

Today's News - May 9, 2006

Green grumblings: National's ballpark doesn't include "even one symbolic square inch of green roof" (though it's being done elsewhere). – A £300m Yorkshire leisure complex better suited to brownfield than green belt. – On a brighter green note: Toronto Botanical Garden a growing work in progress. – A London hospital made teen-friendly. – A grand old Philadelphia hospital transformed to stylish senior housing. – Demolition of Toronto landmarks: progress or vandalism? – A reprieve for Bunshaft landmark in Connecticut. – Celebrating the Met's façade restoration (with a few side-swipes at some other NYC cultural projects). – Eminent domain sparks national property rights movement. – Gated communities are going global. – Toronto "trapped in a transit wasteland." – London's new take on libraries offers lessons for U.S. – A new skyscraper is a hint at a new Chicago architecture. – Harvard will take you there to see it all in person. – Why everyone wants a piece of Foster. – Libeskind keeps moving (and can even be "a bit goofy"). – AA students to build their own Serpentine pavilion in Bedford Square.

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[Turf Battle: At the New Ballpark, Infield and Outfield but no Upfield: Despite a decree from the D.C. Council to incorporate the best environmental practices...HOK Sport and Devroux & Purnell, failed to specify even one symbolic square inch of green roof. By Linda Hales – Michael Van Valkenburgh; American Society of Landscape Architects \(ASLA\)- Washington Post](#)

['Green' row on leisure complex: Build on brown-field site instead, say countryside campaigners: ...£300m Yorkshire Entertainment Sensation \(Yes\) project...the biggest indoor leisure and tourism development in Europe...will swallow up valuable green-belt land...- Yorkshire Post Today \(UK\)](#)

[Blot on the landscape: The biggest country house to be built in decades may be green but its looks will dismay traditionalists...Step forward Geoff Dyson: your new \[40,000sq ft\] home is going to receive a lot of attention, and you'd better get used to it. – Feilden Clegg Bradley; Dan Pearson \[image\]- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[Toronto Botanical Garden a \(green\) work in progress: it's a hurry-up-and-wait kind of thing. By Christopher Hume – Montgomery & Sisam; PMA Landscape Architects; Tom Sparling; Martin Wade; Oudolf- Toronto Star](#)

[Pioneering unit for teenage cancer care at University College London Hospital...a teenage-friendly environment for the delivery of state of the art clinical care, alongside sensitivity towards social and psychological needs. – Llewelyn Davies Yeang- HD - The Journal for Healthcare Design and Development \(UK\)](#)

[Stylish senior homes in grand old hospital: Unlike the standardized, no-frills housing that HUD typically supports, Neumann is a wild-eyed eccentric...every unit is different...capture at least a few of the hospital's quirky architectural details. By Inga Saffron – Ballinger & Perratt \(1860\); Cecil Baker & Associates \[slide show\]- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[No more rooms at this inn: In many cities, the destruction of a landmark would be seen as an act of vandalism. In Toronto, it's business as usual...Inn on the Park \[1963\]...designed by pioneering modernist architect Peter Dickinson...has been demolished to make way for a car dealership. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star](#)

[The Wilde Is Saved: ...an icon of modern architecture and a laboratory for the new American workplace when it was built in the 1950s, will continue as an insurance office in the 21st century. That is good news. – Gordon Bunshaft/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(1957\)- Hartford Courant \(Connecticut\)](#)

[Celebrating a Restoration: Metropolitan Museum of Art...restoration of its Fifth Avenue facade...God bless the Met for not falling prey to the delusion that Renzo Piano can improve upon McKim, Mead & White - or Richard Morris Hunt. By Francis Morrone- New York Sun](#)

[Op-Ed: States Take Action To Protect Property Rights: Oregon's Measure 37 has inspired a national property rights movement to restrict local regulatory takings and dramatically reduce eminent domain powers...galvanized by the Kelo decision and M37. By Leonard Gilroy, AICP- PLANetizen](#)

[Behind Closed Doors: The appeal of gated communities is spreading across the world.- Newsweek](#)

[The error of our subways: While the rest of the world gets it right, Toronto is trapped in a transit wasteland. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star](#)

[Branching out: Welcome to the Idea Store. London's answer to the fusty old public library--and maybe America's too...a retail approach to aspects of design, promotion, and even financing. – David Adjaye; Dattner Architects- Boston Globe](#)

[The Third School: A new kind of skyscraper heralds a new kind of Chicago architecture...Aqua is going to be one of the most striking buildings in the city. By Lynn Becker – Studio/Gang/Architects; Douglas Garofalo; John Ronan; James Goettsch; Pei Cobb Freed; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; DeStefano + Partners; Solomon Cordwell Buenz \[slide show\]- Chicago Reader](#)

[Architectural Tour of Chicago June 14-18: a fundraiser for Student Financial Aid at the Harvard Graduate School of Design- Harvard Graduate School of Design](#)

[At home in the world: Norman Foster pairs dynamic innovation with respect for history. No wonder everyone wants a piece of him.- Newsweek](#)

[While waiting and seeing, Libeskind keeps moving: ...an eclectic mix of more pedestrian if no less interesting buildings - shopping malls, student centers, condominiums, boys and girls clubs in places like Warsaw, London, Singapore and Sacramento...For architectural](#)

[superpowers, Daniel and Nina Libeskind are earthy, likable, a bit goofy even.](#)-
International Herald Tribune

[Branching out: For years the AA \[Architectural Association\] has been using the Serpentine pavilion as a teaching tool, but this summer a group of its students will build their own structure...outside the school in Bedford Square...the winning scheme and the runners-up \[images\]](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)



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