

Today's News - Thursday, April 17, 2008

EDITORS NOTE: We're off on a busman's holiday, so there will be no newsletter tomorrow...we'll post as we can next week, and be back in full swing Monday, April 28. — For the rest of the world, American suburbia is being studied as a "nirvana worth emulating" or something to avoid. — Would U.S.'s Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere (HOPE) program work in the U.K.? — Meanwhile, Jacobs says big-city mayors are "putting forth a remarkably progressive, and occasionally visionary, domestic agenda while the federal government has been AWOL." — An international roster of urban specialists lined up to make north-central Dublin more people-friendly. — Anderton discusses selling architecture as art, i.e. a Neutra. — But the clock is ticking for another Neutra. — Kennicott says success of the new Gettysburg visitors center isn't architectural (oh, there's that endangered Neutra, too). — Filler reserves judgment on whether NYC's newest museum will be a "stroke of recycling genius or merely a case of throwing good money after bad." — Some big guns vie for London cricket club scheme. — Work on Fuksas conference center in Rome finally goes forward. — An exhaustive look at the saga Michael Reynolds' Earthships (great pix, too). — An office tower joins the High Line building frenzy. — Duany and Plater-Zyberk give big. — A striking new neighbor for FLW's Ennis House. — 2008 OAA Award winners. — Nobel waxes poetic about the skateboard: "the most efficient, elegant form of urban transportation yet devised." — MoMA let's public in on the action of an architectural experiment. — Portugal's ""Act of Creation and the Spirit of a Place" wins accolades. — The return of "Survey of London" is "madly ambitious" and cause for celebration. — We couldn't resist: a video walk through a Koolhaas house.

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[Modern suburbia not just in America anymore: For good or bad, the USA's suburbs have become a living laboratory for the world...For many, modern suburbia...is a nirvana worth emulating. Others want to avoid it.](#)- USA Today

[The regeneration game: As housing supremo in the Clinton administration, Henry Cisneros put central government weight behind major redevelopment of big-city ghettos. Will the same model work in the UK? Hope V1 - Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere...marked a sea change in national urban policy...](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Like Urban Renewal. Only Backward: America's mayors are in a unique position to help rebuild our blighted federal government...big-city mayors have emerged as a sort of government in exile, putting forth a remarkably progressive, and occasionally visionary, domestic agenda while the federal government has been AWOL. By Karrie Jacobs-](#) Metropolis Magazine

[Selling the markets area back to the people: Whatever about the actual buildings in the north-central Dublin markets scheme, urban space specialists have been drafted in to make the public spaces people-friendly. -- DMOD; Moore Ruble Yudell; HKR Architects; Make Architects; Gehl Architects; Donnelly Turpin Architects-](#) The Irish Times

[DnA/Frances Anderton: Selling Architecture as Art; Disney's Small World: Neutra's Kaufmann House ...goes on the block in May, to be auctioned off in Christie's Fine Art sale. What does this mean? -- Ron Radziner/Marmol Radziner; Christopher Knight; Joseph Giovannini; etc.-](#) KCRW.org (Los Angeles)

[The clock is ticking for Richard Neutra's VDL Research House II house: ...nonprofit Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, has announced that it might be forced to sell the landmark and close it to the public if supporters can't raise upwards of \\$2 million by the end of next year. \[slide show\]-](#) Los Angeles Times

[At Last, a Gettysburg Redress: With Its New \(but Old-Fashioned\) Visitor Center and A Plan to Restore Sightlines, the Battlefield Honors Its Past: The success of the building isn't architectural...What makes it work is its basic seriousness, its fastness, its old-fashioned look and feel. By Philip Kennicott -- Richard Neutra; LSC Design; Gallagher & Associates \[slide show\]-](#) Washington Post

[MAD's Striptease: Cloepfil Shows New York What's He's Got: Museum of Arts & Design's new home...has location, location, location. But it remains to be seen if this controversy-ridden fixer-upper was a stroke of recycling genius or merely a case of throwing good money after bad. By Martin Filler -- Edward Durrell Stone \(1964\); Allied Works Architecture-](#) ArtsJournal

[Big practices battle for Lord's job: Marylebone Cricket Club \(MCC\) has drawn up a stellar shortlist of architects to design the masterplan for the £200 million redevelopment of Lord's Cricket Ground in north-west London. -- Herzog & de Meuron; Dixon Jones; BDP; David Chipperfield; Hopkins Architects-](#) The Architects' Journal (UK)

[A new Cloud on the horizon: Work has finally started on Rome's new conference centre...After all the initial setbacks and delays, this "Cloud" \[Nuvola\] at last appears to have a silver lining. -- Massimiliano Fuksas-](#) wantWanted in Rome

[The Earthship Has Landed: Michael Reynolds' quest for sustainable structures. \[slide show\]-](#) The Walrus (Canada)

[Offices Put High Above the High Line: ...450 West 14th Street is being built on a distinctive site imbued with slaughterhouse and sleekly modern characteristics. -- Morris Adjmi \[image\]-](#) New York Times

[Duany and Plater-Zyberk Donate \\$200,000 Driehaus Winnings ...to a nonprofit research center for the publication of books related to New Urbanism and classical architecture. Richard Driehaus...said he would match their gift, for a total donation of](#)

[\\$400,000.- Architectural Record](#)

[A new home rises across from Frank Lloyd Wright's Ennis House: Barbara Bestor designed the home to showcase the Wright landmark, which towers above the pool wall like a sculpture. \[slide show\]](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Winners of the 2008 Ontario Association of Architects \(OAA\) Awards announced -- Brian MacKay-Lyons/Rounthwaite, Dick & Hadley, Montgomery Sisam/Stantec; MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller; Studio Junction; Shore, Tilbe Irwin & Partners; Kongats Architects; Moriyama & Teshima; gh3 inc.; Farrow Partnership; Teeple Architects; Kohn Shnier; Levitt Goodman; etc.](#)- Canadian Architect

[High Design Underfoot: A newfound rigor has taken skateboards out of the realm of pure fashion...the most efficient, elegant form of urban transportation yet devised. By Philip Nobel](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[Behind the Scenes of an Architectural Experiment: In preparation for "Home Delivery: Fabricating the Modern Dwelling," a show on prefabricated housing that opens July 20, the Museum of Modern Art is letting the public in on the action. \[images, link\]](#)- New York Times

[Israeli Architect Wins Recognition for Holistic Worldview: "Act of Creation and the Spirit of a Place: A Holistic-Phenomenological Approach to Architecture" by Nili Portugali...What is good for humans...will be good for the environment too.](#)- Epoch Times International

[Survey of London: Secrets of the streets: Christopher Howse celebrates the return of a monumental guide to architecture...Now the ancient parish of St James, Clerkenwell, is packeted up in two splendid volumes...a Pevsner for grown-ups. It is madly ambitious.](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[Koolhaas Transforming House Is Worthy of Iron Man, Batman, and Optimus Prime Combined: ...one of the most amazing houses on the planet: the Maison à Bordeaux...a wonder of engineering... \[video\]](#)- Gizmodo

[Infill in Green: 22nd Street Condominiums: Lorax Development backs up its environmental claims with a GreenPoint Rated label for an infill project in San Francisco's Mission District. -- John Maniscalco/Architecture \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow



[-- Rem Koolhaas/OMA: The Brewery Site, Copenhagen, Denmark](#)  
[-- Book: A Tribute to Jørn Utzon](#)  
[-- Exhibition: Home of Finn Juhl, Ordrupgaard, Ordrup, Denmark](#)

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