

Today's News - Thursday, March 20, 2008

Dublin's "stunning" Elm Park will be an "exciting, vibrant, sustainable and forward-looking minicity." -- Thumbs-up for Edmonton's "crap detectors." -- Still more voices join the China boycott fray. -- Dyson Academy wins surprise go-ahead (see ANN March 18 - perhaps planners don't suck after all?). -- A \$1 billion icon for Dallas. -- Mori's pavilion at FLW Martin House is "an architectural gain" for Buffalo. -- She talks to Litt about her Buffalo adventure. -- A "concrete crusader" takes his cause to Poland. -- A grand library renovation for Lehigh University. -- A former Des Moines car showroom to be a green design showroom. -- Campbell on young architects who are showing their chops with restaurant design. -- More on Corbu's Chandigarh treasures ending up on international auction blocks. -- A Kahn treasure could be yours for \$2-3 million. -- A new CABA briefing explores how to civilize streets. -- Librarians create a guide for library design. -- What is it with architects' websites? (we ask that question all the time). -- Call for entries: Lex, Walsall International Architecture Competition. -- Call for proposals: New York Prize Fellowship in Sustainable Cities and the Social Sciences. -- Reminder: May 1 deadline for submitting sustainable projects to ASLA's Sustainable Sites Initiative. -- Chicago Commercial Real Estate Award winners.

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[Dare to be different: Elm Park, Dublin: ...a stunning £300m mixed-use, sustainable extension to Dublin, made all the more attractive by the charmless dross that surrounds it...clocks in as one of the most exciting, vibrant, sustainable and forward-looking minicity developments in Europe. -- Bucholz McEvoy Architects; RFR; Neveux-Rouyer Paysagistes \[images\]- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Daunting task for crap detectors: Design watchdogs have a lot on their plate...Any square boxes with minimal features and lame landscaping going up today were initiated before the Edmonton Design Committee \(EDC\)...principles set forth...are designed to discourage the sort of development that has thrived in Edmonton over the last 30 years -- cheap, boxy, car-oriented, low-density, sprawling...- Edmonton Journal \(Canada\)](#)

[Libeskind's China boycott a 'stunt', says van Egeraat: ...dismissed stance as simplistic and unhelpful. "Ideologising architecture is wrong; you overestimate its power." -- Architecture Sans Frontieres- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Wilkinson Eyre's Dyson Academy wins surprise go-ahead: A week is a long time in Bath...scheme still has a number of hurdles to clear...school could open as early as 2010. \[image\]- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Developer Plans \\$1B Icon Midtown Project in Dallas: New 3.7 Million-SF Mixed-Use Development To Break Ground in Q1 2009 -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Development Design Group; Gromatzky Dupree & Associates \[image\]- CoStar](#)

[Martin House gets a pavilion: Start of long-awaited project is an architectural gain for city...Unlike so many other Buffalo initiatives, this one led to an exciting project -- and not just to bickering or studies gathering dust on a shelf. -- Frank Lloyd Wright; Toshiko Mori- Buffalo News](#)

[Toshiko Mori pays tribute to Frank Lloyd Wright with design for visitors center at Martin House: She says the real heroes behind the project are the Buffalo residents who have raised more than \\$38 million...she had no desire to play the role of celebrity architect. By Steven Litt \[images\]- Cleveland Plain Dealer](#)

[Going hyper for Polish hypars: The concrete crusader who helped secure the listing of Huddersfield's 1970 Queensgate Market has joined the battle to save another rare example of hyperbolic paraboloids -- this time in Poland...a threatened railway station in Katowice. -- Chris Marsden \[images\]- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[A Grand Renovation of the Linderman Library at Lehigh University Preserves Tradition -- Addison Hutton \(1878\); MGA Architects \[slide show\]- The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

[Former car sales site to be a 'green' design showroom: Six buildings in Iowa are LEED-certified, and seven more are registered as vying for the designation in the Des Moines area alone... -- Simonson & Associates Architects; RDG; A. Dean Morton- Des Moines Register](#)

[Dining out on their designs: Restaurants are new venues for firms like Office dA to show their chops. By Robert Campbell -- Studio Luz- Boston Globe](#)

[A City That Sat on Its Treasures, but Didn't See Them: The ultrafunctional tables and chairs in the city offices in Chandigarh, India, have made their way from the junkyard to art auctions in Paris and New York...reflected a broader ambivalence among the public toward Le Corbusier's heritage...and widespread official neglect of his work. -- Pierre Jeanneret; M.N. Sharma- New York Times](#)

[What Price an Authentic Louis Kahn House? On May 18, the Wright auction house...will be offering Esherick House \(1961\) in its Important Design sale...estimates that it will bring \\$2 million to \\$3 million. \[images\]- New York Times](#)

[Civilised streets: A new CABA briefing explores 'shared space'...presents a common agenda for the future that is about removing the dominance of the car -- creating civilised streets that work for all. \[link\]- CABA \(Commission for Architecture and the](#)

Built Environment, UK)

[Librarians Create a Guide for Library Design: ...features information on standards, precedents, user studies, equipment, and resources... \[link to guide\]](#)- The Chronicle of Higher Education

[What is it with architects' websites? ...the industry's sites often look fantastic. The problem is that the fancier the graphics, the longer it seems to take for a site to load. Architects and developers appear to be the worst offenders. \[links\]](#)- Building (UK)

[Call for entries: Lex, Walsall International Architecture Competition; deadline: May 30-](#) Urban Splash / RIBA

[Call for proposals: New York Prize Fellowship in Sustainable Cities and the Social Sciences; deadline: April 18-](#) Van Alen Institute / Social Science Research Council

[Reminder: May 1 deadline for submitting sustainable projects to the Sustainable Sites Initiative-](#) American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

[The Center on Halsted, the Spertus Institute for Jewish Studies and the CNA building were among the winners in the Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards. -- VOA Associates; Krueck & Sexton Architects; Gensler \[slide show\]](#)- Crain's Chicago

[Transparent Connections: Princeton University School of Architecture Addition: A contemporary connection revitalizes two wings of an existing campus building. -- Architecture Research Office \(ARO\)](#)- ArchNewsNow



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