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Cities are the answer for a sustainable future. – Vision of a wind-powered London. – Is there hope for 22 acres empty civic space in Milwaukee? – Big plans for a historic British airfield. – A Wilshire Boulevard landmark is a fixer-upper of a most unusual sort (and hopes that someone takes it on). – Legorreta's Fort Worth museum will be a good neighbor. – An interesting conversation with Ando: boxing, earthquakes, and architecture. – Saia takes RAIC Gold. – Call for entries: Land Development Visionary Project Awards. – An "APA lifer" sees room for improvement. – Two we couldn't resist: Museum Plagiarus honors the world's greatest knock-offs. – Adult treehouses (they don't come cheap!).

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[Op-Ed: Cities are the answer: ...will be the pivotal players in fashioning solutions to the growing problem of climate change...best hope to realize our need for a bright, sustainable, and promising future. By Douglas Foy and Robert Healy](#)- International Herald Tribune

[Marks Barfield reveals vision of wind-powered London: ...could meet half of energy needs by installing thousands of wind turbines alongside rivers and roads \[image\]](#)- Building (UK)

[Envisioning out-of-the-box MacArthur Square: ...why should such a strategically located civic space be so toxic? ...there's the sheer inhuman scale of the city-owned square: five football fields' worth of empty, unarticulated space... By Whitney Gould – Larry Witzling/Planning and Design Institute \[slide show\]](#)- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

['Airship park' at heart of new community planned for historic Cardington Airfield: An airship-shaped park is at the heart of a major new residential development...Up to 425 dwellings are planned...30% of the new dwellings are earmarked for affordable housing. -- PRP Architects \[image\]](#)- 24dash.com (UK)

[Chapel looks for a saving grace: Landmark structure on West L.A. VA \[Veterans Affairs\] campus is dilapidated, but there's little money to fix it. The oldest building on Wilshire Boulevard is a fixerupper duplex of a most unusual sort. -- J. Lee Burton \[1900\]; Taylor Loudon/Leo A Daly](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Museum plans will mesh with neighbors: New Fort Worth Museum of Science & History connects internally, externally...a dazzlingly varied array of volumes... -- Ricardo Legorreta/Legorreta+Legorreta \[image\]](#)- Dallas Morning News

[Tadao Ando Talk Asia Interview](#)- CNN

[Mario Saia is golden with Institute: Montreal architect...is the recipient of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's prestigious Gold Medal for 2007. -- Saia Barbarese Topouzanov Architectes](#)- Daily Commercial News (Canada)

[Call for entries: Land Development Visionary Project Award...recognizes the creativity, vision, and the implementation of best practices in land development \(no entry fee\); deadline: May 4 \[pdf\]](#)- Land Development Today

[Op-Ed: Improving The Purpose And Accountability Of The American Planning Association: When membership is not much more than a subscription and decisions are made with little group input, the APA needs to adjust the way it interacts with its members, according to self-proclaimed "APA lifer" Leonardo Vazquez, AICP/PP.- PLANetizen](#)

[The World's Greatest Knock-offs: Museum Plagiarus near Cologne houses a collection of the most egregious examples of counterfeit goods – Reinhard Angelis, Planung Architektur Gestaltung \[images\]](#)- BusinessWeek

[Reinventing the Clubhouse in the Sky: Adult treehouses are now more stable, longer lasting and have become almost faddish. \[slide show\]](#)- New York Times

[Water = Life: Diamond Valley Water + Life Museums Campus: Two museums in the desert offer engaging environmental lessons, both inside and out. -- Lehrer + Gangi Design + Build \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[River Tune: Elbe Philharmonic Hall: The cultural centerpiece of HafenCity, Hamburg, will be a crystalline ice sculpture atop an earthy warehouse - with beautiful music, luxury living, and a spectacular public plaza high above the River Elbe. -- Herzog & de Meuron \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

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