

Today's News - Monday, April 28, 2008

EDITORS NOTE: We're back - with a lot of catching up to do! — ArcSpace takes us to Lisbon and brings us a new book with an inside look at Vitra's collaboration with architects and designers. — One year later, experts assess PlaNYC 2030. — King assesses San Francisco's plans to go ever higher. — Only in Las Vegas: plans to build a new downtown right next to the decaying one. — Hume is optimistic about Waterfront Toronto's first housing project for West Don Lands. — Lewis bemoans the pathetic state of American infrastructure: is anyone paying attention? — Krier x 2: he attacks "idiot" architects who build "absurd shapes"; and of sustainable architecture and the environmental merits of traditional buildings. — AIA Billings Index portends recession. — A Caribbean luxury development boasts big-name architects, but does it bode well for the birds? — Better news (and big bucks) for badgers: U.K. eco-home (only about \$6,000/square-foot). — Hawthorne hails Viñoly's creative approach to UCLA project (it has "intriguing things to say about the role of the parking garage"). — And he has high hopes that Dodger Stadium re-do will "encourage fans to come earlier, stay later - and even visit in January." — Glancey is aglow about newly restored St-Martin-in-the-Fields on Trafalgar Square. — An eyeful of Alsop's new pavilion for Yorkshire County Cricket Club. — Boddy is practically giddy over "a bold new interpretation" of Westcoast Modern. — Dubbeldam's distinct Dutch-American blend: "tactics for one-upmanship" not included. — An eyeful of 2008 Europe 40 Under 40 talent.

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[PlaNYC 2030: One Year Later: ...experts assess the plan -- its successes and failures, what it does and does not do -- and what the next steps are in the long-term effort to create a livable city for 9 million people.](#) - Gotham Gazette (NYC)

[Reaching for the sky South of Market: For years, San Francisco planners have talked about loosening downtown height limits to allow towers south of Market Street that would climb past anything in the area. This week, they'll spell out where - and how high - they want those skyscrapers to go.](#) By John King [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

[Up With the New: A Second Center City for Las Vegas: As other cities look to replace their blighted downtowns with new development, Las Vegas...has come up with an unusual approach: Build another downtown, right next to the decaying one...Union Park does have skeptics.](#) - New York Times

[Waterfront vision springs to life: Waterfront Toronto unveiled the team selected to build the first housing project...\\$250- to \\$300-million project will transform an old industrial property in the West Don Lands into a fully sustainable, family-oriented neighbourhood centred around a new park.](#) By Christopher Hume -- Saucier + Perrotte; ZAS; Stoss Landscape Urbanism; Enermodal Engineering- Toronto Star

[An Underlying Problem: What's Below Our Cars and Feet: A crisis looms. America's infrastructure is in terrible shape, performs badly and is destined to fail more often...But is anyone paying attention?](#) By Roger K. Lewis- Washington Post

[Krier attacks 'idiot' architects: ...the architect behind Prince Charles' experimental Poundbury village in Dorset, has slammed contemporary architects, labelling them 'idiots' who build 'absurd shapes'...'We are in a culture of excess.'](#) - The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Leon Krier talks sustainable architecture: The Prince of Wales's architecture guru talks with Jules Lubbock about the environmental merits of traditional buildings...'Now we are overtaken by environmental problems that are going to wipe out modernism like it was never dreamed of.'](#) - BD/Building Design (UK)

[It Gets Worse: AIA Billings Index hits lowest level ever, portends recession.](#) - The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

[Dellis Cay: Green Paradise or Fantasy Island? ...flamingos and herons are getting some human neighbors in a development dubbed The O Property Collection: pricey residences by a flock of big-name architects...For many observers, the project raises troubling questions about sustainability. -- Shigeru Ban; Kengo Kuma; Zaha Hadid; Carl Ettensperger; Piero Lissoni; Chad Oppenheim \[slide show\]](#) - Architectural Record

[Eco-home in a Cotswold nature reserve fetches record £7.2m: ...cost works out at £3,000 per square foot...For their money, the mystery buyer...will get a lakeside home complete with a glass-sided badger set in the garden. -- Sarah Featherstone \[image\]](#) - Telegraph (UK)

[Rafael Viñoly gets inventive for UCLA's California NanoSystems Institute \(CNSI\): The site was at odds with the needs of the scientists -- until Viñoly got creative...has a modesty that borders on the bland...Around back, though, the design turns into something altogether different and more fascinating.](#) By Christopher Hawthorne- Los Angeles Times

[Dodger renovation aims to get fans to stay longer: ...proposed redesign would add attractions to encourage fans to come earlier, stay later — and even visit in January. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Johnson Fain; HKS Architects; Rios Clementi Hale Studios \[image, links\]- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Welcome to the new-look St Martin's: With help of £15.35m from Heritage Lottery Fund St-Martin-in-the-Fields is restored and ready...Contrasts, contradictions and even conundrums are, though, parts and parcels of this extraordinary London foundation. By Jonathan Glancey -- James Gibbs \(1726\); Eric Parry Architects \[slide show\]- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Alsop doesn't like cricket -- he loves it: ...new pavilion for Yorkshire County Cricket Club, at Headingley, Leeds...will double as a teaching facility for Leeds Metropolitan University. \[images\]- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Westcoast Modern gets a bold new interpretation: There is little "Northwest" in the Westcoast Modern we are getting from ad men and some architects...But a bold new house in Metchosin, west of Victoria, prompts fresh thinking about just what a contemporary Westcoast Modern means for our lifestyles and times. By Trevor Boddy - Marko Simcic/Brian Broster/Marko Simcic Architect \[slide show\]- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[Winka Dubbeldam – The Sensory Appeal of the Cerebral: ...practice style is a distinct Dutch-American blend: pragmatic, data-driven, high-concept but no-nonsense, deeply immersed in scholarly arcana but treating the ideas as working tools, not tactics for one-upmanship. By Bill Millard -- Archi-Tectonics \[images\]- designbuild-network.com \(UK\)](#)

[2008 Europe 40 Under 40: 32 architects and architecture firms and eight industrial designers hail from across 14 European nations \[links to profiles/images\]- Chicago Athenaeum/European Centre for Architecture, Art, Design and Urban Studies](#)

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