

## Today's News - April 12, 2004

ArcSpace visits museums, exhibitions, and Gehry's new office. – Trends in low-income housing (the 'burbs becoming popular?). – Architects take it on the chin about non-contextual, faux-historic, mediocre, and Brutalist architecture from Edinburgh and London to Milwaukee and Seattle. – Corbu's Marseille experiment: what works, what doesn't (and a lot of bad imitations). – Houston on the move to save its Modernist heritage. – For sale: Wright-inspired architectural eccentricity in Oklahoma City; requires "a real pioneer mentality." – On the bright side: San Francisco's Best of the Bay award winners bedazzle. – Denver museum a work of art in its own right. – An Archigram alumnus stirs things up in Beirut. – New libraries energizing downtown landscapes everywhere. – New San Diego ballpark distills the essence of the city. – Exhibition of architectural drawings are three-dimensional dreams. – Oz has relocated to Asia. – Frank Lloyd Wright: the musical.

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[-- Opening: Polshek Partnership Architects: Entry Pavilion and Plaza, Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York](#)  
[-- Exhibition: Jørn Utzon: The Architect's Universe, Louisiana Museum, Humlebæk, Denmark](#)  
[-- Gehry Partners: New offices, Marina del Rey, California](#)  
[-- Newly opened: Skyscraper Museum, New York City](#)  
[-- Five Finalists: NYC 2012 Olympic Village](#)

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[Analysis: Siting Affordable Housing: Location and Neighborhood Trends of Low Income Housing Tax Credit Developments in the 1990s](#)- Brookings Institute

[Have architects cracked? ...a worse crime to out-of-context development \[is\] bad imitation...mock styles \[image\]](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[Downtown hotel developers could be squandering a chance to shine: Alas, "safe" is the word that comes to mind on viewing the preliminary design. By Whitney Gould - Engberg Anderson Design Partnership \[image\]](#)- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Mediocre apartment-retail building misses an opportunity to be a star: ...blindly mimics but does not grasp the lessons of the past. By Sheri Olson - Weber + Thompson](#)- Seattle Post-Intelligencer

[This means war: It looks like a fortress and has gun-slits for windows. Is Cambridge's new court a symptom of terror-blighted Britain? By Jonathan Glancey - Austin-Smith:Lord \[image\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Just don't try building this at home: Le Corbusier's Marseille experiment \[Unité d'habitation\] a tribute to his genius and his limitations. By Christopher Hume](#)- Toronto Star

[Modern memories: Will Houston find its true past in the '50s and '60s? \[images\]](#)- Houston Chronicle

[Citizens Tower for sale: Oklahoma City's Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired architectural eccentricity will be auctioned Wednesday...Conversion wouldn't be easy... "It would take a real pioneer mentality to do the project" - Bozalis & Roloff \(1966\)](#)- The Oklahoman

[The Best of the Bay: 2004's American Institute of Architects' San Francisco Design Awards \[images\]](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Art for art's sake: Computer-aided architecture paints framework, making Denver Art Museum addition a sculpture in its own right. By Mary Voelz Chandler - Daniel Libeskind; Davis Partnership \[links to images\]](#)- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

["It's intriguing to be in a city that's rediscovering itself": Famous architect discusses art, architecture and Beirut. The purpose of his visit was largely, and by his own admission, to stir things up on the architecture scene here. - Peter Cook \(Archigram\)](#)- Daily Star (Lebanon)

[Shhh! Libraries leading downtown revitalization: For dozens of U.S. cities in the past 15 years, new downtown libraries have been unlikely — but surprisingly effective — tools for energizing urban neighborhoods.](#)- Kansas City Star

[Petco Park packs in energy, excitement and essence of San Diego: new downtown ballpark is so intriguingly designed that it demands exploration. By Ann Jamusch - Antoine Predock; HOK Sport; Andrew Spurlock \[images\]](#)- San Diego Union-Tribune

[Drawing in Two Dimensions, Dreaming In Three: "Envisioning Architecture -- Drawings From the Museum of Modern Art" at the National Building Museum. By Benjamin Forgey](#)- Washington Post

[The Emerald Megacities of Southeast Asia: Peter Bialobrzeski photographs...a vision of Oz beset by a population explosion and invaded by real estate developers who have tripped out on sorbet. \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Play brings Frank Lloyd Wright's work to life: 'Renewing Wright' tells the story of](#)

[the architect's 32-year friendship with a businessman who saved him more than once from financial ruin. \(AP\)](#)- Miami Herald

[Stately Restoration: New York State Capitol Assembly Chamber Floor: A treasure trove of 19th century design is restored and adapted for a 21st century democracy. - Françoise Bollack Architects](#)- ArchNewsNow

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