

## Today's News - Tuesday, July 8, 2008

- Words That Build Tip #4: See your writing as a navigational aid for your clients.
- We lose Giancarlo Lus, who might have been new UIA president.
- It's good news/bad news for Modernism: Berlin's Modernist social housing wins World Heritage status.
- Buckhead library safe from wrecking ball.
- Pringle wants to rebuild London's "lost icon," the Skylon (lots of reports; we chose one with fab archival footage).
- The first biennial WMF/ Knoll Modernism Prize for the restoration of a 1930 trade union school in Germany.
- Kamin wonders if sleuths who claim to have found 29 "undiscovered" Wright homes are right.
- Architects plea to save four Modernist schools in New Orleans.
- A last-ditch effort to save Rudolph's Riverview High.
- A California architect on the warpath to save Neutra's Mariners Medical Arts complex from the wrecking ball.
- BD remains on the warpath re: Robin Hood Gardens: refusal to list shows "contempt for architects."
- Russell says revised plans for the High Line's airborne garden show some savvy design aspirations.
- Voelz Chandler on a long-empty Colorado town getting a second chance at life.
- CABE head minces no words re: the importance of good design: only about 5% of new housing is really good.
- Woodman minces no words re: Alsop's The Public: "a work of tyrannical spatial specificity" and a public liability.
- Pearman and colleagues focus totally on Chipperfield, the U.K.'s "best-kept architectural secret."
- Predock wins 2008 Barrier-Free America Award for Milwaukee school.
- Call for entries: 2009 Delta Cup-International Solar Building Design Competition, and "Designing the 21st Century Street."

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[Words That Build Tip #4: Steering Your Client in the Appropriate Direction](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Obituary: International Union of Architects vice president Giancarlo Lus dies...hours before he was to learn if he was to become president of the organisation. He was one of two candidates – the other being Australian Louise Cox – vying for the presidency of the UIA...](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Berlin's Social Housing Gets World Heritage Status: exported its modernist aesthetic of the 1920s around the world but its own examples of Bauhaus-style social housing had long gone unrecognized. Until now...UNESCO gave six properties in Berlin the World Heritage seal of approval. -- Walter Gropius; Bruno Taut; Hans Scharoun \[slide show\]](#)- Der Spiegel (Germany)

[Buckhead library safe from wrecking ball: Commissioners have now rejected two proposals to tear down and replace the Buckhead branch, a building popular with architects for its unique, modern design. -- Scogin, Elam and Bray \(1989\)/Mack Scogin Merrill Elam](#)- Atlanta Journal-Constitution

[Bid to rebuild city's 'lost icon': The Skylon was a 300ft tall, cigar-shaped structure...constructed in 1951 for the Festival of Britain but torn down a year later and sold for scrap. -- Powell & Moya Architects \(1951\); Atkins; Pringle Brandon \[archival video\]](#)- BBC News

[First World Monuments Fund/Knoll Modernism Prize: ...honors Brenne Gesellschaft von Architekten headed by Winfried Brenne and Franz Jaschke, for their restoration of the ADGB Trade Union School in Bernau, Germany...will be awarded biennially...](#)- World Monuments Fund

[A Frank Lloyd Wright mystery: Architecture sleuths claim to have found 29 "undiscovered" Wright homes. Are they right? By Blair Kamin \[images\]](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Architects make plea to preserve schools: Four Modernist buildings on planners' preliminary list for demolition...buildings can be renovated — and should be if New Orleans wants to retain its position as one of the nation's premier places for historic architecture. -- Curtis and Davis Architecture; Charles Colbert/Sol Rosenthal](#)- New Orleans CityBusiness

[McAslan launches last-ditch effort to save Rudolph's Riverview High School in Sarasota from](#)

[demolition...Richard Rogers has promised to back McAslan's attempt to halt the destruction...](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Architect fights City Hall to preserve a building some call "blah": John Linnert sees genius in an aging Neutra's Mariners Medical Arts complex, and he's enlisting some powerful allies to save it from the wrecker's ball. \[slide show\]](#)- Orange County Register (California)

[Hodge plays philistine hand: By not listing Robin Hood Gardens, Margaret Hodge has betrayed the government's prejudice against modern buildings and its contempt for architects...the villain of the piece is not the minister...it is English Heritage...](#) By Amanda Baillieu- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Hodge refusal to list snubs profession: Decision not to list Robin Hood Gardens leaves late 20th century buildings under threat..Prasad said the result was a "kick in the teeth" for architects and a clear threat to the best post-war architecture. -- Peter and Alison Smithson \(1972\)](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Seedy Tracks Sprout Airborne Garden in \\$170 Million High Line: Some whimsical features are gone...Yet that may permit what's wonderful about the High Line to come to the fore....The designers' aspirations are savvy... By James S. Russell-- Field Operations; Piet Oudolf, Diller Scofidio & Renfro \[images\]](#)- Bloomberg News

[Dearfield, Colorado, gets second chance at life: ...approaching 100, and though long empty...the town has friends who want to help preserve the buildings and turn this windswept place into an interpretive center...Black American West Museum...](#) By Mary Voelz Chandler [slide show]- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[Designs for a better future: Richard Simmons, head of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment \(CABE\), believes good design builds safer societies..."About a third of the housing that's been built over the past ten years should never have been given planning permission because it's simply too poor"...Only about 5 per cent is really good.](#)- The Times (UK)

[The public liability of West Bromwich's The Public: Will Alsop has called \[it\] his best-ever building, but after a visit to the £54m Midlands arts centre, Ellis Woodman has other ideas...the Fun Palace's vocabulary has ossified into the polar opposite of Cedric Price's idea — a work of tyrannical spatial specificity. -- Flannery & de la Pole \[images\]](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Lone ranger: David Chipperfield cut his teeth in the offices of Foster and Rogers, but was forced to find his architectural voice abroad. He reflects on why it happened that way. By Hugh Pearman, etc. \[images\]](#)- RIBA Journal (UK)

[Milwaukee's Indian Community School and Its Architect Antoine Predock Win 2008 Barrier-Free America Award](#)- Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)

[Call for entries: 2009 Delta Cup-International Solar Building Design Competition: Rural Sunshine Primary School for Wenchuan earthquake disaster area in Sichuan Province: some awarded submissions will be put into construction in the area: registration deadline: December 1](#)- International Solar Energy Society (ISES) / China Renewable Energy Society

[Call for entries: "Designing the 21st Century Street" open design competition to re-imagine a Brooklyn, NY, intersection to make it a healthy, safe, and](#)

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