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Rybczynski muses on why the Pritzker goes to one architect when architecture is a team sport. – Even with the "frenetic pace that threatens to eclipse Dubai's," the new Beijing may not be the best thing for China. – The West Side Rail Yards carries the ghost of Robert Moses - what might NYC lose? – The slugfest continues over museum plans for San Francisco's Presidio. – Calatrava's Jerusalem bridge continues to be "an object of contention." – Farrelly on fairy floss and the "pretty stories" spinning around Sydney's 2030 visions. – Maybe things will be better as two Pritzker winners head down-under. – New urbanism takes a step forward in Charlotte, NC. – Hume on a new crown jewel rising in Don Mills that is "a complex of rare beauty." – King finds a small project one of the "most intriguing" buildings going up in San Francisco. – Lake|Flato's LEED Platinum oasis in East Texas. – RTKL wins Beijing museum expansion. – Up's and down's for public art: How can cities measure the success of public art projects? – Heatherwick's B of the Bang in Manchester loses more spikes. – Hopes to turn Sheffield's Tinsley towers into public art are crushed (video is very cool). – Winners all: AIA picks 10 communities for its Sustainable Design Assessment Team program. – Eye-fuls of the BusinessWeek/Architectural Record China Awards and Record Houses awards. – Ontario Association of Architects honors design excellence. – Green makes the ultimate impact in the Dulux Colour Awards.

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[Architecture Is a Team Sport: So why do they award the Pritzker Prize to just one person? This is not to take anything away from Jean Nouvel, an imaginative if sometimes heavy-handed architect. He deserves credit for assembling—and leading—the talented teams that get his designs built. But teams they are.](#) By Witold Rybczynski – [b720 Arquitectos; Permasteelisa](#)- Slate

[Second thoughts on Beijing's new Olympic-inspired architecture: The new Beijing may not be best for China...has snatched the attention of the world's top architects...to power its metamorphosis at a frenetic pace that threatens to eclipse Dubai's.](#) – Herzog & de Meuron; Norman Foster; Paul Andreu; Philippe Starck; Rem Koolhaas/Ole Scheeren/OMA- Christian Science Monitor

[The West Side Rail Yards and the Ghost of Robert Moses: The Speyers won big last week, but will the city lose? ...it carries with it great risk—risk that if it were to fail, it could bring down the emerging far West Side...if the urban design is poorly planned, the area could be scarred with a large, barren public space for decades.](#) – Murphy/Jahn; Peter Walker [links]- New York Observer

[Art and History Clash in San Francisco: In a city where community politics is something of a blood sport, the Fisher plan has caused a culture clash, in which art, history, money and power are slugging it out in a breathtaking urban setting...Contemporary Art Museum at the Presidio...is the latest chapter in the fractious saga...](#) – Gluckman Mayner Architects- New York Times

[For Some, a Bridge Too Close for Comfort: A striking new bridge being built in Jerusalem has become an object of contention, with detractors complaining that it is in the wrong place...Bridge of Strings](#) – Santiago Calatrava- New York Times

[Giving the latest fairy floss just one more spin: So what does qualify as word abuse? The deliberate use of language not to approach reality but to hide it...Like Clover's "new" 2030 vision for Sydney ...for all those believers in the pretty stories of cultural ribbons and car bans, planet earth and I have a one-word answer. Spin!](#) By Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald

[Foster + Partners is to work alongside Pritzker Prize winner Jean Nouvel...on a huge mixed-use scheme in Sydney, Australia.](#) – PTW Architects; Johnson Pilton Walker; Alexander Tzannes; Tonkin Zulaikha Greer- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[An urban look, a rural feel: The Next Big Thing at Northlake \[Brookline\] likely will...focus on residential density, housing diversity and pedestrian connections in keeping with today's energy-saving concepts of walkable neighborhoods.](#) – Stephen Fuller Design; Environmental Design- Charlotte Observer (North Carolina)

[Aga Khan's cultural centre crown jewel for Don Mills: ...once the transformation is complete...it will be a full-fledged international destination, a place for all...a complex of rare beauty that...is rendered in the language of contemporary architecture.](#) By Christopher Hume – Fumihiko Maki; Charles Correa; Vladimir Djurovic- Toronto Star

[Glass space meant to spur imagination: Ignore the glass skyscrapers; San Francisco's most intriguing construction project is a smallish building going up on Mission St...the Urban Center will house the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association. The think tank known as SPUR... By John King](#) – Pfau Long Architecture [image]- San Francisco Chronicle

[Shangri La Emerges Again... in East Texas: Lake|Flato creates LEED Platinum oasis...transforming from the ashes of a ruined ornamental garden and a dying lake into a vast nature preserve and botanical garden.](#) [images]- AIArchitect

[RTKL Lands China Museum Project: The "garden-inspired design" will complement the museum's existing 1962 traditional Chinese building...expansion for the National Art Museum of China in Beijing.](#) [image, links]- Interior Design Newswire

[Turning cities into art galleries: Public art can generate big revenues and beautify urban areas. Or it can anger residents. How does one measure its success?](#) – Olafur Eliasson; Tim Noble/Sue Webster; Christo and Jeanne-Claude; Christopher Janney-

Christian Science Monitor

[Heatherwick's B of the Bang loses more spikes: Manchester City Council has had to remove nearly a dozen more spikes from Heatherwick Studio's sculpture...Trouble started for the £1.4 million sculpture right from the start...](#) - The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Crushing disappointment: The Tinsley towers were all set to become an iconic work of public art - Sheffield's own 'Angel of the North'. Now they face demolition. \[video link\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[AIA Selects 10 Communities for Community Assistance to Promote Long-term Sustainability...under the Sustainable Design Assessment Team \(SDAT\) program...](#)- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[BusinessWeek/Architectural Record China Awards 2008 honor 13 building and planning projects – Urbanus; David Chipperfield Architects/ZTUDI The Architectural Design and Research Institute Zhejiang University of Technology; I.M. Pei/Pei Partnership Architects/Suzhou Institute of Architectural Design; AREP VILLE/East China Architectural Design & Research Institute/Shanghai Xian Dai Architectural Design Group; Atelier Z+; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Arup/Aedas; EDAW; etc. \[slide shows\]](#)- Architectural Record

[Winners of Record Houses 2008: Introduction by Christopher Hawthorne; Editorial by Robert Ivy – Skene Catling de la Peña; Sean Godsell; Werner Sobek; Drisko Studio Architects; Studio Mumbai; Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen; FAR frohn&rojas; Atelier Bow-Wow; Darren Petrucci Architect \[slide shows\]](#)- Architectural Record

[Ontario Association of Architects \(OAA\) honours design excellence -- Brian MacKay-Lyons /Rounthwaite, Dick & Hadley Architects; Montgomery Sisam/Stantec; MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller; Ogilvie and Hogg/Desnoyers Mercure/Spencer R. Higgins/Lundholm Associates; Shore Tilbe Irwin; Moriyama & Teshima; gh3 inc.; Farrow Partnership; Teeple Architects; Kohn Shnier; Levitt Goodman; Zeidler Partnership/Bregman + Hamann; NORR](#)- Daily Commercial News (Canada)

[Dulux Colour Awards 08: Green makes the ultimate impact – Carr Design Group; McBride Charles Ryan; Matt Gibson a+d; Terroir \[images\]](#)- Dulux Australia

[Notably Nouvel: 2008 Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate: This year's recipient will be saying "merci" in Washington, DC. \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow.com



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