

Today's News - April 4, 2006

We lose an architect who helped shape Los Angeles. – A new global alliance to make "net-zero" buildings a reality. – LEED Gold for Vancouver Port Authority. – Grants for Irish homeowners to go green. – Now we have quality in manufactured housing, it's time to focus on design. – A "gaggle" of design teams take on Toronto's waterfront (but is it a "mission impossible?"). – A love song and celebration for Sydney's gritty side that is being rapidly and thoughtlessly lost. – Is there hope for Scotland's new towns? – It's L.A.'s urban pioneers vs. LAPD with change in plans for an urban park. – An inventive shortlist of six for museum project is a departure from Cleveland's "cautious, conservative mind-set." – 1908 was a very good year: In San Francisco, a "ghostly restoration" is audacious and fresh. – A bank building in a Twin Cities suburb that pays tribute to a Sullivan treasure is a "fun" break from the "drab stucco mold of so much new commercial architecture." – A new dance studio in London is a leaping beauty. – News with a Canadian (and British) accent: A Toronto residential tower promises to be an instant landmark - and proof that "reports of Will Alsop's demise have been greatly exaggerated." – Foster's Vancouver high-rise promises to be like nothing the city has seen before. – Toronto's new (and frugal) opera house is a "masterpiece of very Canadian moderation." – A park in Nagoya is home to buildings that would otherwise have been lost. – DesignShare extends registration deadline for innovative learning environments awards.

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[Obituary: Albert C. Martin Jr., 92; Architect Helped Shape Los Angeles Skyline -- AC Martin Partners](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Top Global Companies Join Forces to Make 'Net-Zero' Buildings a Reality: World Business Council for Sustainable Development is forming an alliance...to determine how buildings can be designed and constructed so that they use no energy from external power grids, are carbon neutral, and can be built and operated at fair market values.](#)- GreenBiz.com

[Vancouver Port Authority Earns LEED-CI Gold for Sustainable Office -- Bunting Coody Architects; Group 5](#)- GreenBiz.com

[Cost-conscious consumers go for eco-houses: The typical Irish household spends well over €1,000 a year on heating, but it should be possible to heat a house for €100, or €150...Greener Homes scheme will give grants to individual householders...to install renewable technologies...](#) -- John Goulding- Irish Examiner

[Manufactured housing has come long, long way: The biggest challenge facing the industry is no longer quality, but design.](#)- Clarion-Ledger (Mississippi)

[Mission impossible on the waterfront: A gaggle of five international design teams arrived in town...to look at Toronto's waterfront and figure out how to deal with its many problems. By Christopher Hume -- Claire Weisz/Weisz + Yoes Architecture; Stan Allen; Adriaan Geuze/West 8; Owen Jones/Foster & Partners; William Vincent/Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects](#)- Toronto Star

[Love song to Sydney, the gritty city: From wharves to warehouses, there is much to admire in our dirty old town...This year's National Trust Heritage Festival, Industrial Heritage - Our Working Lives, celebrates a side of Sydney we are rapidly, thoughtlessly losing. By Elizabeth Farrelly](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[New towns: can they be given a new life? When Scotland's original five new towns were planned, one key architectural feature was omitted: a backbone. -- Hugh Crawford/Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland \(RIAS\); Brian Evans/Architect and Design Scotland \(ADS\); Alan Dunlop/GM+AD Architects](#)- The Herald (UK)

[Urban Pioneers in a Battle Usually Fought in Suburbs: Residents of gentrified downtown lofts don't want to live next to the LAPD's new home, but a park as they expected...Mayne said one consideration when he designed the new Caltrans building was that it would sit across from a park. -- DMJM Design \[images\]](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland \(MOCA\) faces crucial choice: Six architectural firms compete for high-visibility assignment...By taking an inventive approach to the search for an architect, the museum has departed from the city's cautious, conservative mind-set... By Steven Litt -- Foreign Office Architects; Michael Maltzan Architects; Office dA; Reiser + Umemoto; SHoP Architects; Studio MDA](#)- Cleveland Plain Dealer

[Ghostly restoration of 1908 building would be the newest thing in town: In place of the \[Prada\] cheese grater, meet the ghost, an ethereal apparition that in subtle ways is as audacious as Koolhaas' steel dream. And it is by local architects -- a reminder that globe-trotting celebrities aren't the only source of fresh contemporary thought. By John King -- Brand + Allen Architects \[image\]](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Banking on history: Modeling their suburban office after a 1908 landmark in Owatonna, Minn., bank leaders hope it reflects their vision of a strong, reliable business...it's fun to see a building that breaks the drab stucco mold of so much new commercial architecture - - Louis Sullivan/George Elmslie \(1908\); Buetow and Associates](#)- Pioneer Press (Minnesota)

[Leaping beauty: From the distressed walls to the lack of mirrors, there's nothing conventional about Siobhan Davies's new dance studio. By Jonathan Glancey -- Sarah Wigglesworth](#)- Guardian (UK)

[A lively design in living colour: Instant Landmark: A lively design for a new Toronto building by Will Alsop makes one thing transparently clear: Modernist hegemony is dead. By Christopher Hume \[image\]](#)- Toronto Star

[Inimitable downtown: Cultural, environmental sensitivities guide Jameson House design...promises to be a high-rise condominium the likes of which Vancouver has never seen before. -- Foster and Partners](#)- Vancouver Sun

[No frills opera house something to sing about: Jack Diamond's frugal University Avenue](#)

[redoubt is a masterpiece of very Canadian moderation -- Diamond and Schmitt Architects](#)- National Post (Canada)

[Near Nagoya, Architecture From When the East Looked West: A wooded park near a suburb of Nagoya, Japan, is home to a group of Western-style buildings, including a Frank Lloyd Wright hotel, moved from Tokyo. By Fred A. Bernstein \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Registration deadline extended to April 28: DesignShare/School Construction News 7th Annual Awards for Innovative Learning Environments](#)- DesignShare

[Northwestern University Ford Motor Company Engineering Design Center: Engineering and design education now cross traditional departmental boundaries in a light-filled, LEED Silver campus building. -- Davis Brody Bond \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow



[Zaha Hadid Architects: Phaeno Science Center, Wolfsburg, Germany](#)

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