

Today's News - April 6, 2006

Ideological catfights over housing: why can't "the different ends of the aesthetic spectrum just grow up and get along?" (at least they're talking about it!) – China is trying to go green above the smog, but old habits are hard to break. – An environmental technology center in California hopes to be a prototype for visionary communities. – Hadid and Yeang win competition to make Istanbul a "tourism heaven" (it's worth scrolling through the political rhetoric to see the proposed projects). – It's a day for looking up: Move over Sears Tower - Fordham Spire wins last zoning clearance to be the tallest in the U.S. (for now, anyway). – Praise and pans for another set of modernist towers in Chicago. – The Episcopal Church has towering plans of its own, retail, condos, hotels included. – Flagship plans for flagpole tower in Brighton (neighbors worry about the great views - into their bedrooms). – Tributes flow at Seidler memorial. – Wal-Mart wants to be a good urban neighbor, but not everyone is buying in. – Call for entries: IIDA/Metropolis First Annual Smart Environments Awards. – Modernist machines for living on view at the V&A include the Frankfurt Kitchen. – How could we resist another item about Brad Pitt and architecture (and nary a mention of Gehry)?

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[Shortsighted Polemics: The ideological catfights over housing threaten to marginalize all of architecture: Now that architects are taking shots at one another over housing, can we do better than we did in the last century...? By Blair Kamin -- Norquist/Congress for the New Urbanism; Eric Owen Moss; Duany Plater-Zyberk; Calatrava; Gehry](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[A 'green' building rises amid Beijing smog: The new structure is China's first to pass the stringent, globally recognized LEED certification...new five-year plan's goal "is to build an energy-saving, environmentally friendly, and sustainable society"...Yet changing ingrained behavior is always slow.](#)- Christian Science Monitor

[Eco-friendly architect visits hostel site: Sim Van der Ryn and Humboldt Bay Environmental Technology Center supporters are hoping to create another equally visionary community project that will be replicated over and over...](#)- Times-Standard (Eureka, CA)

[Projects planning Istanbul's future by Zaha Hadid and Ken Yeang/Leweyn Davies Yeang: "Istanbul can be a tourism heaven..." \[images\]](#)- Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality

[Chicago, reaching higher: The Chicago City Council has approved the last zoning clearance for a hotel and condominium tower designed by Santiago Calatrava...Fordham Spire would top out at 2,000 feet and rise 124 stories...](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Tilting toward Prairie Ave.: Proposal for modernist towers...prompting praise by neighborhood organizations who like the edgy design and criticism from a nearby townhome association who say the modernist skyscrapers are out of character with the block. -- Lucien LaGrange Architects \[images\]](#)- Chicago Journal

[Major buildings set for Chicago, San Diego, Salt Lake City: 'Church of the Future' planned now...The Diocese of Chicago is moving forward with plans to erect a 64-story elliptical-shaped glass office and condominium tower...-- Voorhees Design](#)- Episcopal News Service

[West peer: A new flagship attraction could rise 600ft from the ashes of one of Brighton's most beloved institutions...the architects behind the London Eye, revealed plans for what they are calling Brighton i360. -- Marks Barfield \[image\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Seidler farewelled at memorial service: He wanted to be an "angry old man" and to council planners he probably was. But Harry Seidler's depth of vision and determination earned him his place on the highest shelf of public life.](#)- News.com (Australia)

[Wal-Mart to Enter Urban Markets: Retailer Says It Will Help Local Businesses and Give Back to Blighted Areas...opportunity zones...would help small businesses withstand competition by teaching them how to do business with the company, offering grants...](#)- Washington Post

[IIDA/Metropolis First Annual Smart Environments Awards: deadline to request entry kit: April 21 \[pdf\]](#)- International Interior Design Association (IIDA)

[Machines for living: The modernists are known for grand architectural visions, but they were just as concerned with making daily life more efficient...the presence in the V&A exhibition of the Frankfurt Kitchen will remind audiences of modernism's political roots. -- Margarete Schütte-Lihotzky](#)- New Statesman (UK)

[Brad Pitt visited Caribbeans to discuss his plans to build the futuristic hotel in California. -- Thomas Willemeit, Wolfram Putz, Lars Krueckeberg/Graft](#)- Toronto Fashion Monitor

[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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