

Today's News - April 27, 2006

CPR for a once-blighted Toronto neighborhood offers a lesson in public/private collaboration. – A few more eloquent odes to Jane Jacobs we couldn't resist. – Pedestrian power: why can't Toronto walk the talk? – Do we really need 8.8 million square feet of office space at Ground Zero? – The character of the British seaside "is being extinguished by the wrong kind of redevelopment." – Gehry's seaside development in Hove called "not viable." – A "striking new docklands development" in Scotland. – To be good neighbors, Wal-Mart goes Dutch, and McDonald's does brick. – Does Starck have enough star power for Leeds? – A Libeskind "sculpture" for Sacramento's skyline. – Building modern in Rome is no holiday. – Now the design has been picked, the battle begins over control of Orange County Great Park. – The 2006 ASLA Professional Awards offer an eyeful of green.

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[INSIGHT: Public/Private Space & Yonge-Dundas Square: Pubic/private-sector collaboration and a shared vision deliver CPR to a once-blighted square in Toronto. Effie Bouras, Assoc. AIA](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Home Remedies: The vibrant legacy of Jane Jacobs. By Witold Rybczynski](#)- Slate

[Jane Jacobs Taught an Essential Urban Lesson: Look and Learn. By James S. Russell](#)- Bloomberg News

[Jane Jacobs: A fearless clarity. By Glen Murray, former mayor of Winnipeg and urban strategist](#)- Toronto Star

[Blocks: All in the Planning, and Worth Preserving: How could something called Blocks not pay respects to Jane Jacobs? \[+ audio\]](#)- New York Times

[Remembering Jane Jacobs, 1916-2006: It is hard to imagine a world without \[her\], harder still to imagine what shape our cities would be in had she never come along.](#)- Project for Public Spaces

[A call to arms, or feet, rather: Pedestrian power has been good for cities everywhere, so why not here? Sidewalks are destinations, not just the space between parking lots. By Christopher Hume](#)- Toronto Star

[A Plan to Rebuild by 2012, and Doubts on the Big Rush: Some question whether the rapid building of 8.8 million square feet of office space at ground zero would overwhelm the downtown market as the twin towers had in the 1970's.](#)- New York Times

[No, we don't like to be beside the seaside: Our seashores used to be brimming with saucy glamour and historic splendour. Now they're falling apart. Can anything stop them from going under? ...the character of the seaside...is being extinguished by the wrong kind of redevelopment.](#)- The Sunday Times (UK)

[Gehry Hove scheme is 'not viable': scheme for the King Alfred site...will not be sufficiently profitable to enable developer Karis to provide the standard 40% affordable housing and pay section 106 contributions, an official valuation report has said. -- Piers Gough/CZWG Architects](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[New vision for docklands provides Quay to the future: ...a gap site in front of the Scottish Executive building at Victoria Quay will be transformed under a £50 million scheme. -- RMJM](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[Dutch-style Wal-Mart to enhance Pella's look: ...will include a stepped gable entryway, faux windows across the front, stucco siding and earth-tone brick that mimics the buildings in historic downtown... \[image\]](#)- Des Moines Register

[Call it Mickey B's: New McDonald's will be Brookfield-ized: ...will be virtually unrecognizable as a fast-food restaurant...will feature brick, slate and tile and fake the appearance of a second story... -- Haag Muller](#)- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Putting on the pizzaz: Philippe Starck is to play a key role in a showpiece Leeds project \[Manor Mills\] – but what, exactly, will his arrival do for the city? ...will his reputation be enough to compete with our rival regional capitals who've scooped big-name architects? - - Yoo; Liebskind; Rogers; Foster; Alsop](#)- Yorkshire Evening Post (UK)

[Libeskind's First California Project Reshapes Sacramento Skyline: ...calls the 400-foot-tall building "a sculpture that changes with light and the season." \[image\]](#)- Interior Design Newswire

[Building in Rome, no holiday: The eternal city wants to keep its architecture fixed in time, but the Ara Pacis marks a renaissance of modern era. By Zahid Sardar -- Richard Meier \[images\]](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Irvine Set to Take Control of Great Park: At the inception of the park, city officials had said that an independent entity would build it. Critics say one city shouldn't hold the reins...of the biggest tracts of open land... -- Ken Smith](#)- Los Angeles Times

[2006 ASLA Professional Awards: 32 recipients demonstrate the very best of what landscape architecture has to offer \(reminder: May 19 registration for ASLA 2006 Student Awards\) -- Michael Van Valkenburgh; Landworks Studio; Sawyer/Berson; Olin Partnership; Halvorson Design Partnership; Rios Clementi Hale Studios; Sasaki; SWA Group; Marmol Radziner; EDSA; Peter Walker and Partners Landscape; EDAW; Zion Breen & Richardson; etc. \[images, links\]](#)- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

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- [-- Competition Winner: Lab architecture studio: Riyadh Business Center, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia](#)
 - [-- C.F. Møller Architects: Darwin Centre Phase Two, London, UK](#)

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