

## Today's News - Wednesday, April 1, 2009

- Caldwell analyzes the underlying issues surrounding plans for Contemporary Art Museum at the Presidio in San Francisco: "hubris and the commonweal."
- Pittsburgh finds recession-era advantages in its slow-growth legacy, becoming a leader in the field of sustainable building now serving the city well during the economic downturn.
- Bronx reborn: beyond Yankee Stadium, unsung architects are "at work on more modest, community-driven developments" using "creative tactics to cultivate a greener, socially sustainable future."
- MacArthur Foundation pumps \$32 million into affordable housing (HUD promises to help rather than hinder - let's hope that's true!).
- A call for architects to become agents of change.
- Glancey says "costs may be spiraling for Tate's £215m pyramid, but I think the result will be worth every penny."
- Hadid's MSU museum quadruples in cost, so it's back to the drawing board (not enough space for the art and contractors don't even want to try to bid on the roof).
- Foreign architects leaving their marks on Seoul's skyline - leaving home-grown talent not at all happy.
- Eyefuls of Rogers' British Museum expansion, and Leveté's "twisting coil" complex for Bangkok.
- Prince Charles to deliver RIBA Trust Annual Lecture 25 years after he launched his "carbuncle" "broadside at the architectural elite" (hopes are things will be "more cordial" this time).
- Originality in the digital age, or why many architects keep back issues of architectural magazines: "to stanch the fear of repeating someone else's work" (or not).
- Call for entries/nominations: Aga Khan Award for Architecture.
- Winners all: NZIA 2009 Architecture Awards. - The long list for WAN Education Award 2009 (great pix!). - A look at Syracuse University's "From the Ground Up: Innovative Green Homes" competition winners (and, yes, they will be built).
- Two we couldn't resist: "grow" a tree on your iPhone (for \$4.99) that will plant a real tree in New Orleans. - And an eyeful of the world's first flying hotel - The Hotelicopter (it could be for real, but this is April Fools Day...).

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Op-Ed: [CAMP Notes: Forget Don Fisher. Do we want the art or not?](#) By Kenneth Caldwell -- [Gluckman Mayner Architects](#); [WRNS Studio](#) [images]- [ArchNewsNow](#)

[The Greening of Pittsburgh: ...finding recession-era advantages in a slow-growth legacy...in the forefront of the movement to conserve existing structures and clean up the contaminated industrial sites called brownfields, becoming a leader in the field of sustainable building...now serving Pittsburgh well during the economic downturn. -- Bob Kobet/Sustainaissance International; IKM; Rafael Viñoly - New York Times](#)

[Bronx Renaissance: When the new Yankee Stadium opens this month, it will mark a milestone in the Bronx's long-running resurrection...architects at work on more modest, community-driven developments are finding a range of creative tactics to cultivate a greener, socially sustainable future. -- Dattner Architects; Ana Maria Torres/at architects; Stephen Yablon; Jonathan Kirschenfeld; BBG Architects](#) [images]- [The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[MacArthur Foundation Pumps \\$32 Million Into Affordable Housing: HUD Secretary Shaun L. Donovan...pledged to improve efficiency within HUD so that it will "become not an impediment, but an encouragement to innovation" in the public-housing sector. - Architectural Record](#)

[Bryan Bell asks local architects to become agents of change: North Carolina architect suggests a design scorecard similar to LEED could advance social and economic agendas...a new initiative called SEED Network, which stands for Social, Economic and Environmental Design. - Daily Journal of Commerce \(Oregon\)](#)

[Why Tate Modern's extension stacks up: The costs may be spiralling for Tate's £215m pyramid, but I think the result will be worth every penny...And to have a tower dedicated to art rather than another temple dedicated to Mammon will be as much a delight as a relief. By Jonathan Glancey -- Herzog & de Meuron](#) [image, links]- [Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Michigan State University struggles to keep Broad museum under budget, on time: ...initial outside estimates for the entire project were about \\$160 million — or roughly four times the original projected cost...will still be completed at or around the \\$40-million mark..."The architect gets to go back to the drawing board with a fresh start" -- Zaha Hadid](#) [images]- [The State News \(Michigan\)](#)

