New York's other new kid on the block puts science in a magical place. — And, as expected, more MoMA musings: "terminally tasteful"; "shed no tears for Taniguchi the Obscure" (an interview with Taniguchi in his Tokyo office); and solely overlooked in all the brouhaha: Kohn Pedersen Fox, the firm that put all the pieces together. — Munich says "nein" to tall buildings. — Money, not design, may sink Berlin's Museum Island plans. — The idea of shipping containers for housing moving ever forward into the limelight. — In Chicago: lessons to be learned at big-box retail development conference, and clients honored for backing good architecture. — Norwegian architect takes on city planning in China. — Hobbit house declared a landmark. — Buckingham Palace invites design in. — Commercial interiors join the LEED rating system. — Calls for entries: U.S. Green Building Awards and Affordable Communities Awards; call for presentations for 2005 ASLA annual convention.

Second Look: New York Hall of Science: Its power undiminished after 40 years, a 20th century cathedral to science is about to be rediscovered as a luminous addition debuts this week. By Fred A. Bernstein - Harrison and Abramovitz (1964); Polshek Partnership Architects (2004) [images] ArchNewsNow

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Norwegian architect plans new city in China: Karl Johan Grebstad Hon Kong-based firm is planning a place to live for 180,000 Chinese. - Norway Post

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Royals hail bus as style at its best: Design has its day at Buckingham Palace with a Routemaster, phone box and Mini - but barely a hint of the avant-garde - Guardian (UK)

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NAHB Announces Call for Entries for 2005 National Green Building Awards; deadline: December 15 - National Association of Home Builders

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Call for Proposals/Presentations for ASLA 2005 Annual Meeting; deadline: January 14 - American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

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