

Today's News - Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Libeskind calls for taking an ethical stance re: working in China (and those who do - and don't - agree). – Scheeren says it's all in creating a dialogue. – Piano plans for Ronchamp "draw ire" (lots of images - you decide). – Wellington airport: yesterday it was a "giant hobbit house"; today it's a "lumpy mix of The Flintstones and The Lord of the Rings." – Northwestern University on the hunt for an architect for \$90 million music school. – Pasadena Art Center College of Design goes with Gehry for Design Research Center. – Indonesian architects call for green building to be taught in schools and mandated by government (perhaps the only way to win over developers?). – Arieff calls for rethinking how communities are designed before everything turns into "into indiscernible swaths of cookie-cutter sameness" (aren't we there already?). – A Norwegian riverfront brown site to turn green with culture and housing. – A Scottish firm gets the nod to master plan a waterfront site in Reykjavik. – More eco-homes that float. – Sometimes winning, sometimes losing, Columbia University doing its best to maintain its architectural heritage. – Jacobs searches for the lost soul of Times Square (but she's "sick to death of branding"). – Nobel's annual Valentine lets loose a few slings and arrows. – What "silly sobriquets" will emerge for Shuttleworth spire? – Design Indaba Conference/South African Design Week 2008 launches this weekend. – How could we resist: Purported plans afoot to build skyscraper twice as tall as Burj Dubai (can't wait to see those renderings!). – A three-holer gets landmark listing (must be a British thing).

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[Take an ethical stance. Libeskind tells his peers: ...has urged architects to think carefully before working in China amid growing concern over the country's ethical record. -- Hadid; RMJM; Alsop; Jan Kaplicky/Future Systems; Bill Taylor/Hopkins; Robert Adam; Terry Farrell](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[CCTV's new HQ set to make mark: It is a building that could only have happened in China...a crucial part of the project's role and contribution lay within the dialogue \[between\] international and Chinese team. -- Ole Scheeren/Office for Metropolitan Architecture \(OMA\)](#)- China Daily

[Piano To Build at Ronchamp: Fondation Le Corbusier argues chapel will lose "spiritual quality"...Plans for nuns' quarters and a new visitor center have drawn ire...Piano insists the new buildings will be all but invisible to chapel visitors... By Julie V. Iovine \[images\]](#)- The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

[Airport or pumpkin patch? Architecture and design experts say "The Rock" - Wellington airport's new \\$39 million international terminal proposal - should be sunk...a "lumpy" mix of The Flintstones and The Lord of the Rings. -- Studio Pacific Architecture; Warren and Mahoney \[image, video link\]](#)- The Dominion Post (New Zealand)

[Northwestern University to build \\$90-million home for music school: ...in the process of selecting an architect and hopes to start construction late next year.](#)- Crain's Chicago Business

[Pasadena will get high-tech research center: ...Design Research Center, an estimated \\$50-million facility \[for\] Art Center College of Design...nearby Glenarm Power Plant property \[for\] 200-unit apartment building for grad students... -- Frank Gehry; Daly Genik](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Architects call for more green buildings: "Our architects are not prepared for the green building concept because we've never been taught it in our schools"...the hardest part in implementing the concept...to convince developers that their green buildings would sell... -- Ridwan Kamil; Budi A. Sukada/Indonesian Architect Association](#)- The Jakarta Post

[Is Your House Making You Look Fat? ...why not think beyond the formulaic subdivisions that threaten to turn our once architecturally varied landscape into indiscernible swaths of cookie-cutter sameness...Why not reconsider how communities are designed? By Allison Arieff](#)- New York Times

[3XN Transforms a Brown Site into a Green One: A green roof will shelter the "Buen" \(Arch\) cultural building in waterfront redevelopment in Mandal, Norway \[images\]](#)- Architectural Record

[Graeme Massie Architects goes to Iceland: ...this time for a mixed-use masterplan for a 150ha waterfront site in Reykjavik...Edinburgh practice's winning design includes redeveloping an airport... \[images\]](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Eco-homes: There will be floods: As sea levels rise, will we still dream of homes by the coast? ...a bold new eco-home designed to rise above such concerns. Literally... -- Alison Brooks Architects; Waterstudio; Herman Hertzberger \[images\]](#)- Independent (UK)

[Architectural Legacy Proves Difficult to Maintain: ...when addressing the infrastructure demands of the present, Columbia](#)

[has often had to make difficult and controversial decisions...some charge that Columbia has not always been the best steward of its architectural legacy. – McKim Mead & White \(1892\); Renzo Piano \[images\]- Columbia Spectator](#)

[The Thrill is Gone: Searching for the lost soul of Times Square amid the Jumbotrons and theme restaurants...Do we still need a district dedicated to overstimulation for overstimulation's sake...? By Karrie Jacobs – Choi Ropiha; Perkins Eastman; Robert A. M. Stern; Tibor Kalman; Rogers Marvel Architects; Doyle Partners- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[Lovefest 2008: Ours is a golden age—in music, art, food, gadgetry, writing in all media—and to this fine fecund day architecture's mandarin...offers up nothing more potent than build it quirky and they will come. By Philip Nobel – Diller Scofidio + Renfro; SHoP; John Silber; Grimshaw; Renzo Piano- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[Ken Shuttleworth, Designer of the 'Gherkin,' Has a New Spire at University of Nottingham – Make Architects \[image\]- The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

[Design Indaba Conference/South African Design Week 2008, Cape Town, February 23-29 – Jason Bruges; Anya van der Merwe Miszewski; Mark Dytham/Klein Dytham- Design Indaba](#)

[Tall stories emerge of super-skyscraper for secret Middle East site: Another day, another tall story. This time it's UK-based Hyder Consulting claiming it is designing a monster skyscraper twice as tall as the Burj Dubai- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Family size three-seat privy listed: English Heritage makes a small addition to the nation's collection of protected buildings..."It is the most glorious little building"..."- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[INSIGHT: Transit-Oriented Design: An Evolution from Societal Convenience to Environmental Solution: TOD is the model for what multi-family housing will look like in the years ahead. By John Burcher, AIA- ArchNewsNow](#)



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