

Today's News - Monday, April 23, 2007

Massachusetts expects developers to go green. -- NYC's "Blueprint for a Greener City." -- A German town creates its own energy. -- Do Brits really not believe in climate change, or is it how the message is being delivered? -- Blame it on the middle class who are not the "eco-consumers we all need." -- Take heart: AIA COTE Top 10 Green Projects. -- A new Manhattan - in Tokyo. -- Chicago Spire gets city endorsement, but Kamin wonders, "Will the reality match the promise?" -- Hobart, Australia, should fear mediocre "design police" trying to stymie University of Tasmania project (word today: project approved "so long as the developers redesign the facade."). -- Hume has concern and praise for Toronto condo designs. -- Germany's penchant for rebuilding history: is it kitsch or rebirth of grandeur? -- For Goldberger, Holl's Nelson-Atkins expansion is "one of the best museums of the last generation." -- Glancey "applauds a fair swap" of Brit and Aussie design talent between Melbourne and Manchester. -- Though it's not official yet, the Argus says Make gets the nod to remake Brighton Centre. -- More on that spinning skyscraper in Dubai (this time with lots of pix). -- Chicago's winning Olympic bid had Chinese connections. -- A look at successful husband/wife collaborations that are "changing the traditional definition of architecture partnerships." -- Call for entries: International Sinocities Awards 2007. -- Rome Prize winners announced.

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[Massachusetts steps up climate rules for developers: ...private developers will now be required to estimate the greenhouse gases their large-scale projects will produce and reduce them with measures such as energy-efficient lighting, alternative fuels, or commuter shuttles.](#) - Boston Globe

[Bloomberg Draws a Blueprint for a Greener City: The plan is intended to foster population growth and to reduce greenhouse gases. \[links\]](#)- New York Times

[A German Town Tries to Live Without Big Energy: Börsen is spoiling energy giant E.on's business by creating its own electricity and natural gas supply. The idea could catch on elsewhere.](#) - Der Spiegel (Germany)

[Climate change: Why we don't believe it: What does Britain really think about global warming? ...an unreported gulf between the pronouncements of campaigners and politicians and British public opinion...](#)- New Statesman (UK)

[The middle class have hijacked the English countryside for themselves: Unless the urban majority has a sense of entitlement to the land, they're hardly going to become the eco-consumers we all need. By Madeleine Bunting-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Green Real Estate: COTE Top 10 Projects: American Institute of Architects \(AIA\) has highlighted 10 buildings it considers the best of the breed. -- Arrowstreet; EHDD; Lake/Flato; Ferraro Choi; Polk Stanley Rowland Curzon Porter; KieranTimberlake; Steven Holl; Morphosis/DLR; Croxton Collaborative; Living Homes/Ray Kappe \[slide show\]](#)- Forbes

[Beyond Business: Inspired by Manhattan, Tokyo turns Roppongi into a gleaming cultural as well as economic center. -- Kengo Kuma; Tadao Ando-](#) Newsweek International

[City panel endorses Chicago Spire's latest twist: Stunning tower closer to reality, but 150 stories still a gamble in sky...Will the reality match the promise? By Blair Kamin -- Calatrava-](#) Chicago Tribune

[It's mediocrity we should fear: "What's the justification for this piece of advice from these design police?" ...decision by the Hobart Council's Planning Committee to stymie the visionary new Menzies Research Institute...is yet another example of why planning ought to be taken away from this council. -- Lyons; JAWS \(Jacob Allom Wade\)-](#) Mercury - The Voice of Tasmania (Australia)

[Some causes for concern in condo design. By Christopher Hume -- Roy Varacalli; Quadrangle Architects; Hariri Pontarini Architects; Daniel Libeskind-](#) Toronto Star

[Germany Rebuilds its Imperial Palaces: German cities are experiencing a retro boom...But is this the last word in kitsch or a return to former grandeur? What exactly does "authenticity" mean... -- Andreas Schlüter \(1699\); Rupert Stuhlemmer \[slide show\]](#)- Der Spiegel (Germany)

[Lenses on the Lawn: Steven Holl rethinks the museum-extension genre...the building \[Nelson-Atkins Museum\]...is not just Holl's finest by far but also one of the best museums of the last generation... as striking and inventive a piece of architectural form as anything by Gehry, Herzog & de Meuron, or Jean Nouvel... By Paul Goldberger-](#) New Yorker

[Top of the stops: Melbourne's stunning, swooping new \[Southern Cross\] railway station was created by British architects. Meanwhile, the Australians are heading this way. Jonathan Glancey applauds a fair swap. -- Grimshaw; Denton Corker Marshall-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Glass Palace to replace Brighton Centre: Make Architects has been handed the £250 million job of transforming the ageing conference centre, Churchill Square and the Kingswest building...Ken Shuttleworth, has already produced plans for the city's most lucrative asset.](#) - The Argus (UK)

[Skyscraper design gets a new spin: Leave it to Dubai...to be the planned home for such a tower. The \\$350 million Dynamic Architecture building...will literally spin--with each individual floor self-propelled, voice-controlled and even capable of generating environmentally friendly power.](#) -- David Fisher; LERA/Leslie E. Robertson [slide show, links]- C/Net

[Olympic victory made in China: How a partnership with Shanghai talent helped Chicago land bid for 2016 Games...Key parts of the Olympics pitch...swapped over the Internet among architects, designers and techies on two continents.](#) -- Ben Wood; Skidmore Owings & Merrill- Chicago Tribune

[Couples Who Build More Than Relationships: Husband-and-wife collaborations are part of a broad trend that is changing the traditional definition of architecture partnerships.](#) -- Elizabeth Diller/Ricardo Scofidio/Diller Scofidio + Renfro; Dan Wood/Amale Andraos/Work Architecture; J. Meejin Yoon/Eric Höweler/Höweler & Yoon/MY Studio; Mimi Hoang/Eric Bunge/nArchitects; Diana Agrest/Mario Gandelsonas; Laura Briggs/Jonathan Knowles; Tod Williams Billie Tsien; Venturi Scott Brown; Pablo Castro/Jennifer Lee/Obra- New York Times

[Call for entries: Sinocities Awards 2007 International Architecture Design Competition on New Public Space in China; deadline: July 5-](#) FAR Architecture Center Shanghai

[2007-08 Rome Prize Competition Winners \(architecture, design, landscape architecture\)](#) -- Frederick Fisher; Daniel Mihalyo/Annie Han; John Cary/Public Architecture; Alan Berger; Lisa Tziona Switkin/Field Operations- American Academy in Rome

[Hudson World Bridge: An architect's proposal to span the Hudson River would be a gathering place like no other. By Fred Bernstein -- Eytan Kaufman \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow

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