hanganu wins 2008 RAIC Gold Medal...the highest honour the profession of architecture in Canada can bestow.](#)- Archiseek (Canada)

[NZILA Resene Pride of Place 2008 Landscape Award Winners: Isthmus Group/Studio Pacific Architecture; Boffa Miskell; Architectus/Athfield Architects; Wraight Athfield Landscape + Architecture/Megan Wraight; Lucas Associates; Eastern Earth Landscape Architects; Blakely Wallace/Morgan & Pollard; D J Scott; Wraight + Associates; Architectus; etc.](#) [[links to images](#)]- New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects (NZILA)

[Global Award for Sustainable Architecture: Collection Manifeste of 21st century architecture adjacent to the Villa Savoye at Poissy, France](#) -- Andrew Freear/Rural Studio; Fabrizio Carola; Alejandro Aravena Elemental Team; Carin Smuts/CS Studio Architects; Philippe Samyn [[links to images](#)]- Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine

[Dallas Revisits Its Utopian Past: Bang Dang, of Dallas-based Cunningham Architects, won first place in the La Reunion TX competition.](#) By David Dillon- Architectural Record

[Doors opening to Denver's past: Doors Open Denver...serves as an anchor for Colorado Architecture Week, Friday through April 17.](#) By Mary Voelz Chandler [[links](#)]- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)



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