[Foreigners Contribute to Seoul Skyline — a Lot: ...why not hire domestic architects? ...the answer is simple: not enough professionals with experience in high-rise architecture...the merits of working with renowned foreign architects are worth the money...This fixed mind set is troubling local architects as they're stripped of the opportunity of even getting a review of their portfolio. -- Richard Rogers; Daniel Libeskind; Gana Architects - Korea Times](#)

[Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners \(RSHP\) has revealed its long-awaited design for the £135 million extension to the British Museum in London](#) [images]- [The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Amanda Leveté, formerly of Future Systems, reveals 'twisting coil' design for Bangkok: ...a new retail and hotel complex...Central Embassy](#) [images]- [The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Prince of Wales to follow up 'carbuncle' architecture speech after 25 years: ...to deliver the RIBA Trust Annual Lecture on May 12, a quarter of a century after he launched his broadside at the architectural elite...This time RIBA is hoping the atmosphere will be more cordial. - Telegraph \(UK\)](#)

[Originality in the digital age: Ever wonder why so many architects...keep back issues of Progressive Architecture or Architectural Record? ...the designer](#)

who is compelled to seek the edge usually keeps his magazines just in case a new idea sparks a memory of something he saw in that old magazine. They are there to stanch the fear of repeating someone else's work. - Winter Park Examiner (Florida)

Call for entries / nominations: Aga Khan Award for Architecture 11th Award Cycle; deadline: September 15- Aga Khan Development Network

Auckland architects dominate NZ's top awards: ...18 winners at the New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA) 2009 Architecture Awards. -- RTA Studio; Simon Twose; Pearson & Associates; Athfield Architects; Fearon Hay Architect; etc. - New Zealand Herald

WAN Education Award 2009 - Long List -- Hawkins\Brown; Lyons; Carlos Bratke; Spowers; Allford Hall Monaghan Morris (AHMM); Perkins Eastman; Gensler; Hunters; Penezic&Rojina; AD+RG; Cox Howlett + Bailey Woodland; NAC Architecture; de blacam and meagher; Henning Larsen; P&T Group; LIAG; Steven Holl; fjmt - Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp; Fuller and D'Angelo; Coop Himmelb(l)au; GM+AD Architects; Indio da Costa AUDT; Arup; Anna Heringer; Nikken Sekkei; AMP arquitectos; S.A.R. multiprofessionele architectenvennootschap [images]- World Architecture News (UK)

Syracuse University Names Winners of "From the Ground Up: Innovative Green Homes" Competition -- Architecture Research Office (ARO)/Della Valle Bernheimer,; Cook+Fox Architects; Onion Flats [images]- Architectural Record

The Non-Killer App: Grow a Tree from your iPhone: After downloading the \$4.99 app, the iPhorest lets you go through the virtual act of planting a tree...Every time a virtual tree is planted, The Conservation Fund plants a tree along the Gulf Coast. - Fast Company

The World's first flying hotel - The Helicopter: ...a four story converted heavy lift aircraft with 18 luxuriously-appointed room hotels. Modeled on the Soviet Mil V-12, the largest helicopter ever built...ready for its maiden flight in June 26th. [images]- Gizmag (Australia)



-- I.M. Pei Architect: Museum of Islamic Art, Al Corniche, Doha, Qatar  
-- Experimental Urban Vision: Huaxi City Centre, Guiyang, Southwestern China  
-- Atelier Manferdini; BIG; Diegues Fridman; Emergent/Tom Wiscombe; HouLiang Architecture; JDS; Mass Studies; Rojkind Arquitectos; Serie; Sou Fujimoto Architects; MAD

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