

Today's News - Wednesday, April 30, 2008

London's Olympic Aquatics Center called "over-designed" and wayyy over budget. – Kamin minces no words about plans to put Chicago Children's Museum in Grant Park. – He gives a thumbs-up to Joffrey Ballet's new home (with some reservations). – University expansions in Boston are testing town-gown relationships. – Big expansion plans for the Dublin Institute of Technology. – Dunster bemoans "a profession happier to serve its paymasters than the environment or the public." – Starchitects and corporate icons make this student generation uneasy. – Also "parachuted in" to help retrofit his award-winning office building. – Hoskins wins bid to design Scottish pavilion at Venice Biennale. – Six sweet schemes for Manchester's Tutti Frutti development. – Hume not happy: if Toronto "can't even manage to give cyclists their fair share of the road, what hope is there?" – Washington gears up with first bike-share program in U.S. – Campbell coos over ASLA's green roof. – Gehry's library at Princeton almost ready for its close-up. – A glass beacon to adorn the Canadian Museum of Nature. – Shigeru Ban pavilion to go on the auction block. – British Columbia honors its best. – What might be in store for Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth. – Four examples of great contemporary architecture in Paris. – Call for entries: LA Forum Liner Competition (short notice to register). – We couldn't resist: a real estate agency for squatters.

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[House of Commons committee slams Zaha's 'expensive' and 'overdesigned' Olympic Aquatics Centre ...up to £303 million today from £73 million in 2004..."shows a risible approach to cost control and that the Games organisers seem to be willing to spend money like water." -- Zaha Hadid \[images\]- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Call it off: Relocating Chicago Children's Museum to Grant Park would wreak havoc for both for decades to come...The plan remains a bad marriage in the making — as bad for the museum as it would be for Grant Park. By Blair Kamin -- Krueck & Sexton- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Joffrey Ballet's MoMo brings some muscle to State Street: ...this newcomer to the Loop is a plus: strong, straightforward, chock-a-block with activities, an old-style Chicago building with just enough 21st Century spin to make it fresh. By Blair Kamin -- Laurence Booth/Booth Hansen Associates- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Boston Squeezed as Colleges and Universities Expand: Although local officials generally welcome such projects, some plans are testing town-gown relationships. -- Behnisch Architekten; Sasaki Associates; Cannon Design- Architectural Record](#)

[Grangegorman: all in by 2010: ...a new home for the Dublin Institute of Technology represents the single largest educational project in the history of the state. -- Moore Ruble Yudell; DMOD Architects- The Irish Times](#)

[Which side are you on? Today's buildings have all the hallmarks of being designed by a profession happier to serve its paymasters than the environment or the public...will the establishment architects change the code? Or will the code change the architecture? By the eco warrior: Bill Dunster/Zedfactory- RIBA Journal \(UK\)](#)

[No stars in our eyes: Starchitects and corporate icons make this student generation uneasy. They know the future is about multidisciplinary collaboration and ethically aware design...There appears to be a backlash against the commercial tide among some students and young practices, who are recoiling from projects that as a priority seek to satisfy corporate end-goals. By the student: Zoe Berman- RIBA Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Will Also to aid Palestra's bid to generate its own power: ...the capital's first building to use a hydrogen fuel cell of this size - has asked Also to give the plant a more "sculptural" form. -- SMC Also \[image\]- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Scots architect heads to Venice after design win: Gareth Hoskins will design Gathering Space, the Scottish presence at the 2008 Venice Architecture Biennale...- The Herald \(Scotland\)](#)

[Urban Splash unveils six sweet schemes for Manchester: ... submitted for planning as part of its Tutti Frutti development in New Islington. -- Richard Daw and Roberta Haslam; Chance de Silva; Sheppard Robson; Nazar Sayigh/Glas Architects; Peter Roberts; Richard Frankland/FKDA Architects \[image\]- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Time to get into the lane game: Toronto lags far behind other cities -- even other Canadian cities -- as a bike-friendly community...Bicycles won't solve all the problems we face, of course, but if we can't even manage to give cyclists their fair share of the road, what hope is there? By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star](#)

[Bicycle-Sharing Program to Be First of Kind in U.S.: A new public-private venture called SmartBike DC...While automated bike-sharing programs are new to the United States, the idea of bike-sharing is hardly novel.- New York Times](#)

[Up high and down to earth: A beauty of a green roof comes with benefits...Americans are laggards in green roofs...The ASLA roof is intended to change that. By Robert Campbell -- Michael Van Valkenburgh; Michael Van Valkenburgh- Boston Globe](#)

[Gehry-designed Lewis Library at university nearing completion: "We got everything out of the design that we were after," said Craig Webb... \[image\]- Princeton Packet](#)

[Glass beacon to welcome museumgoers: The Canadian Museum of Nature will](#)

[undergo a dramatic change in appearance...with the construction of a \\$10-million glass tower above the front entrance, which...pushes the limits of glass and structural engineering.](#) -- Barry Padolsky Associates; Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg (KPMB)- Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

[Sotheby's to Offer Artek Pavilion by Shigeru Ban at Sale of Important 20th Century Design...proceeds being donated to arts and culture affiliated charities.](#) [image]- Art Daily

[2008 AIBC Architectural Awards winners](#) -- Busby Perkins+Will; Omicron AEC/architectsAlliance; Bevanda Architecture; mcfarlane/green/biggar architecture; Measured Architecture; Marko Simcic; Urban Arts Architecture; Joe Y. Wai Architect; Acton Ostry Architects- Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC)

[Some day his plinth will come: Patrick Brill, aka Bob and Roberta Smith, is an original and free-spirited artist whose work, says Lynn Barber, would bring a bit of pizzazz to Trafalgar Square](#) [slide show]- Guardian (UK)

[Vive la différence: Paris is so uniformly elegant that sometimes you just cry out for a building that breaks the mould. Here are four examples of contemporary architecture that catch the eye.](#) -- Oscar Niemeyer; Frank Gehry; Dietmar Feichtinger; Dominique Perrault [images]- Guardian (UK)

[Call for entries: LA Forum Liner Competition: the first permanent home for the Forum in a 15-foot wide storefront on Hollywood Boulevard; registration deadline: May 2-](#) Los Angeles Forum for Architecture and Urban Design

['Estate agents' offer empty homes for squat: ...On the Squatters Estate Agents' 'books' are scores of former pubs, abandoned flats and houses, derelict council properties and empty buildings owned by Government departments.](#) - Daily Mail (UK)



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-- [Book: "Project Vitra" by Cornel Windlin & Rolf Fehbaum](#)

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