

Today's News - Thursday, June 21, 2007

We lose a master structural engineer. – Modern architecture: a "new endangered species." – Hume on Toronto's cultural renaissance: "creativity has yet to be fully understood at the civic level." – He's dazzled by Gehry's AGO for reasons you wouldn't expect. – British developers face squeeze over green standards. – Kaplicky's Czech library wins U.K. award, while UJA rules design won competition fair and square. – Young Prague firm shares the secret to its success. – Q&A with David Rockwell. – All is now right with Wright school. – Impressive shortlist for Prime Minister's Better Public Building Award. – Pearman not at all impressed with "How we built Britain." – Coming up: Podcast explores how a New Orleans neighborhood plans to become the nation's first zero carbon community. – Coastal symposium in Barcelona. – Archidex in Kuala Lumpur. – How could we resist: Badgers win their 5th "America's Cup of civil engineering." – Editor's note: we're happy to hear our favorite critic at Newsday, Justin Davidson, is moving to New York magazine as architecture and music critic.

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[Obituary: William LeMessurier, 81, Structural Engineer...who became a hero to other structural engineers when he detected and repaired a potentially catastrophic flaw in the Citicorp building in Manhattan...](#)- New York Times

[A new endangered species: Modern architecture: Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library is at the center of a debate on whether such buildings are worth saving...costly to maintain and...more costly to retrofit with green technology.](#) – Mies van der Rohe; Paul Rudolph; Marcel Breur; Kallman, McKinnell and Knowles- Christian Science Monitor

[The impressive new buildings are only a beginning: Toronto's Cultural Renaissance is well underway...will it lead to a second wave of cultural works that will bring new depth to the arts in Toronto?](#) By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

[Gehry's AGO will dazzle for the right reasons: ...return to Toronto also marks his return to architecture....Though he has made no secret of his exasperation with Toronto conservatism, perhaps it turned out a blessing in disguise...its subtlety and quiet perfection mark it as a minor masterpiece.](#) By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

[Developers face squeeze over green standards: ...may have to accept lower margins, as they will probably be unable to pass on the higher cost of meeting environmental construction standards-](#) Building (UK)

[Kaplicky's library design wins award at A. J. Bovis Award British Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition...Czech architecture studios complained...about an alleged failure...to meet the \[library\] competition conditions...IUA \[International Union of Architects\] said the competition was correct and confirmed Kaplicky as the winner. -- Future Systems-](#) Prague Daily Monitor

[From drinking buddies to architecture partners: Prague's 4a architekti shares the secret to its success-](#) The Prague Post

[Q&A: David Rockwell: "I think I'm in the post-tomato phase of my life."](#)- Express (Washington, DC)

[Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture in Scottsdale regains full accreditation for its bachelor's and master's degree programs.](#)- Arizona Republic

[Shortlist for the 2007 Prime Minister's Better Public Building Award Announced: What these 18 outstanding projects show is that the best public building is now at the cutting edge of sustainable design. -- DSDHA; White Design; Feilden Clegg Bradley; Penoyre & Prasad; WHAT architecture; Pringle Richards Sharratt; Allies and Morrison; RyderHKS; etc. \[images\]-](#) CABE (Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, UK)



[Book review: Smooth drivetime architecture: what's wrong with "How we built Britain" by David Dimbleby...He writes fluently, if a little stiffly...if you seek insight, look elsewhere.](#) By Hugh Pearman- HughPearman.com (UK)

[A Perfect Storm: How one New Orleans neighborhood \[Holy Cross\] is struggling to rebuild – and become the nation's first zero carbon community...first North American webcast to focus on sustainable rebuilding efforts: Thursday, June 28, 2 to 4 pm \(CST\) – Bob Berkebile/BNIM Architects; Charles Allen III/Tulane/Xavier Center for Bioenvironmental Research; Dave Macaulay-](#) zerocarbonNOLA.org

[Intelligent Coast International Symposium: "Tourism XXL. The European Megalopolis": CCCB /Center of Contemporary Culture of Barcelona July 19-21-](#) Intelligent Coast

[Archidex 07: 8th Malaysia Architecture, Interior Design and Building Exhibition in Kuala Lumpur July 5-8-](#) Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM)

[Engineering Students from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Win 20th Annual National Concrete Canoe Competition in Seattle...the 'America's Cup of Civil Engineering'](#)- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)



[kk Letter: Stopover in Beijing: The "egg," the "twisted doughnut," the "watercube," the "bird's nest," and many other constuction sites are buzzing with workers to be ready for the 2008 Olympics... -- Pei; Scheeren/OMA; PTW; Herzog & de Meuron; Holl; Lab Architecture Studio; Andreu](#)

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