

Today's News - Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Starchitects + urban planning = a new form of urbanism? -- Developers in India hear ka-ching when they hire foreign architects. -- A call for Hong Kong to stop playing it safe. -- Russell sees Oregon's property-rights battle as "a cautionary tale for environmentalists" everywhere. -- Brooklynites battle over waterfront vistas. -- NYC issues RFP for Hudson Yards park, boulevard, and streetscape (developer for the big picture should be named tomorrow). -- Sydney's extreme makeover a grand vision to be greener and sleeker. -- Architectural do-overs at Yale prove mistakes can be corrected. -- Eco-town worksheets should "overturn conventional thinking on infrastructure." -- Plans to turn Colorado's trash into a cash-crop of environmentally friendly construction materials. -- Wind, water, and sun to power Germany's Reichstag. -- In Chicago, sentimentality is not the issue in the design for one of the world's largest homeless shelters. -- Campbell finds modesty creates a "near-perfect building" for a Boston residence and service center for the homeless. -- An eyeful of Gehry's "highly articulated, chaotic" Serpentine Pavilion. -- Glancey sings high praise for a new music school that is "quietly brilliant" and "proof that suburbia can adopt modern architecture to its benefit." -- Utzon's interior vision for Sydney Opera House (and more on proposal to build another). -- Beijing's infatuation with architectural nicknames. -- We couldn't resist: Last chance to vote for your favorite iconic landmark in the Middle East (no architects named, but great video and pix).

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[Star Cities: The world's best-known architects are turning to planning. Joan Ockman asks: Is a new form of urbanism emerging? -- Gehry; Libeskind; Nouvel; Hadid; Foster + Partners; Koolhaas/Office for Metropolitan Architecture \(OMA\); Legorreta; Pelli; Calatrava; Starck; Stern; Moneo; Murphy/Jahn; Piano; Arets; van Berkel; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); China Architecture Design & Research Group \(CAG\); Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\); SHoP; Niemeyer; Eisenman; Arquitectonica; Elkus Manfredi; Rockwell Group \[images\]- Architect Magazine](#)

[Realty industry attracting international planners & architects: International names come with a price tag, but nobody is complaining...easily recovered from the premium of up to 20% on account of better design. -- FXFowle; Omiros One Architecture; SRSS Architects; Bentel Associates; Callison; SWA; EDAW; RMJM; HOK; Woodham Meikle Zhan Architects; KTGy- The Economic Times \(India\)](#)

[Open door to creativity, says top architect: When it comes to design, not many people in Hong Kong understand the difference between the good, the bad and the ugly...tends to be too conservative for creativity...the problem is that architecture has been dominated by developers -- Rocco Yim- The Standard \(Hong Kong\)](#)

[Whose Property Rights? The clash between private interests and public welfare in Oregon raises a question that has vexed the nation since its founding...property-rights battle serves as a cautionary tale for environmentalists nationwide. By James S. Russell- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[New Brooklyn Vistas, and a Fight Over Plans for Them: An abandoned warehouse on the north side of Brooklyn's Pier 1 is being taken down, and differing ideas of what to do with the space are surfacing. -- Michael Van Valkenburgh; Fred Kent/Project for Public Spaces- New York Times](#)

[Request for Qualifications \(RFQ\): Design Services for Hudson Yards Park and Boulevard and Streetscape for Hudson Yards Area, Manhattan: \(Stage 2 will be RFP\); deadline: April 21- NYC Department of Design and Construction / Hudson Yards Development Corporation](#)

[Extreme makeover for Quay, Darling Harbour and beyond: ...part of the City of Sydney's grand vision for 2030...city would be greener as well as sleeker... -- Jan Gehl \[links, video\]- Sydney Morning Herald](#)

[Op-Ed: Yale's Architectural Do-Overs: Universities, even the best of them, make architectural mistakes. Two projects at Yale show how they can sometimes be corrected. By Philip Langdon -- Venturi, Scott Brown; Pelli Clarke Pelli; Edward Larrabee Barnes; Koetter Kim- Hartford Courant \(Connecticut\)](#)

[Eco towns should overturn conventional thinking on infrastructure: ...recommendations in the first eco town worksheets on transport, community development and water cycle management launched by the planning experts at Town and Country Planning Association \(TCPA\) \[links to worksheets\]- New Civil Engineer \(UK\)](#)

[Cleaning Up: Could present-day landfills be the goldmines of the future? It may sound far-fetched, but a collaboration of CU researchers is on the cusp of turning a large portion of Colorado's trash into a cash-crop for the newest wave of environmentally friendly construction materials.- Colorado Daily](#)

[Reichstag to run solely on renewable power: Wind, water and solar sources to fuel building. German parliament to be the world's greenest- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Home to a Thousand Souls: Tigerman McCurry architects eschews sentimentality in the design of one of the world's largest homeless shelters...Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago \[images\]- Architect Magazine](#)

[When modesty is the best policy: In the South End, a building for an admirable public purpose fits in beautifully with its surroundings...Despite the low budget...GateHouse is a near-perfect building...a statement that diversity is OK. By Robert Campbell -- Hacin + Associates- Boston Globe](#)

[Gehry unveils Serpentine Pavilion: ...part-amphitheatre part-promenade with a 'seemingly random' glass and wood structure...The 'highly articulated' 'chaotic' structure – designed and engineered in close collaboration with Arup and Cecil Balmond... \[images\]- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Perfect pitch: The locals are calling it 'the ice cube'. But Watford Grammar's sleek new music school \[Clarendon Muse\] is a red-hot success...the architect has spent that £5m very carefully. The new building is quietly brilliant...proof that suburbia can adopt modern architecture to its benefit... By Jonathan Glancey – Tim Ronalds Architects \[+audio slideshow\]- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Revealed: Utzon's finishing touch: The curtain is finally up on the interior vision conceived by the original architect...part of the bold vision for a refurbished Opera Theatre...Is the public prepared to pay in the vicinity of \\$700 million for changes it might hear...but mostly cannot see? ...for that sort of money it could get a new...opera house. - Richard Johnson; Ken Woolley; Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald](#)

[Take Me to the Big Shorts! Beijing Nicknames New Architecture...Chinese architects are conspicuously absent from helming the capital's marquee projects. -- Koolhaas/Scheeren/Office for Metropolitan Architecture \(OMA\); Foster + Partners; Herzog & de Meuron; PTW; Ai Weiwei; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Ma Yansong/MAD- Bloomberg News](#)

[Modern Iconic Landmarks in the Middle East: Last chance to vote for your iconic landmark! \[images, video\]- AME Info \(United Arab Emirates\)](#)

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