

Today's News - Wednesday, June 4, 2008

- Fast Company's 2008 Cities of the Year (and still looking for utopia).
- A look at who's doing what beyond Beijing.
- Not everyone thinks French president's ambitious competition to create an urban vision for Paris is a good thing (but it should be fun to watch!).
- Budapest's cultural heritage held hostage to real estate (who needs a 15th century castle wall when you can build a garage instead?).
- A new mixed-income, sustainable development for Boston's Emerald Necklace.
- What does it mean to build a building of our own time?
- Gwathmey's doing just that at Yale.
- Hawthorne hails Libeskind's Jewish Museum in S.F.: "generally happy architectural results are not just surprising but encouraging."
- Toledo arena grows a green side.
- We'll know what Gehry's vision for Lehi, Utah, in August.
- MAK Center gets a Schindler.
- Q&A's with Isozaki, Koolhaas, Rockwell, Trahan, and Rajniš well worth reading.
- Dwell on Design starts tomorrow with two design challenges.
- A good reason to be in Montreal June 13: a conversation with Greg Lynn and Yung Ho Chang at CCA.
- Two we couldn't resist: the shortlist for the 2008 Architectural Jelly Design Competition. - And a how-to for squatters.

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[Fast Cities 2008: Jane Jacobs wrote about cities of "exuberant diversity," and in our 2008 Cities of the Year, Chicago and London, we have two stellar examples. They -- and our 12 cities to watch -- are no utopias \(we're still looking\).](#)- Fast Company magazine

[Beyond The Bird's Nest: The next phase of Chinese architecture takes wing...reflecting both China's ambitions and the sobering realities underneath...these buildings would be hard to find anywhere else; not coincidentally, they're also increasingly being produced by native architects rather than by foreigners. By Alex Pasternack -- Zaha Hadid; Office for Metropolitan Architecture \(OMA\); Heatherwick Studio; DnA; MAD Studio; Steven Holl \[images\]- I.D. magazine](#)

[The president pulls a switch on the City of Light: The French capital is overcrowded while its suburbs are poor and blighted, but Nicolas Sarkozy has a solution - an ambitious competition to create an urban vision for an expanded 'Greater Paris.' Not everyone, however, thinks that it's a good thing. -- Jean Nouvel; Richard Rogers; Rem Koolhaas; Roland Castro; Bruno Fortier/Antoine Grumbach; Jacques Ferrier; Claire Monod- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[Cultural Heritage Held Hostage to Real Estate: A standoff over the likely demolition of a cultural centre is only the latest in long wrangling over the fate of Budapest's crumbling cultural and architectural landscape...One of the latest to come up for demolition...a castle wall section dating from the 15th century, considered in the way of construction of a parking garage.- IPS-Inter Press Service](#)

[A New Emerald Is Fashioned for Boston's Emerald Necklace: ...development on 42 acres...a rare opportunity in an urban setting that is mostly built up...Olmsted Green...formula for building a truly mixed-income, sustainable development... -- ICON architecture; Rojas Group; Guzman Architects- New York Times](#)

[Op-Ed: What Does It Mean to Build a Building of Our Own Time? Shouldn't we be concerned about what our buildings will say about all of that enterprise to the citizens of our campuses a hundred years from now? By Lawrence Speck/PageSouthernlandPage- The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

[The Art & Architecture Addition: What Would You Have Done? Charles Gwathmey faced a daunting challenge in designing an addition to Paul Rudolph's A & A Building....Charles Gwathmey faced a daunting challenge in designing an addition \(at right\) to Paul Rudolph's Art & Architecture Building. -- Gwathmey Siegel \[images\]- The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

[Daniel Libeskind's Contemporary Jewish Museum: ...trademark slashing forms and off-kilter geometries, while as recognizable as ever, have been employed to rich metaphorical effect...generally happy architectural results are not just surprising but encouraging. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Willis Polk \(1907\); WRNS Studio; Architectural Resources Group- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Growing a Green Side: Designers add trees, ivy, bushes to facade of new Toledo arena -- HNTB \[images, links\]- Toledo Blade](#)

[Frank Gehry's vision of Lehi to be unveiled in August: ...An unexpected discovery of thermal water beneath the 80-acre site, in addition to ample wind and solar energy sources, provided the inspiration for an architectural design with a new "green emphasis..."- Daily Herald \(Utah\)](#)

[Schindler-designed home donated to MAK Center for Art and Architecture: ...1936 Fitzpatrick-Leland House...being used for the MAK Center's Urban Future Initiative... \[slide show, links\]- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Q&A with Arata Isozaki: astonishing by design: He may be almost 77, but there's no end to his groundbreaking ideas-](#) Japan Times

[Just A Minute With: Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas: ...known just as much for his musings on buildings, cities and society as he is for his striking steel, concrete and glass designs..."There are many moments when I am very tired of my own voice always explaining, and explaining."](#) -- Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA)- Reuters

[Action theater by design: Architect's vision for a plunging chandelier brings dramatic effect to 'Phantom': David Rockwell's fingerprints are all over town.](#) -- Rockwell Group- Las Vegas Sun

[Trey Trahan Defining Local: Architecture at a Variety of Scales: ...sets his work apart by exploiting the traditional Louisiana's strategies of clarity, understatement, opposition, asymmetry and proportion. By Liz Martin/Alloy projects](#) -- Trahan Architects [\[images, links\]](#)- Archinect

[Q&A with Martin Rajniš – from '70s high tech to a building "for an ice queen" on Snežka](#) [\[images\]](#)- Radio Prague

[Dwell on Design Conference Issues Two Design Challenges in Los Angeles, June 5-8...Wacom Live Eco-Design Rendering Challenge and Monrovia Design Challenge](#) [\[links\]](#)- Earthtimes.org

[June 13 in Montreal: "Urgency," a public conversation with Greg Lynn and Yung Ho Chang discussing issues of vital importance in contemporary practice with CCA Director Mirko Zardini.](#)- Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA)

[Architects get ready to wobble: ...the shortlist for the 2008 Architectural Jelly Design Competition – part of the 2008 London Festival of Architecture.](#) -- Atkins; Austin & Mergold; Walter Chefitz; Foster & Partners; Grimshaw; Iain McCaig; Rogers Stirk Harbour; SMC Alsop; Tonkin Liu; Chrysostomos Tsimourdagkas [\[images\]](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Squatters taught to pick locks by council leaflet: A number of councils across the country are steering local people who do not have a home to the Advisory Service for Squatters...](#)- Telegraph (UK)



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