

Today's News - July 28, 2004

In Toronto: "20 towers of human containment are stuck in an impoverished streetscape" and the city "is desperate for an urban-design review panel." – Bling-bling architecture: the trouble with icons. – Boomtowns in China: it's not all good news. – Berlin reclaims the river Spree. – Pennsylvania renovates its construction code. – There's more to creating lively downtowns than just building height restrictions. – Denver museum plans move ahead. – Teens design a rockin' Minneapolis block. – New software to tell you if your cubicle is too small/dark/drafty (in case you can't). – W Hotel takes on China. – Frank Lloyd Wright is one of BusinessWeek's "Great Innovators." – London's double-decker buses on their way to the junkyard? (say it ain't so!). – Syracuse University launches arts journalism program.

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[The trouble with icons: I am suspicious of architecture which makes pompous claims for itself...a new public appetite for the Bling-Bling architectural image.](#) Speech by Graham Morrison at the Architects' Journal/Bovis Awards for Architecture dinner - Architects' Journal (UK)

[New Boomtowns Change Path of China's Growth: ...new second-tier cities are locked in a ferocious competition, spawning ambitious development plans...](#) - New York Times

[In Berlin, A River Remade: the Spree is a serene waterway...But if planners and architects get their way, it's only a matter of time before that serenity is replaced with glittering architecture and an altogether busier life.](#) [images] - Deutsche Welle (Germany)

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-- Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates: Leon Levy Visitor Center, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY

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