

Today's News - Thursday, June 12, 2008

- Is "architectural imperialism" treating developing cities as "playgrounds for the leading lights of design?"
- Secrecy surrounds plans for Israel Navy's new port in Haifa; landscape architects withdraw. "Landscape architecture is a profession of principles...based on values, not just on the financial aspect."
- M15 asks that detailed security measures not be posted in online planning applications.
- If Toronto developers are looking for "idiosyncratic architecture," instead of turning to starchitects, why don't they "hire local talent and encourage them to go crazy?"
- An in-depth look at building-street interface, and its impact on these essential public spaces in San Francisco.
- London transport schemes go off the rails (shortlist comes up short).
- Architects and engineers in row over bridge competition.
- A £250m bonanza of Liverpool projects.
- Saffron sees good sign in Philadelphia's step to protect historic interiors.
- Jakarta to make green design mandatory.
- In New Zealand, a call to make the connection between sustainable housing and affordable housing. -- Contribute your ideas to earth2100.
- Merrick finds the Copenhagen Zoo's elephant house a "tough and strangely pre-eroded domain" (and "a bolt from the blue" by the Sultan of Seamlessness).
- Maltzan to take on the College of Creative Arts Center for SFSU.
- Deadline reminders: World Architecture Festival Awards, and Lifecycle Building Challenge 2. -- AIA COTE issues call for whitepapers relating to COTE Measures of Sustainable Design.
- Winners all: CCA/LSE 2008-2009 James Stirling Memorial Lectures on the City competition. -- An eyeful of SEG D 2008 Design Awards. -- 2008 International Berkeley Prize.
- Two days left to view - then bid on - Ban's Artek Pavilion.

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[Architectural imperialism: Beijing's rapid modernisation presents a difficulty: should western-style development come at all costs or should progress be held back in the name of historic architecture? It worries me that many fast-developing cities across the world are being treated as mere architectural playgrounds of tomorrow for the leading lights of design. By Mark Hooper \[links\]- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Sea change: ...planning the Israel Navy's new port in Haifa's Bat Galim area...a polynomial..."all the hopes of restoring to the city what the English took from it - the opening of the harbor and the creation of a sea front - are being dashed..."...What accounts for the fact that a project of this scale is proceeding so quietly in environmentally-conscious Haifa? -- Greenstein Har-Gil Landscape Architecture-Ha'aretz \(Israel\)](#)

[M15 asks architects to keep plans secret: ...by publishing detailed security measures in online planning applications, architects and planning authorities could be giving terrorists a 'head start'- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Celebrity architects build on name: Designers making a difference to T.O. skyline...if the goal is idiosyncratic architecture, couldn't developers hire local talent and encourage them to go crazy? -- Daniel Libeskind; Will Alsop; Robert A.M. Stern; Architects Alliance; Quadrangle; KPMB; Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\); Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Yansong Ma- National Post \(Canada\)](#)

[An eye on the street: What's ailing our residential streets? Urban designer Benjamin Grant examines the building-street interface, and its impact on these essential public spaces...historic patterns of San Francisco's residential neighborhoods don't offer especially good models for livable streets. \[images\]](#)

[by Benjamin Grant- San Francisco Planning + Urban Research \(SPUR\)](#)

[Key London transport schemes go off the rails: Transport for London \(TfL\) has thrown the future of two of the capital's key design-led projects into doubt...John McAslan + Partner's Oxford Street tram proposals and the much-heralded bus shelter design competition...none of the nine shortlisted proposals...were good enough to be taken forward. -- Ian Ritchie; Conran & Partners; Lacock Gullam- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[New bridge competition row...has erupted again this week after the Royal Institute of British Architects launched another design competition that excludes engineer-led teams. -- RIBA; Institution of Structural Engineers \(ICE\)- New Civil Engineer \(UK\)](#)

[Go-ahead for £250m bonanza of Liverpool city projects: St John's Centre can look forward to the £100m overhaul...A 400-room hotel complex -- including a luxury 4-star wing -- will be built metres away at Lime Street station. And one of the city's landmark Victorian dock systems was also granted permission for a huge renovation. -- Thinking Space- Liverpool Echo \(UK\)](#)

[Preservationists once bit, twice shy, over Boyd bill: The problem is that Philadelphia's historic preservation laws are famous for not protecting interiors...Having waited two decades for a law on historic interiors, Philadelphia can surely wait three more months to make sure it's done right. But not one minute more. By Inga Saffron- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[Green design for buildings to become mandatory: The Jakarta administration is...drafting green regulations for future and existing structures ... Architect and urbanologist Ridwan Kamil said...energy-saving designs were urgent for the densely populated capital as it had little space for green areas.- The Jakarta Post](#)

[Op-Ed: Let's do more than scratch the surface on sustainability: Truly affordable houses are cheap to run, not just cheap to buy...the average New Zealand house is dear to run - and many being built today show no signs of improving on our dismal performance in this regard. By Nick Collins/Beacon Pathway- New Zealand Herald](#)

[earth2100: ABC News is asking you to help answer perhaps the most important question of our time: What will our world be like over the next one hundred years if we don't act now to save our troubled planet?- earth2100](#)

[Ahead of the herd: Norman Foster redesigns the elephant house at a Denmark zoo: The fact that Foster + Partners created this tough and strangely pre-eroded domain is a bolt from the blue...How refreshingly surreal, then, to juxtapose the practice's "brand" architecture with issues such as the drainage of copious amounts of pachydermic urine through sand... By Jay Merrick \[images\]- Independent \(UK\)](#)

[Architect chosen for College of Creative Arts Center: ...challenge is to design a space that is both iconic and captures the creativity of the arts. -- Michael Maltzan- San Francisco State University](#)

[Deadline reminder: World Architecture Festival Awards - June 20- World Architecture Festival](#)

[Deadline reminder: Call for entries: Lifecycle Building Challenge 2: Ideas to improve materials reuse by examining opportunities throughout the entire lifecycle of a building from design to deconstruction or adaptation and component recovery; deadline: July 31 \(U.S.\)- Lifecycle Building Challenge](#)

[COTE: Call For Whitepapers...topics that relate to the COTE Measures of Sustainable Design; deadline: July 1- AIA Committee on the Environment \(COTE\)](#)

[CCA/LSE 3rd International 2008-2009 James Stirling Memorial Lectures on the City competition winners: Robert Mangurian and Mary-Ann Ray for their proposal "CAOCHANGDI Urban Rural Conundrums: Off Center People's Space in the Early 21st Century Republic of China - A Model for the Momentous Project of the New Socialist Village." -- Studio Works \[English/French\]- Canadian Centre for Architecture \(CCA\)](#)

[SEGD 2008 Design Awards -- Debra Nichols Design; Electroland; Gensler; Pentagram; Jiyeon Song; Studio/lab; Vanderbyl Design; emerstudio; FIRSDesign; etc. \[links to images\]- Society for Environmental Graphic Design \(SEGD\)](#)

[Winners in the Tenth Annual, 2008 International Berkeley Undergraduate Prize for Architectural Design Excellence Competition \[links\]- Berkeley Prize](#)

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[Words That Build: Playing with the Flow of Communication - Tip #3: Use language that playfully enhances the flow of design intentions between you and your client. By Norman Weinstein- ArchNewsNow](#)



[-- Tabanlıoğlu Architects: Dogan Medya Center, Ankara, Turkey](#)  
[-- Installation: Greg Lynn/FORM: Blobwall Pavilion, SCI-Arc Gallery, Los Angeles](#)

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