

Today's News - Tuesday, March 4, 2008

First look at Cloepfil's Clyfford Still Museum in Denver. – Two takes on Kaplický's kaffuffle with Prague. – Plans stall for U.S. National Slavery Museum. – We're sad to hear Brooklyn's tallest tower by Piano is not to be. – Dubliners continue the U2 tower debate: some "don't see the need for these megalomaniac schemes." – Farrelly minces no words about Sydney's "debased and debilitated" planning system (her ideas for Disney rides are most telling). – UK-Ireland network to promote sustainable transport. – Kamin on Chicago's new "sometimes elegant, sometimes underwhelming perch in the sky." – School daze: Kamin's take on the new "veddy, veddy un-British" British School that is "veddy, veddy good until you step inside." – Q&A with a behavioral psychologist and planner about what makes spaces good for students to live and learn. – What one college campus did with an elegant landmark that didn't quite work. – In the U.K. magnificent old school buildings can be young again (too bad the Building Schools for the Future program favors demolition over refurbishment). – Lessons to be learned at upcoming School Building Expo. – Green roofs have architects and landscape architects growing closer. – A "now you see it, now you don't" waste treatment plant (a.k.a. "Poohaven"). – Water diversion for Beijing Olympics leaving provinces high and dry (but the swans are happy). – Only a few days left to see Harvard GSD's "Dirty Work" - a look at the disparity between landscape architecture and city planning in "nonformal cities" (a.k.a. slums).

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[Clyfford Still Museum architect inspired by 'gift of light': Although small, structure won't be overshadowed. By Mary Voelz Chandler -- Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture \[slide show\]](#)- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[Praguescape: What about the blob? Kaplický...is accusing City Hall of conspiring against him, and he's threatening to pull out of the \[National Library\] project...he's deeply disappointed and that Prague is setting itself up for "incredible embarrassment" if the library project ends up being scrapped.](#)- Prague Daily Monitor

[Kaplicky gives Prague ultimatum over library: ...would withdraw from the project of a new National Library \(NK\) building according to his design if Prague did not decide on it within a month...presented a new model of the library in a gold/champagne colour, while the previous models looked rather greenish.](#)- CeskéNoviny.cz

[Plans stall for U.S. National Slavery Museum: With building on hold, Fredericksburg officials pull back promoting it -- Pei Partnership Architects](#)- Richmond Times-Dispatch (Virginia)

[City Tech Tower is Not to Be: It was supposed to be Brooklyn's newest architectural landmark... Renzo Piano will no longer be involved with the project...Perkins Eastman Architects, which had been working with Piano, is in the process of "re-tooling the design"...](#) [image]- Brooklyn Daily Eagle (NY)

[Dublin split over the U2 Tower: Dubliners like a good debate and a recent hot topic of discussion has been the U2 Tower..."We were very happy with the original 60m proposal and don't see the need for these megalomaniac schemes." -- Foster & Partners; Kevin Roche; Studio Libeskind; Manuel Aires Mateus; Santiago Calatrava](#)- The Times (UK)

[Disney on our shores: are they taking the Mickey? With a public sector now so cowed...a profession so next-job needy it daren't criticise what is widely recognised as a debased and debilitated system, and an Opposition that can't keep its loincloth up, there seems no end to this petty tyranny.](#) By Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald

[UK-Ireland network to promote sustainable transport in urban areas: CIVITAS - which stands for City-VITALity-Sustainability - is a European initiative aiming to bring cleaner and more efficient transport to cities...](#)- New Civil Engineer (UK)

[By design: Sweet Sixteen view: Trump's new restaurant...a dramatic, sometimes elegant, sometimes underwhelming perch in the sky...Designing this space...was harder than it looks.](#) By Blair Kamin -- Valerio Dewalt Train; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) [slide show]- Chicago Tribune

[British School has split personality: ...the robust British School of Chicago...It's veddy, veddy un-British...And it's veddy, veddy good until you step inside...](#) By Blair Kamin -- Valerio Dewalt Train; Interior Space International/ISI- Chicago Tribune

[Dorm Therapy: A design psychologist helps colleges create spaces where students live and learn -- Susan Painter/AC Martin Partners](#)- The Chronicle of Higher Education

[Extreme Makeover at Pomona: What if a top firm created an elegant neo-Classical landmark and nobody came? ...the college took a deep breath and decided that little fixes weren't the answer -- the Smith Campus Center needed a major overhaul. -- Robert A.M. Stern Architects; SmithGroup](#)- The Chronicle of Higher Education

[School conversion by the book: As rural classrooms close, the right development can save the architecture and make the building ring to young voices again...Conservationists are worried that the government's Building Schools for the Future programme effectively favours demolition over refurbishment...](#) [images]- Telegraph (UK)

[School Building Expo: Special focus on sustainability: April 1-3, Renaissance Schaumburg \(Chicago\), IL](#)- Eaton Hall Exhibitions

[Landscape/Architecture Firms Growing Closer: ...as green roofs are growing up in our own backyards, the relationship between architect and landscape architect is sure to blossom. – SWA Group; Renzo Piano; BAR Architects; Michael Van Valkenburgh; Steven Holl](#)- Architectural Record

[3DReid in Peacehaven – now you see it, now you don't...Forget brash buildings, this is what you get when you hire Hobbits to design a sludge recycling centre...Boasting one of the largest green roofs in Europe, it is hoped the new proposals will allay residents' fears about its impact on the Downland landscape. \[images\]](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Provinces pay price for green Olympics: Millions of gallons of water are being diverted to Beijing from areas hit by drought](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Exhibition review: "Dirty Work: Transforming the Landscape of Nonformal Cities in the Americas" ...addresses a disparity within the field of landscape architecture and city planning...looks at 15 different projects in seven different cities of the Americas...at Harvard GSD Gund Hall Gallery through March 16](#)- Harvard Gazette

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