

Today's News - Monday, March 17, 2008

ArcSpace brings us Viñoly in Uruguay, and Lux 11 hotel in Berlin. – Rogers calls for public spaces to be taken seriously. – Boddy berates Vancouver's condo boom for pushing out the city's creative class. – Big plans to build a "Little China" in Germany raises some hackles. – New report says revamping old homes is greener than building efficient new ones. – London's 5 Cheapside sets fans of futuristic lines against traditionalists; and a radical arts center for South Bank. – Bayley's says 5 Cheapside is a test case for the future of all cities (he's for it). – Scotland's new education design tsar says many new schools are sick in more ways than one. – ODA picks Olympic Park design team. – Chandler has high hopes for Denver's Still museum. – King says UC Berkeley's Asian Library "sends a message...Strive to do something of real worth. Don't just go through the motions and cash the client's checks." – Campbell gives thumbs-up to the transformation of a "rotting carcass of an abandoned MBTA substation" into a small gem of a TV studio. – Seattle's battle for its Google diner continues. – A tête-à-tête between Jürgen Mayer and Terence Riley. – Big bucks to boost Harvard GSD program to halt the profession's brain-drain. – 8th Structures for Inclusion (SFI) conference coming up. – U.K.'s Next Generation award winners (maybe they'll get to actually build there one of these days). – We couldn't resist: two raucous takes on Foster's big adventure at MIPIM (Russians included).

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[-- Rafael Viñoly Architects: Carrasco International Airport, Montevideo, Uruguay.](#)  
[--Design Hotel: Lux 11, Berlin, Germany](#)

[Op-Ed: Our right to see the trees: Parks and squares aren't a luxury, but an essential feature of the urban infrastructure. By Richard Rogers/Rogers Stirk Harbour and Partners- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Condo boom pushing out city's creatives: Our cultural class is scrambling for space and making-do — as our creators always do — but a downtown without the studios and residences of artists is a dismal prospect... By Trevor Boddy- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[Planned Chinatown Raises Hackles in Rural Germany: A Chinese businessman...is learning about German bureaucracy the hard way...hope to transform the old airport next to a motorway into a Little China. According to their plans, within a few years 2,000 Chinese will be living and working... -- Stefan Kunigam- Der Spiegel \(Germany\)](#)

[Home is where the heat is: why old can be good as new: Revamping old homes is greener than building efficient new ones Empty Homes Agency charity says \[in\] "New Tricks With Old Bricks" report- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[The glass neighbour that poses a challenge to St Paul's: Controversy surrounds \[5 Cheapside\] new modernist vision for a landmark site...has set fans of clean, futuristic lines against traditionalists who demand a return to classical proportions...a second revolutionary proposal aims to alter the face of London...The Hill is a radical £150m arts centre planned for the South Bank... -- John McAslan; Kathryn Findlay- Observer \(UK\)](#)

[You can't compete with Wren, so you can dare to be different: 5 Cheapside is a test case not just for the City of London but for the future of all our cities...an exciting contrast, not bothering much with deference...has done what all good architects do: make the best of contemporary possibilities. Just like Wren. By Stephen Bayley -- John McAslan- Observer \(UK\)](#)

[Scottish schools are 'sick' says education design tsar: ...caused by bad design and "miserable" and "short-term" briefs from authorities seeking to cut costs...hopes to break up local authorities' "monolithic" planning departments whose briefs are based on "policy and cash" -- Paul Stallan/RMJM- Sunday Herald \(Scotland\)](#)

[Olympic Park design team revealed: Hargreaves Associates \[and\] LDA Design will also work with three up-and-coming London-based firms: BBUK, Kinnear Landscape Architects and Sarah Price Landscapes.- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Clyfford Still museum must stand for quality: Interior, exterior should allow artist's work to speak. By Mary Voelz Chandler -- Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture- Rocky Mountain News \(Denver\)](#)

[Asian library is among best new buildings: More than anything, Starr exudes creativity and care. The exterior may be ungainly, in spots, but the interior unfolds with artistic restraint. By John King -- Tod Williams Billie Tsien; Tom Eliot Fisch; CMG \[images\]- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[From dynamo house to dynamic reuse: Talk about new wine in an old bottle: What about bright new TV studios in the rotting carcass of an abandoned MBTA substation in Roxbury? It's just been done, and it's one of those small gems of architecture that too often go unnoticed. By Robert Campbell -- Scott Payette Architects- Boston Globe](#)

[Shuttered Denny's/Manning's Fuels Seattle Debate: Landmark or Eyesore? The board](#)

[voted 6-to-3 to award landmark status...Some called the ruling an intrusion on property rights, others a victory against developers. -- Clarence Mayhew \(1964\)- Bloomberg News](#)

[The Architecture of Jürgen Mayer H: The Berlin-based architect claims he's pushing his discipline "beyond the blob." He talks to Miami Art Museum head, Terence Riley- BusinessWeek](#)

[RMJM Backs \\$2 Million Harvard Graduate Design School Program to Tackle Architect Shortage Crisis: Innovative program to encourage more graduates to enter the architectural profession.- Earthtimes.org](#)

[8th Structures for Inclusion \(SFI\) conference "Systems for Inclusion: design + social action" at Harvard University Graduate School of Design, April 4-6- Design Corps](#)

[Plasma scoops Next Generation Architects Award: East London-based practice...won BD's Young Architect of the Year in 2002, but has yet to complete a new-build project in the UK.- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[The Foster supremacy: A week of surreal experiences at Mipim is topped by the sight of Norman Foster, flanked by villainesque Russian henchmen, lavishing praise on fire escapes- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Norman Foster: from Russia with love: The UK's relationship with Russia may be frosty but Lord Foster is guaranteed a warm welcome at Mipim's equivalent of the Kremlin-Building \(UK\)](#)

[Transparent Connections: Princeton University School of Architecture Addition: A contemporary connection revitalizes two wings of an existing campus building.-- Architecture Research Office \(ARO\)- ArchNewsNow](#)

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