

Today's News - Tuesday, July 15, 2008

- We lose NOMA's first president and a mentor to generations of young "minority architects looking to break into what has long been a clubby business."
- Hume talks to the man who says Canada's urban future starts now "whether we're ready or not."
- Cairo's downtown goes from glamorous to grim as Egypt embraces U.S.-style suburban model.
- Architects begin to explore the "softer" side of buildings with "expressive, even human qualities." -- Vertical farms gaining ground (a few kinks still to work out).
- Q&A with Portland's oh-so-green developers.
- KPF tapped for massive Abu Dhabi airport expansion, while Gene Kohn talks about his plans to reshape Philadelphia's skyline.
- The jury knew there'd be problems when it selected Hadid for Olympics aquatic center.
- Viñoly says Battersea Power Station scheme could change substantially: "We are more than open to suggestion."
- Some miffed big names are spurred to action to create national museums for Japan's modern heritage.
- University of Baltimore law school competition draws big names.
- Rockwell's Imagination Playground in a Box hits the road - and is a hit with urban planners-in-training.
- Stern named 10th Laureate of the NBM's Vincent Scully Prize.
- BDP buys Dutch firm.
- RMJM teams with Stephen Lawrence Trust to inner city kids to pursue a career in architecture.
- Q&A with two architects with a hand in creating a modern look for Istanbul.
- National Design Award winners feted at the White House (pastries included).
- Call for entries: West Cork Arts Centre in Skibbereen, Ireland.

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[Obituary: Wendell Campbell, 81, first president of the National Organization of Minority Architects \(NOMA\)... left mark on many area buildings, guided African-Americans in the field. -- Campbell Tiu Campbell-](#) Chicago Tribune

[Get set - the future starts now: Eric Miller...director of the newly created Cities Centre at the University of Toronto...sees big changes ahead, whether we're ready or not...suggests the best way to overcome inertia and get some momentum going is simply to pick a project and start. By Christopher Hume-](#) Toronto Star

[Legless Beggars Replace Princes. Movie Stars in Cairo Downtown: Talaat Harb Square...provokes a kind of longing for possibilities lost in a once cutting-edge and even glamorous city...reflect Egypt's embrace of a new symbol of modernity: Paris is out. U.S.-style suburbs are in.-](#) Bloomberg News

[The new romantics: Architects are turning from cold steel and glass to crafty decorative facades...exploring a building's potential to have expressive, softer, even human qualities. By Dominic Lutyens -- Frith/Superblue; Johannes Tovatt; Shuttleworth/Make Architects; Alison Brooks; Foreign Office Architects \(FOA\) \[images\]-](#) Telegraph (UK)

[Country, the City Version: Farms in the Sky Gain New Interest: The idea of a "vertical farm" has captured the imagination of several architects and city planners who envision skyscrapers as farms. -- Dickson Despommier; Augustin Rosenstiehl/Atelier SOA; Mithun;-](#) New York Times

[Follow the LEEDer: Portland's Gerding Edlen Development continues to break new ground in green design. -- GBD Architects; Thomas Hacker \[images\]-](#) Metropolis Magazine

[Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\) Tapped for Abu Dhabi Airport Expansion: ...5.9-million-square-foot, \\$6.8 billion Midfield Terminal Complex...expected to allow the Abu Dhabi International Airport to handle up to 30 million passengers per year... \[slide show\]-](#) Architectural Record

[Reimagining The Skyline: Tall buildings are Gene Kohn's specialty. And if the proposed 1500-foot American Commerce Center is built...his preference for buildings that pierce the clouds will dramatically change Philadelphia's skyline. -- Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\)-](#) The Bulletin (Philadelphia)

[Trouble in the water? Cost worries over Hadid's 'seductive' aquatics centre were waved aside by](#)

[Olympic jury: Details of their concerns...show that from the outset...design faced "clear technical and organisational issues" and "the detail of the scheme was not as well developed \[as its competitors\]."](#) By [Robert Booth](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Viñoly says Battersea Power Station scheme could change substantially: "We are more than open to suggestion. Some people have made some incredibly interesting contributions."](#)- [BD/Building Design](#) (UK)

[Top creators call for museums to save nation's modern heritage: What do industrial design, architecture...traditional craft techniques have in common? Well... Japan has no national museums dedicated to their preservation, display and study...Now some miffed, big-name commentators have been spurred to action...](#)- Japan Times

[Competition draws designers...interested in working on the \\$107 million law school planned by the University of Baltimore.](#) By [Edward Gunts](#) -- [Moshe Safdie](#); [Diamond + Schmitt](#); [RMJM Hillier](#); [RTKL](#); [Zimmer Gunsul Frasca \(ZGF\)](#); [Cooper, Robertson and Partners](#); [Gensler](#); [FXFowle](#); [Kallman, McKinnell and Wood](#); [Marks Thomas](#); [Ayers Saint Gross](#); [Ziger/Snead](#); [Cho Benn Holback](#); [CS&D](#); [GWWO](#)- Baltimore Sun

[A Playground Where Creativity Can Run Wild: At the Imagination Playground in a Box, no fantasy seems too far-fetched...The Brownsville play center gave children a taste of what the architect David Rockwell hopes will revolutionize playground design.](#) -- [Rockwell Group](#); [Kaboom](#)- New York Times

[National Building Museum Names Robert A. M. Stern as the 10th Laureate of the Vincent Scully Prize: events to commemorate the Prize's 10th anniversary and Stern's selection will be held in Washington, D.C., November 12-13...](#)- National Building Museum

[BDP buys Dutch architect Khandekar: UK architect acquires 30-strong masterplanning outfit to form BDP Khandekar](#) -- [Building Design Partnership](#)- Building (UK)

[RMJM has designs for young urban architects: ...has launched a £1m project with the Stephen Lawrence Trust to encourage more inner city youths from ethnic minorities to pursue a career in architecture...aimed at increasing diversity and creativity in the sector...](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[Creating a New Look for Modern Istanbul: Backstage With Seyhan Özdemir and Sefer Çağlar](#) -- [Autoban](#)- Wall Street Journal

[Designs' Praises Are Sung at White House: Cooper-Hewitt Museum Honors the Visionaries Behind the Elements That Shape Our World](#) -- [Charles Harrison](#); [Sigi Moeslinger/Masamichi Udagawa/Antenna Design](#); [Michael Bierut/Pentagram](#); [Scott Stowell/Open](#); [Tom Kundig](#); [Olin Partnership](#); [David Rockwell/Rockwell Group](#)- Washington Post

[Call for entries: West Cork Arts Centre Architectural Design Competition: two-stage competition for a purpose-built facility in Skibbereen, Ireland: registration deadline: August 29-](#) Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIA)



-- [Alsop Architects: The Public, West Bromwich, UK](#)

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