

Today's News - July 23, 2004

A bleak news day from Britain: starchitects' plans lose their luster; architecture students fail miserably; RIBA gets radical; "Restoration" TV show ignores the private sector. -- Michigan towns get Celebration fever. -- Baby steps towards making Montreal pedestrian-friendly. -- Low-income housing resides in historic splendor in San Francisco. -- Affordable shelter in Virginia suburb faces some un-neighborly NIMBY-ism. -- A children's learning center ups the ante for good design in Charlotte. -- Maya Lin pays tribute to Lewis and Clark. -- Kansas City firms merge. -- A towering exhibition in Manhattan. -- High design with mass appeal.
This just in: Mark Wigley has been named the new dean of Columbia's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

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[End of the iconic age? Black week for star architects as public funding bodies turn against "Golden Banana," "Spiral," and "Cloud" - Will Alsop; Daniel Libeskind; Rafael Viñoly](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Hunt is on for Fourth Grace designer as Alsop is axed: After throwing out winning scheme, Liverpool is set to tender for replacement in September...look for an architect and a commercial developer who could follow architect EDAW's existing masterplan...](#)- Building (UK)

[RIBA's new boss shocked by 93% failure rate at university: University of Central England closes BA architecture course to new students until investigation is complete](#)- Building (UK)

[RIBA calls for radical planning experiment: Sustainable Communities: Quality Not Quantity report: Developers would bid for a licence under proposals put to government](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Don't privately owned buildings deserve love, too? The TV series Restoration has done a grand job - but Giles Worsley is worried by its focus on public ownership](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[Disney town sets urban trend: Celebration creates neighborly feel from scratch: Michigan cities follow on smaller scale \[images\]](#)- Detroit News

[Baby Steps on the Road to Pedestrian-Friendly Streets: Copenhagen's gradual prioritization of pedestrians and cyclists is what Avenue Verte seeks for Montreal](#).- Maisonneuve (Canada)

[Restoring grandeur to hotel: Nonprofit group provides seniors an oasis from Tenderloin's blight - Reuben Schwartz and Jessica Rothschild](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Affordable Shelter for A Church. And People: Plan to Build Housing Atop Chapel Faces Opposition - MTFA Architecture \[image\]](#)- Washington Post

[ImaginOn ups the ante for good design in Charlotte: children's learning center...enlarging our sense of what architecture can mean and can do. - Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates; Gantt Huberman Architects](#)- Charlotte Observer

[Cape Disappointment project designs unveiled: Vietnam memorial designer Maya Lin suggests pieces to symbolize Lewis and Clark's encounters with tribes](#)- The Oregonian

[Architecture companies join forces: CDFM² and Heinlein Schrock Stearns are merging to become 360 Architecture](#).- Kansas City Star

[Tower power: The new downtown Skyscraper Museum celebrates Manhattan's towering achievements, all on one floor. By Justin Davidson \[images/slide show\]](#)- NY Newsday

[High Design with Mass Appeal: From potato peelers to trash cans, the ordinary becomes extraordinary. By Justin Davidson](#)- NY Newsday

-- 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

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