

Today's News - Wednesday, June 20, 2007

It's a merger: call it RMJM Hillier (at least in North America). - Nobel wonders if we're entering a new era of "anti-starchitect chic" (we doubt it). - It's a Manhattan waterfront kind of day: Hockenberry on how Studios created a Diller interior in Gehry's "glass Schooner." - Ourousoff's take on 5 designs for Governors Island: "strangely subdued...you long for a grander breadth of vision, for someone to step into Olmsted's shoes." - Stars collaborate for a vision for Midtown's East River waterfront. - Things don't look so rosy along the Hudson River. - Rybczynski ruminates on why there's been so little presidential interest in architecture. - In Edinburgh, crumbling 1960s housing to be replaced with green-roofed homes. - An eyeful of notable new library projects. - Museums may be taking center stage, but some find "life after expansion is not always easy." - A BusinessWeek special report on cutting-edge design. - Winners announced in inaugural ULI European Student Urban Design Competition. - Webb's new book looks at the "maverick community" of Venice, CA. - Two we couldn't resist: Is a plan to dump iron dust into the ocean really a way to combat global warming? - Add to your lexicon: an eco-lexical eco-spasm for the modern eco-age.

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[It's Official: RMJM Acquires Hillier- Architectural Record](#)

[Anti-Starchitecture Chic: What's a budding celebrity architect to do when the winds of change begin shifting away from fame? Consider for a moment the plight of the stars....](#)
[By Philip Nobel](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[Diller, Gehry, and the Glass Schooner on 18th Street: How Studios Architecture navigated between the world's most demanding client and the world's most famous architect.](#) By John Hockenberry [images]- Metropolis Magazine

[Competing Visions for Governors Island: ...the five proposals hold clues to what's right and wrong about how public space is designed...thoughtful approaches...still fall short of the sweeping ambition ...We are mostly left with good intentions.](#) By Nicolai Ouroussoff -- Hargreaves Associates/Michael Maltzan Architecture; Field Operations/Wilkinson Eyre; REX/MDP; WRT/Urban Strategies; Diller Scofidio + Renfro/Rogers Marvel/West 8/Quennell Rothschild/SMWM- New York Times

[A Vision for Midtown Manhattan's East River Waterfront -- Ken Smith; Ricardo Scofidio; Margie Ruddick; Kate Orff/SCAPE Studio; Brian Jencek/Hargreaves Associates \[images, links\]](#)- Municipal Art Society of New York (MAS)

[Hudson River Park project threatened: The 550-acre park...is the largest open-space development in Manhattan since Central Park...Only 40% of the park is complete, and another \\$130 million is needed to finish it...](#)- Crain's New York Business

[Builder in Chief: FDR shaped the Pentagon. Why haven't more presidents taken an interest in architecture? ...perhaps the time when presidents had less personal and more civic-minded hobbies is past.](#) By Witold Rybczynski- Slate

[Grass roofs in as crumbling homes turfed out: Grass-roofed homes and new parkland will replace crumbling 1960s housing in the latest stage of a £50 million regeneration project...when hundreds of new homes are built in Hyvots and Moredun. -- Assist Architects; Gray Marshall & Associates \[image\]](#)- Edinburgh Evening News

[2007 Notable Projects: Libraries -- TEN Arquitectos; Antoine Predock; David Chipperfield; OMA|LMN; Patkau Architects; Richard + Bauer; Marble Fairbanks; Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects \[images\]](#)- Archtype

[Good start an elusive art: ...life after expansion is not always easy... By Mary Voelz Chandler -- Libeskind; Ando; Piano; Allied Works; Holl-](#) Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[Special Report: Cutting Edge Design: Pushing the Boundaries of Design; Thinking Outside the Design Box; A New Shape for Recycling \[articles, slide shows\]](#)- Business Week

[Hafencity University and IREBS University Regensburg Team Wins Inaugural ULI European Student Urban Design Competition: ...proposed a sustainable approach to the redevelopment of a 57.9-hectare site in Rothenburgsort in the district of Hamburg-Mitte... \[links\]](#)- Urban Land Institute (ULI)

[Book review: Innovation in paradise: "Venice, CA Art + Architecture in a Maverick Community" by Michael Webb, photographs by Juergen Nogai...Venice could be looked at as a sort of ongoing un-juried competition... -- Frank Gehry; David Hertz; Steven Ehrlich](#)- Los Angeles Times

[U.S. blasts plan to dump iron dust in sea to absorb CO2: Proposal to boost plant life not a proven tactic to combat global warming, officials say-](#) Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

[Preposterous Prefix Parables: An eco-lexical eco-spasm for the modern eco-age-](#)
Grist Magazine

[kk Letter: Stopover in Beijing: The "egg," the "twisted doughnut," the "watercube," the "bird's nest,"](#)
[and many other construction sites are buzzing with workers to be ready for the 2008 Olympics... -- Pei; Sheeren/OMA; PTW; Herzog & de Meuron; Holl; Lab Architecture Studio; Andreu](#)

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