

## Today's News - July 12, 2004

Two views about today's architectural icons: "attempts to lend dignity to their surroundings" or "ruining our cities." – Edinburgh hailed as one of Europe's finest cities, and some great "glam" shots of Hollywood interiors. - Big plans continue to grow for L.A.'s Grand Avenue. – A "visionary brief" for a deprived U.K. community. – Cash-generating slot machine parlors in Philadelphia may not generate good design. – New life for an historic Chicago neighborhood while Gehry takes center stage in another part of town. – Great Parks/Great Cities conference: something to learn from everywhere. – Scaling back Anchorage museum plans: "a vision with a price tag." – Erickson at 80: "the Frank Lloyd Wright of Canada." – Perhaps not such a great complement if one talks to an FLW-designed home owner. – New presidents for Alberta, Canada, architects and U.K.'s RIBA. – Transitions in the wind for Grimshaw and Rogers firms.

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[Edinburgh hailed as one of Europe's finest...according to a major new book about the architecture of Scotland's capital.-](#) The Scotsman (UK)

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[Two to Grow On: Plans for Grand Avenue Competition Could Bring Gehry Into the Mix. By Sam Hall Kaplan -](#) David Childs/SOM, Thom Mayne/Morphosis, Elkus/Manfredi, Brenda Levin, Doug Suisman; AC Martin Partners, Calthorpe Associates, Thomas P. Cox, Civitas, Project for Public Spaces- LA Downtown News

[Green light for Thurrock experiment: A "visionary brief" for...one of the most deprived communities in the South-east, has been drawn up by an international panel of 23 artists, architects and writers-](#) Building (UK)

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[Pritzker Pavilion 'a sculpture, not just a building' -](#) Chicago Sun-Times

[Swapping ideas on greening the city: Revitalising parks is theme of international seminar in London-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Anchorage museum expansion scaled back to save money: "a vision with a price tag" -](#) David Chipperfield [images]- Anchorage Daily News

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[Jack Pringle \[of Pringle Brandon\] to be next RIBA leader-](#) Building (UK)

[Grimshaw the latest firm to unveil plans for succession: Sir Nicholas set to become chairman for life and external ambassador, as Goldschmied ponders life after Richard Rogers Partnership-](#) Building (UK)

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