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We lose a "humble giant of 20th-century design." – London's 2012 Olympics is "one of the biggest planning applications in European history" (now all they have to do is pay for it). – planNYC 2030 may be a "unique planning effort" - but will the next mayor buy into it? – Washington, DC, preparing a master pedestrian plan. – An impressive shortlist in Toronto's Lower Don Lands competition. – Community-driven approach instead of "vanity logic" brings some beautiful buildings to Britain (there are some misses, too). – Mockbee's legacy lives on in Hale County. – The Perrinepod: a Perth architect's "audacious new idea" for living. – CA Boom 4 Prefab Zone will offer viable housing options. – San Francisco 49ers envision a stadium of the future (though not in S.F.). – An "amicable split" lets a Las Vegas architect have fun again. – Mackintosh mysteries revealed in Glasgow renovation. – BD+C's "40 Under 40" winners. – Kamin finds "good architecture shows apparently come in threes." – "Frank's Home" opens in NYC: this Wright is not so right.

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[2012 Olympic master plan revealed: Organisers of London's 2012 Olympics have submitted one of the biggest planning applications in European history...includes details of how the facilities will be changed for use after the Games. \[images, links\]](#)- BBC News

[Plan NYC 2030: It remains to be seen, however, whether this unique planning effort is itself sustainable, and will lead to policy changes that last beyond 2008, when voters will elect a new mayor...Will the next mayor care? By Tom Angotti](#)- Gotham Gazette (NYC)

[Why Don't You Walk More? D.C. Seeks Residents' Input as It Prepares a Master Pedestrian Plan](#)- Washington Post

[We're attracting the best: Toronto is fast becoming a meeting ground for some of the best landscape architects in the world...\\$65 million Lower Don Lands Innovative Design Competition...shortlist... By Christopher Hume -- Michael Van Valkenburgh/Ken Greenberg; Weiss/Manfredi/DTAH; Atelier Girot and Landscape Morphology; Hargreaves Associates/Hough Group; Stoss Landscape Urbanism/Brown & Storey](#)- Toronto Star

[Keeping it real: British cities have become very clever at designing beautiful buildings that people actually want. The hits. The misses. -- Viñoly; Erick van Egeraat; Norman Foster; Caruso St John; Will Alsop](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[In praise of the humble house: The obvious hope is that the synergy created here might find a way of solving the housing need not only for this impoverished county, but for the nation as well. -- Rural Studio; Samuel Mockbee; Andrew Freear \[images\]](#)- The Anniston Star (Alabama)

[Living in a pod: Unconventional architect Jean mic Perrine has come up with an audacious new idea ready made, stackable, expandable pod homes. \[images\]](#)- Perth Now (Australia)

[Prefab Zone at CA Boom 4 to Bring Modernist Prefab Manufacturers and Would-Be Buyers Under One Roof: 2nd Annual Prefab Marketplace demonstrates prefab is a viable housing option -- Marmol Radziner; Sander Architects; Aaron Bohrer; Ray Kappe; David Hertz; etc.](#)- California Newswire

[Stadium of the Future: 49ers, architects envision innovative, fan-friendly venue -- with street fair outside...68,000-seat coliseum that would be an architectural crossroads in both function and design... -- HNTB; HKS; Peter Eisenman](#)- Mercury News (California)

["Having fun again": JMA President Ed Vance leaves to launch new firm..."It was an amicable split...Sometimes you just want to see your name on the door." -- EV&A \(Edward Vance & Associates\)](#)- Las Vegas Business Press

[Renovation reveals Mackintosh mysteries: Queen's Cross Church, in Maryhill, Glasgow, is regarded as a curious gem of world architecture and contains some of the iconic architect's purest work. -- Hunter & Clark \[images\]](#)- The Herald (UK)

[Building Design+Construction Reveals "40 Under 40" Winners \[links\]](#)- BusinessWire

[Exhibits showcase distinct styles of three architects: ...three eras, three distinct ways of shaping the structures that shape our lives... By Blair Kamin -- Louis Sullivan; Myron Goldsmith/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Martin Wolf/Solomon Cordwell Buenz](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Architectural Skills: Excellent. Personal Skills: Not So Good. "Frank's Home"...A slide show might not be the most theatrically vital answer, but at least the images of Wright's masterly architectural achievements would give us some minor aesthetic reward for enduring Mr. Nelson's ill-conceived play.](#)- New York Times

[The Play Really Is the Thing: And without one, the best actors in the world can't save you..."Frank's Home"...Fortunately, the play isn't only about Wright's life; it also treats questions of art and beauty. The connection may not be especially graceful...](#)- New York Magazine

[In Their Own Words: Abu Dhabi Cultural District: How Gehry, Hadid, Nouvel, and Ando envision their cultural venues on Saadiyat Island. \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Curtain Up: Billy Wilder Theater at UCLA Hammer Museum: Los Angeles has a new cultural "living room." -- Michael Maltzan Architecture \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow



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