

Today's News - Thursday, April 26, 2007

Mies Prize may surprise (lots of pix of winner and starchitect-runners-up). – Institute without Boundaries offers World House, a quiet idea to loud to ignore. – The "BMW of small homes" is smaller than an SUV (and comes with all the bells and whistles). – Pittsburgh takes "most livable" prize. – Predock envisions Canada's Human Rights Museum as a "symbolic apparition of ice, clouds, and stone." – "Stunning" plans (and familiar names) for football stadium and housing on Portsmouth, U.K.'s waterfront. – Himalayan ski resort put on hold (someone forgot to include the environment management plan). – Serpentine pavilion design looks like "teeth from a giant, vicious dog" (or looks like a spinning top or a snail shell, depending on report - we picked the one with a pix). – Another take on Gehry's IAC in NYC is (mostly) glowing. – Move over glass facades - metal shows its mettle. – Rochon says design for new Toronto gateway is "a large-scale piece of poetry" that "deserves our attention." – Kamin says an exhibition of Chicago architecture during 2016 Olympics in the "vacuum of a museum" won't be necessary - it'll all be in plain sight. – Rail tunnel in Barcelona approved, but many call it "kiss of death" for Sagrada Familia. – Meier's storeroom of 40 years of models open for view (by appointment). – Urban dwellers in Manila need more Pei- and Jerde-like design. – Bouncy buildings to inflate on Trafalgar Square. – A tribute to Laurie Baker, "more activist than an architect." – Maki on the importance of context.

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[European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture Mies van der Rohe Award 2007 Winner: Contemporary Art Museum of Castilla y León \(MUSAC\) by Mansilla + Tuñón; Emerging Architect Special Mention: Bevk Perovic arhitekti \[images, links\]](#)- Mies van der Rohe Foundation

[Quiet ideas too loud to ignore at the Institute without Boundaries: ...part think tank, part design studio, part laboratory and part global classroom — is brewing big ideas, and the biggest of them may affect how we all live a few decades from now...World House... By Dave LeBlanc -- Luigi Ferrara \[image, link\]](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Condominium: More aesthetic than ascetic, the micro compact home may be smaller than an SUV, but it packs a lot more utility...The m-ch, for short, is a 76-square-foot domicile...the BMW of small homes. -- Richard Horden/Technical University of Munich; Small House Society \[slide show\]](#)- Wired magazine

[Pittsburgh rated 'most livable' once again: After 22 years, back atop Places Rated Almanac](#)- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[Canadian National Human Rights Museum Will Break New Ground: A national museum with a difference...is in the works for Manitoba...an iceberg-like glass and stone building with a glowing tower... -- Antoine Predock \[image\]](#)- Epoch Times International

[Portsmouth Football Club unveils Herzog & de Meuron stadium plans: Pompey's stunning plans include 36,000 seat stadium and 750 apartments designed by Make Architects in £600m development \[images\]](#)- Building (UK)

[Ford's \[\\$300 million\] Himachal ski project delayed: ...the company has been asked to clarify why an environment management plan wasn't submitted along with its detailed project report \(DPR\)... -- Jack Zehren/Zehren & Associates-](#) Business Standard (India)

[Tate sun artist sinks teeth into Serpentine pavilion: It looks like the teeth from a giant, vicious dog... -- Olafur Eliasson; Kjetil Thorsen/Snøhetta \[image\]](#)- This is London (UK)

[Barry Diller's Flashy New Digs: A closer look at the new Frank Gehry-designed building for InterActiveCorp, standing proud on the West Side Highway in New York City...the tension between extraordinary geometry and an ordinary kit of cladding and structure is thrilling. By Thomas de Monchaux \[I.D. Magazine\]](#)- BusinessWeek

[A Shining Moment for Builders: Last year, metal exterior walls — mostly stainless steel, aluminum and zinc — accounted for 18 percent of all new multifamily buildings nationwide. -- FXFowle Architects; Richard Meier; Della Valle Bernheimer-](#) New York Times

[A Vision for Toronto's Western Border: Imagination still has a fighting chance...Ideas are being floated around for the creation of gateways to the city, and the initial design for a flotilla of 24 stainless-steel masts by Sweeny Sterling Finlayson & Co. Architects deserves our attention. By Lisa Rochon-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[As a living museum, architecture needs no special exhibit: ...it's natural to dream of a special architecture exhibit accompanying the 2016 Summer Olympics in Chicago, right? By 2016, a new crop of towers...will have poked their heads into the clouds... No point discussing all this in the vacuum of a museum... By Blair Kamin -- Doug Garofalo; Jeanne Gang; John Ronan; Calatrava-](#) Chicago Tribune

[Fears for Gaudi masterpiece as rail tunnel approved: The chief architect working on the Sagrada Familia Cathedral...condemned plan...Backed by local civic groups, the advisers to Unesco in Spain, and architects and engineers from 50 universities around the world...called 'the kiss of death'...-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Room With a View of an Architect's Retired Ideas: Richard Meier is giving visitors a chance to sample an array of models from projects spanning his 40-year career at a studio in Queens. \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Jon Jerde redefines the urban experience: Life would be all the better if there is a place built for the urban dweller...as envisioned by...I.M. Pei and Jon Adams Jerde...these two artists share a passion to create true works of art that incorporates careful regard for the environment... -- Pei Cobb Freed & Partners; Jerde Partnership-](#) The Manila Times

[Architects plan bouncy castles for Trafalgar Square -- Peter Cook; Sergison Bates Architects;The AOC \[image\]-](#) Building (UK)

[Laurie Baker was a unique talent who single-handedly brought a revolution in the field of architecture...But we have done little to develop and take forward his legacy...He was more of an activist than an architect-](#) Express India

[Graduate School of Design \(GSD\) Grad Speaks on Rebuilding Tower 4: Fumihiko Maki...speaking to a crowd about his work on a new World Trade Center tower and the importance of fitting a building's design to its context.-](#) The Harvard Crimson

[Hudson World Bridge: An architect's proposal to span the Hudson River would be a gathering place like no other. By Fred Bernstein -- Eytan Kaufman \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow



[-- Gehry Partners: Counseling Center, Danish Cancer Society, Aarhus, Denmark -- Winning Project: 3XN and UNStudio: Light*house, Aarhus Harbor Front, Aarhus, Denmark](#)

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