

Today's News - Tuesday, April 24, 2007

ArcSpace brings us two projects in Aarhus, Denmark. -- A green city in China is a "dramatic gambit" in urban design that will test whether cities everywhere can get greener as they grow. -- L.A. puts forth "Do Real Planning" plan. -- A 1965 book has King ticking off checklist of how San Francisco has grown - the good and the bad. -- For some, new BBC HQ is not iconic enough. -- 24-story tower next to Tate Modern rejected (again). -- Never mind the self-conscious, trendy street furniture design - is Toronto selling its public realm to a scofflaw? -- Is Ground Zero in for another power struggle? -- So much rejection...there's a better, ore constructive way to say "no." -- Too many hotels in Vegas? Never. -- With new TODs on the boards, Utah commuter rail is finally paying off. -- Heathrow's Terminal 5 is ready, on time and on budget (but, oh, those pesky bean counters). -- AIA + Google Earth = layers of American architecture. -- What the world needs now: Harry Potter theme park. -- 17th century Beijing theater about to bite the dust. -- Even as Gaudi is considered for sainthood, his masterpiece is under threat. -- Call for entries: 1st Annual R+D Awards. -- Winners all: U.K. Building Awards and AIA San Francisco Design Awards.

  
  
  

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[China Plans the City of the Future: It's Big, Green, and Quick to Build: Dongtan is a dramatic gambit, and not just because a whole city will rise, fully realized, from nothing...testing a radical new approach to urban design, one that suggests cities...can actually get greener as they grow. -- Alejandro Gutierrez/Arup; Peter Head- Wired magazine](#)

[Planning panel rejects status quo: ...floating a list of 14 bold principles under the telling title "Do Real Planning." ...putting more housing and jobs near mass transit and combating "mansionization" of neighborhoods...- Los Angeles Times](#)

[My, how the city has grown, and not all of it for the good: "The City Is the Frontier" more than repaid my \\$3.95 investment...Today's danger is that the allure of urbanity -- those qualities touted by Charles Abrams and...Jane Jacobs -- will undermine the survival of a city's role as a crossroads... By John King- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[BBC Media City plans revealed: A public plaza twice the size of Trafalgar Square will be created as part of the BBC's new base at Salford Quay...architects want to be "low-key and elegant"...some expressed disappointment the new BBC HQ would not be an "iconic" building. -- Wilkinson Eyre \[images\]- Manchester Evening News \(UK\)](#)

[Eric Parry's Soutwark scheme refused again: Inspector sees no "compelling justification" for 24-storey building next to Tate Modern- Building \(UK\)](#)

[When ad money talks, civic integrity walks: It's looking likely the city will hand over its sidewalks to Astral Media and its 20-year vision for more public advertising and street clutter...if for no other reason than that of its design...street furniture should be rejected...speaks of a second-rate city's desperate need to be first-rate. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star](#)

[State's Back at the Table in Planning Downtown: ...appears to set the stage for another power struggle at ground zero. Many of those involved in planning Lower Manhattan now wonder whether the performing arts center, to be designed by Frank Gehry, will become the focus of a long tug of war.- New York Times](#)

[The power of No: A Harvard professor argues that the secret to a better Boston -- and a better nation -- is to learn the creative power of rejection...In "The Power of a Positive No"...William Ury says that rejecting ideas is not such a bad thing. The problem is that...many people, do not always say "no" in a constructive way.- Boston Globe](#)

[In Las Vegas, Too Many Hotels Are Never Enough: The changing demographics have led the designers of the new Vegas to push a sleek and modern aesthetic...in place of the gilt and gaudy properties that reigned in the 1980s and 1990s. \[images, slide show\]- New York Times](#)

[Rail Line Drives Utah Development: Murray City and Hamlet Homes are taking advantage of growing buyer interest in living and working near the regional TRAX light rail system...Birkhill at Fireclay is the first development in a 97-acre transit-oriented district \(TOD\)...- New York Times](#)

[Come fly from me: Heathrow's new Terminal 5 is ready, on time and on budget. Our architecture correspondent finds much to admire -- but wishes that the architects had as much clout as the accountants. By Tom Dychoff -- Rogers, Stirk, Harbour & Partners- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[AIA Teams Up with Google to Launch New Architecture Layers in Google Earth:](#)

[...launched two new AIA layers today: Blueprint for America and America's Favorite Architecture... \[links\]](#)- Sys-Con

[And now for Harry Potter and the wizard theme park...: Universal Studios is seeking a deal with Rowling to build a \\$500m Harry Potter mini theme park in Florida.](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[Ming-era Beijing theatre to be bulldozed: ...set for demolition, with a modern facility to be constructed nearby...17th century Guanghe Theatre...was once home to top Peking opera performances.](#)- CBC (Canada)

[God's architect: The story of the Vatican and the visionary: Antoni Gaudí...is being considered for sainthood - but his masterpiece may be under threat.](#)- Belfast Telegraph (Ireland)

[Call for entries: 1st Annual ARCHITECT/Hanley Wood R+D Awards honor innovative materials and systems at every scale; deadline: May 18](#)- Architect Magazine

[They are the champions: This year, for the first time, the Building Awards included the Building Project of the Year, for the best completed scheme. Martin Spring reviews the five runners-up and the winner, Arsenal's Emirates Stadium. -- HOK Sport; Glen Howells Architects; Keppie Design; Richard Rogers Partnership; Building Design Partnership \(BDP\); Reid Architecture \[slide show\]](#)- Building (UK)

[AIA San Francisco 2007 Design Award Winners in Architecture, Energy + Sustainability, Integrated Practice, Interior Architecture, Unbuilt Design; Urban Design; etc. -- Fougerson Architecture; HGA/Will Bruder; Leddy Maytum Stacy/Paulett Taggart; Perkins+Will; Stanley Saitowitz/Natoma; Daniel Smith; EHDD; VeeV Design; CCS; etc. \[links to winning projects/images\]](#)- AIA San Francisco

[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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