

Today's News - July 20, 2004

We lose a grand master planner. – In ArcSpace this week: Calatrava takes Seattle, and HHPA takes the Bronx. – Architecture as the art of the Olympics. – Time to rethink environmental impact studies. – Auckland can't blame all its awful architecture on developers. – Cheers (and jeers?) for changing architectural critics. – The usual suspects win big in Royal Australian Institute of Architects' awards ("femaleness and architecture's star system just don't mix"). – Town re-names itself (with 66 letters!) in protest. – Billboards as fundraising revenues for churches in Germany. – Plans for Alsop's Cloud in Liverpool floats away, and architects throw some very unkind barbs at each other. – Rogers' big plans in China, and despite reports, says he's not stepping down any time soon. – Prada not just for shopping. – A new arts facility: potential milestone or millstone around the neck of U.K. town. – Another thumbs-up (mostly) for Tower of London project. – Young firm hits the big time with new commission.

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[-- Exhibition: Santiago Calatrava: The Architect's Studio, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, Washington](#)

[-- Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates: Leon Levy Visitor Center, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY](#)

[House of Games: Go tell the Spartans that Santiago Calatrava's renovated Olympic Stadium is almost ready. By Herbert Muschamp \[images/slide show\]](#)- New York Times Magazine

[Taking note of artistry at the Olympics: Above all, architecture is the most crucial part of Olympic art. - Kang Gun-hee: Calatrava](#)- JoongAng Daily (Korea)

[Rethinking Environmental Impact Statements: ...it is time to review environmental review.](#)- Gotham Gazette

[Comment: We've had enough of shoddy planning: Auckland is famously dismissed...as just a developers' city... But it's not good enough to just blame self-interested developers for the architectural trash we are so often given. By Julie Stout](#)- New Zealand Herald

[The Changing Times of Architecture: Some Cheer Local Critic's Apparent New York Departure. By Sam Hall Kaplan - Nicolai Ouroussoff; Herbert Muschamp](#)- LA Downtown News

[Sound a gong for the usual suspects: Burghers, chips off the old blocks and a couple of grand \[Renzo\] Pianos. It must be the award season...but grrrr-stars? No sirree....femaleness and architecture's star system just don't mix. By Elizabeth Farrelly](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[Controversial building takes design awards: Aurora Place development in the centre of Sydney - Renzo Piano: PTW Architects; Bates Smart; Harry Seidler & Associates; Johnson Pilton Walker \[image\]](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[Long-winded village name protest: Campaigners are giving their village the longest place name in the UK of 66 letters in a protest at plans for a wind farm nearby \[66 letters!\]](#)- BBC News

[First the church, then the steeple, then 'your logo here': Throughout Germany, churches are renting their facades for fundraising purposes. \[image\]](#)- Christian Science Monitor

[Liverpool scraps plans for Cloud: Spiralling cost and design change end ambitious waterfront project - Will Alsop \[image\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

["It's a cowpat": the verdict on Alsop's vision of a Liverpool landmark: The Cloud was a "blob dressed up as art"](#)- Independent (UK)

[Richard Rogers Partnership tall ambitions in China: pitching for a series of skyscrapers in Guangzhou: Rogers...moved to quash rumours that he may step down as chairman at RRP...](#)- Building (UK)

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[Taking them to the Tower: Stanton Williams has turned the previously neglected spaces around the Tower of London into a lively external foyer.](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Young firm of architects is building on a fine reputation: Gareth Hoskins Architects, established only six years ago, has won the contract for what is claimed will be the UK's first permanent gallery devoted to architecture.](#)- The Herald (UK)

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