

Today's News - April 22, 2004

Happy Earth Day! (or is it?) – Nanjing, China, treasures and protects its past. –Portland, Oregon: poster child for smart growth or flawed ideas. – Will it be a new downtown or a new stadium for Sacramento? – "New York State has the most developer-friendly eminent-domain laws in the country." – The game plan for Brooklyn: whose court is it anyway? – Gehry's NYC scorecard. – Where are the downtown Minneapolis landmarks of "Purple Rain?" – Organic architecture actually being built. – There's room for the new in Edinburgh. – New Web tool makes it easier to go green. – Biodegradable monitors look better, too. – In San Francisco, a photo exhibition explores the "architecture of expedience...that is never out of sight" (and the critic answers his critics re: Apple's new "techno sheen" box in Union Square). – Final report from Milan furniture fair: design - and spirits - were definitely high.

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[Earth Day at 34: What changed? ...public should not only celebrate Earth, they should ask what went awry in 34 years.](#) - Minneapolis Star Tribune

[City protects its East-West architecture: ...it is easier to protect the old city of Nanjing than most other ancient Chinese cities...has a modern urban planning base that is no more than a century old. \[images\]](#)- China Daily

[Portland? No way, critics say: A conference of opponents of "smart growth" from around the world see the Metro area as a shining example of a flawed idea-](#) The Oregonian

[Can Jerde Juice Up Sacramento? ...negotiating with the city to develop a 240-acre rail yard – currently a Superfund site – into a new neighborhood for the capital's downtown. \[images\]](#)- The Slatin Report

[Demolition Man: Why can't anyone fight developers anymore? Because builders have discovered that if \[New York\] state likes their proposals, Pataki will tear down whatever is in the way.](#)- New York Magazine

[The Nets Arena Is Not The Real Issue In Development Of Downtown Brooklyn: The most important contest...is the public debate over what kind of downtown we need and want. - Frank Gehry-](#) Gotham Gazette

[Architect Digest: Frank Gehry's New York plans—built and scrapped.](#)- New York Magazine

[Downtown Renaissance, Again: Can condos and entertainment venues make a neighborhood out of the city's core? \[images\]](#)- City Pages (Minneapolis/St. Paul)

[Skin and bone: Architects have been designing and planning organic structures for a decade. Now, finally, says Nigel Coates, some of them are getting built - Le Corbusier: Future Systems; Frank Gehry; Zaha Hadid; Hani Rashid-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Architect firm's outlook a blueprint for success: ...throws up a number of challenges...trying to create new office space while retaining the Capital's \[Edinburgh\] unique landscape. - Parr Partnership-](#) The Scotsman (UK)

[Ratcliff launches GreenMatrix.net, a Web-based tool to help designers, architects and facility managers implement green design-](#) Ratcliff

[Wooden computers offer 'greener' desktop: Biodegradable monitor cases may reduce trash. \[image\]](#)- Nature News Service

[Eye-opening look at what we ignore: Forget skyscrapers and shopping malls. "40 Monuments to Progress"...shows that the most pervasive marks of our modern world are considerably more mundane... By John King \[images\]](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Softening the Cutting Edge With Petals and Pattern: report from Milan Furniture Fair \[slide show\]](#)- New York Times

[Straight A's: Horace Mann Elementary School: A student "village" makes a good neighbor in the heart of San Jose's historic district. - Moore Ruble Yudell \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

-- [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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