

Today's News - Tuesday, May 13, 2008

- Florida and Bishop discuss how cities and communities are increasingly attracting people with similar everything.
- King finds it "distressing that a citizens' initiative seeks to scuttle" a fresh vision for Napa River plan.
- Hume is heartbroken and disturbed by "wasted opportunities" on Toronto's waterfront.
- Baltimore architects offer a different vision for new arena that "could support the city's revitalization efforts," says Gunts.
- London residents find an odd loophole that may defeat Foster tower.
- The last days of a Glasgow housing project "built on hope," but leaving "nothing but broken dreams."
- Gallagher is upbeat about plans to build condo project out of shipping containers.
- Heathcote visits Abu Dhabi.
- An in-depth look at how sustainable criteria will affect built forms on Harvard's Allston campus.
- An eyeful of London's Maggie's Centre: "refreshingly contraption-free."
- Its landscape architect on how he brought the "healing power of a scented woodland to an urban setting."
- For the first time, landscape design has a place at the Venice Biennale.
- Philly's City Hall never looked so good, so what to do with it now? Saffron wonders.
- Arieff on the sad state of "cubicle culture for kids" - and some promising green projects.
- Rockwell takes on a new generation of play spaces to be built across the U.S.
- Speaking of play: a Canadian Council on Learning report: let the children play.
- Not so fun: AIA's Architectural Billings Index issues glum news.
- Call for entries: international competition to design a bicycle and bridleway bridge over the River Douglas in Preston, Lancashire.
- School news: Preston Scott Cohen to chair Harvard Department of Architecture, and Kenneth Schwartz steps in as dean at Tulane School of Architecture.
- We couldn't resist: Kunstler warns suburbia that it will run out of energy very soon (on The Colbert Report of all places!).

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[The Sorted Nation: A Discussion with Authors Bill Bishop/"The Big Sort" and Richard Florida/"Who's Your City?" -- Part One: how American cities and communities are increasingly attracting people with similar personality types, professional interests and voting preferences -- trends they've each documented in new books. \[podcast\]](#)- PLANetizen

[Homes proposed, opposed at Napa factory: ...it's exciting to see uniquely qualified designers homing in on 152 acres along the Napa River - and...distressing that a citizens' initiative seeks to scuttle the potential for a fresh vision of Bay Area life... By John King -- Rogal + Walsh + Mol; Olin Partnership; William Rawn-](#) San Francisco Chronicle

[Poor planning undermines waterfront: ...some of the most significant and potentially valuable sites have been set aside for lesser uses...Wasted opportunities such as these are heartbreaking, and deeply disturbing. By Christopher Hume-](#) Toronto Star

[Architects argue for a different site for a new arena: Did Baltimore make a mistake by opening what is now called the 1st Mariner Arena on a prime downtown parcel 46 years ago? ...moving the arena would free up the present site for new development that could support the city's revitalization efforts... By Edward Gunts-](#) Baltimore Sun

[Residents 'go independent' to beat skyscraper: Campaigners find a weapon in Tudor land grant ...fighting plans for a new Norman Foster-designed Bishop's Place skyscraper in central London intend to declare 'independence' to prevent it being built... -- Foster + Partners-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Last Days of the Tower: The Red Road flats \[in Glasgow\] were built on hope. Now they're coming down, leaving nothing but broken dreams...When they were constructed in the 1960s, these flats were the tallest residential buildings in Europe, a modernist masterpiece, and as high as the hopes that went into them. \[slide show\]-](#) Sunday Herald (Scotland)

[Detroit condo project puts discarded containers to use: If it wins city approvals, the 17-unit condominium project could break ground this fall..."containers allow for creative urban design. They are innovative and modern, but also affordable." By Gallagher -- Steven Flum; Power of Green Housing \[images\]-](#) Detroit Free Press

[Gulf architecture: a tale of three cities: Edwin Heathcote visited Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Qatar with photographer Charlie Bibby to take a look at the extraordinary and ambitious building schemes underway...Part one: Abu Dhabi \[audio slide show\]-](#) Financial Times (UK)

[The Machine as Garden: The New Harvard Campus in Allston, Sustainability, and Its Effects on Design: ...the performance criteria will direct the forms of the built environment. By Nathalie Beauvais -- Behnisch Architekten \[images, links\]-](#) Harvard Design Magazine

[Rogers Stirk Harbour's Maggie's Centre at Charing Cross Hospital is a place like home: ...first venture outside Scotland...The building is refreshingly contraption-free...It is domestic, but abstractly so. -- Dan Pearson \[images\]-](#) BD/Building Design (UK)

[Tree of life: Creating the garden for the London Maggie's Centre gives Dan Pearson the chance to bring the healing power of a scented woodland to an urban setting -- Rogers Stirk Harbour-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Gustafson Porter/Gustafson Guthrie Nichol to design Venice Biennale landscape installation: ...marks the first time in the biennale's 11-year history that a major landscape installation will be featured.](#) - The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Time to transform City Hall into Phila.'s civic meeting place: ...it seems safe to say that its facade never looked so good. Now, what do we do with the place? By Inga Saffron - Vitetta; Olin Partnership \[images\]](#) - Philadelphia Inquirer

[The Class Isn't Always Greener \(But It Could Be\): Schools fulfill a practical function, to be sure, but shouldn't they be designed to inspire? ...an amazing, almost fantastical, alternative to such schools: Germany's Waldkindergarten, or "forest kindergarten." ...Country School in Los Angeles is just one example of many great green school projects. By Allison Arieff -- Office of Mobile Design; Mark Tessier Landscape Architecture](#) - New York Times

[David Rockwell & KaBOOM! Collaborate on New Generation of 'Free Play' Spaces to be Built Across the U.S.: ...based on the play value concepts of Imagination Playground...in lower Manhattan.](#) - Fox Business

[Let the Children Play: Nature's Answer to Early Learning](#) - Canadian Council on Learning

[Architects' Billings Plummet to All-Time Low: The first quarter of 2008 was a bleak one for architects — and conditions are not likely to improve anytime soon...even the most optimistic are girding for hard times.](#) - Architectural Record

[Call for entries: International contest launched for Preston bridge: design a bicycle and bridleway bridge over the River Douglas in Preston, Lancashire; deadline: July 1](#) - The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Preston Scott Cohen Appointed Chair of the Department of Architecture -- Mohsen Mostafavi; Toshiko Mori](#) - Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD)

[Tulane School of Architecture appoints Kenneth Schwartz as new Dean -- Schwartz-Kinnard, Architects](#) - Archinect

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