

Today's News - Wednesday, September 12, 2007

For the good of the world: MIT's D-Lab devises solutions "aimed at saving the world, one village at a time," and AMD Open Architecture Challenge launches today. -- A de Grey sort of day: Rose has the scoop on Libya's green vision. -- Pearman on Atelier Foster Nouvel adventure. -- Foster's green and preservation design (+\$1.11 billion) win big in Singapore. -- Liquid Design in Charlotte x 2: car elevators in luxury condo with save historic Carolina Theatre, and an outdoor lifestyle park (rapids included). -- Bridgeport, CT, gets a peek at big waterfront plans. -- Another cut in height for London's Blackfriars tower in hopes to open in time for Olympics. -- Houston to get its first LEED Silver skyscraper. -- Architects making a name for themselves designing in light. -- Libeskind as "sky fighter" and immortalized in Legoland. -- Polluted Beijing voted China's most beautiful city ("with no hint of irony"). -- The stars are coming out for Arch Record's Innovation 2007: Architecture in an Age of Transformation conference. -- ASLA's 2007 Student Award winners are definitely worth a look.

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[Low Technologies, High Aims: M.I.T....working on rough-hewn inventions aimed at saving the world, one village at a time...D-Lab, a research center and set of courses devoted to devising cheap technologies that could have a big effect in impoverished communities. \[images, links\]](#)- New York Times

[Call for entries: AMD Open Architecture Challenge: international design competition to design a sustainable multi-purpose technology facility for under-served communities; deadline: January 15, 2008](#)- Open Architecture Network

[Gadafy's green vision: Libya wants to overhaul its image by building the world's largest eco-friendly tourist resort. Steve Rose visits the ancient ruins of Cyrene to hear about the ambitious plans \[for\] Green Mountain. -- Spencer de Grey/Foster + Partners; Robert Adam](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Tête-à-tête: Whoever said two into one don't go? Norman Foster and Jean Nouvel have put their heads together for the £300m Walbrook Square development in the City. And as you would expect, they're doing nothing by halves. By Hugh Pearman -- Spencer de Grey/Atelier Foster Nouvel](#)- RIBA Journal (UK)

[Istithmar Consortium wins bid to secure prime development site in Singapore: ...awarded the contract based on the quality of the design proposals, rather than the financial bid \[\\$1.11 billion\] alone. -- Foster + Partners \[image\]](#)- AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

[Parking in high style: Luxury condo project's car elevators save enough space so historic Carolina Theatre can stay intact...For Charlotte history lovers, who have been trying to secure a future for the Carolina since it went dark in 1978, there's no question this is a Next Big Thing. -- Liquid Design \[image\]](#)- Charlotte Observer

[Water Power: The world's largest whitewater park challenges Charlotte's Liquid Design to live up to its name...U.S. National Whitewater Center \(USNWC\), a \\$37 million complex of man-made rapids and waterfalls...brings outdoor adventure to urbanites... \[slide show\]](#)- Architect Magazine

[Parks board gets peek at \\$600M project...proposed on the former Remington Shaver property...on the 12.2 acre waterfront site \[in Bridgeport\]...style "not unlike the parks and squares of London, where there's total integration." -- Ehrenkrantz, Eckstut & Kuhn Architects \(EEK\)](#)- Connecticut Post

[Beetham to cut Blackfriars tower height again...with the height reduced from 180 metres to 170 metres in a bid to avoid a lengthy planning inquiry. -- Ian Simpson \[images\]](#)- London SE1

[Hines Plans 1M-SF Office Tower in Downtown Houston: MainPlace To Be the First LEED Silver-Certified Skyscraper in CBD -- Pickard Chilton](#)- CoStar

[On The Circuit Boards: Höweler+Yoon Architecture designs with light..."It's digital narcissism"... \[slide show\]](#)- Architect Magazine

[Sky Fighter: Daniel Libeskind shares his vision for architecture and why he's at peace with the plans for Ground Zero that replaced his own. \[+ podcast\]](#)- Fast Company

[Libeskind Alive! \(At Least in SoCal\): Where the original Freedom Tower was actually built, plastic brick by brick...in Legoland USA outside San Diego. \[image\]](#)- New York Magazine

[Polluted Beijing voted China's most beautiful city: ...assessment took into consideration Beijing's design, infrastructure, architecture, culture and natural beauty...with no hint of irony. -- China Institute of City Competitiveness](#)- Reuters

[Conference: Architectural Record Innovation 2007: Architecture in an Age of Transformation; Keynote Speakers: Sir Nicholas Grimshaw and William J. Mitchell/MIT Design Laboratory, October 10-11, New York City](#)- Architectural Record

[ASLA Announces 2007 Student Awards: 25 projects from 22 colleges and universities](#)

[\[links to images\]](#)- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

[INSIGHT: The Cultural and Environmental Differences of Global Project Types: As the world's economy becomes more global, western developers, designers, and engineers must keep developing innovative ideas for efficiency improvement if they want to keep ahead. By Reg Monteyne, P.E., and Gary H. Pomerantz, P.E./Flack + Kurtz](#) [\[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow



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