

Today's News - April 22, 2005

Today is Earth Day! – Paolo Soleri takes his vision of a "lean linear city" to China. – A beachfront development on Mexico's Baja intends to be green - and includes affordable housing (link to project worth the click). – An Oregon architect champions "net-zero" homes and developments. – The first architecture firm joins Chicago Climate Exchange. – In Melbourne, government's cold shoulder has architects up in arms. – In Louisiana (and elsewhere) an opportunity for really smart smart growth. – Are Miami's preservation laws being bent (and urban archeology ignored) to keep developers happy? – Construction budget lowering the high hopes for high design in Kansas City stadium plans. – Utzon design for Sydney Opera House "veranda" not all it could/should be (is it his genius or Sydney's guilt that gives him carte blanche?). – Charlotte hires an icon to design an icon to speed (if it wins the bid for NASCAR Museum). – "Modern architecture is not an aesthetic but a pathology" (add a new word to your lexicon: "egotecture"). – Sea Ranch celebrates its 40th anniversary and Lawrence Halprin.

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[Celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Earth Day April 22](#)- Earth Day Network

[City built on sustainability: Valley architect has visionary plan for China: "Solare: The Lean Linear City" – Paolo Soleri](#)- Arizona Republic

[Loreto Bay Company Reinforces Its Sustainability Program \[for \\$3 billion, 15-year project with New Hires and World-Renowned Sustainable Development Consultants – David Veniot \(former president of Earth Day International\); Integrative Design Collaborative; Regenesys Group; Steven Zubkoff \(affordable housing\); Trust for Sustainable Development; Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company \[link\]\]](#)- Business Wire

[Seeing green: Architect's environmentally conscious work earns recognition...working with...Sustainable Development Inc. on about 22 "net-zero" homes as part of the 32-acre Pringle Creek Community...](#)- Statesman Journal (Oregon)

[Chicago Climate Exchange Assigns Market Value to Greenhouse Gas Reduction; Mithun First Architecture Firm to Join](#)- Business Wire

[Is this any way to build a city? Many of Melbourne's leading architects are angry. They say they have been spurned by the State Government - and the result is flawed major projects that lack inspiration. -- Hayball Leonard Stent; Ashton Raggatt McDougall; Denton Corker Marshall; etc.](#)- The Age (Australia)

[Functional, solid neighborhoods a growth issue: If there are some knee-jerk opponents to overcome on the way to smart growth, there is also almost an uprising in favor of it among the public...](#)- The Advocate (Baton Rouge, LA)

[Burial Plots: Sensitive sites get short shrift from the city: The City of Miami's former archaeologist says she was fired for not being friendly enough to developers.](#)- Miami New Times

[Arena dream gets wake-up call: Expectations...that the Sprint Center arena would feature a "world-class" exterior design are being lowered as architects struggle to meet its construction budget. -- HOK Sport/360 Architecture/Ellerbe Becket \(Downtown Arena Design Team\)](#)- Kansas City Star

[Shade, but no poetry: Construction is starting on an addition that will subtly change the character of the Sydney Opera House: a long, concrete veranda...Utzon is being shielded from criticism - maybe at 87 he has to be - but in refusing to probe the genius, we limit his chance to respond, in turn, with better solutions. By Victor Young -- Joern Utzon; Richard Johnson](#)- The Australian

[An icon to speed: Designing a NASCAR museum for city: If Charlotte leaders stay out of the way, Pei Cobb Freed & Partners is likely to come up with a winner...chosen to give heft and stardust to Charlotte's bid for the museum...](#)- Charlotte Observer

[A vacation from a pathology: To answer the questions..."how could an architect design such a building on such a street, and how could the authorities let him?" -- requires understanding that modern architecture is not an aesthetic but a pathology. By David Brussat](#)- Providence Journal

[Celebratory Brunch Commemorating 40th Anniversary of the Sea Ranch and Opening of Lawrence Halprin Art Show April 30](#)- Business Wire

[Discovery and Collaboration = Chemical Reaction: University of Missouri-Columbia Life Sciences Center. By Gregory Blackburn, AIA - Anshen+Allen Architects/BNIM Architects \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

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-- Daniel Libeskind: [Imperial War Museum, Manchester, UK](#)

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