Today's News - November 1, 2002

"You just cannot in this world today customize every single thing": NYC hopes to pare $432/sf down to $325/sf in school construction ($146 is national average). – In Berkeley (and everywhere else), "the threat to existing communities isn't density, or tall new buildings. It's bad new buildings." – A massive initiative for affordable housing across the U.S.; and "public housing unlike anything we've ever seen in Australia. – With Kyoto Principals in mind: environmental education for architects; eco-condos; finding gold in brownfields; and an award for an environmental innovator. – Opinions are split over plans for a monorail in Seattle. – Adventures for the weekend: Muschamp wants to check into the Hudson just to recuperate from exhibition of hotel design in New York; Sydney opens 56 buildings and locations, old and new, for tours; 11 metro stations in Budapest turn into a multi-stop museum detailing the lives of significant architects and the inspiration behind their works; and a trove of Islamic treasures now on view in Hawaii. – and more.

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An Overhaul in Building of Schools: a single entity in charge instead of "two-headed monster": New York Times

Berkeley's simplistic height-limit measure: The focus should be on quality, not height...and not just in Berkeley. By John King, San Francisco Chronicle

Foundation announces affordable-housing plan: Enterprise campaigns to build or renovate 70,000 dwellings and fund other initiatives in America's neediest communities. - Baltimore Sun

The importance of being earnest: Joy, humour and exuberance rarely figure in proposals. So step forward Lacoste + Stevenson, Domain (Australia)

Saving the earth by saving E: teaching design that aims to reduce a third of America's energy used by buildings and homes. - Norbert Lechner, The Auburn Plainsman (Alabama)

Eco condos in the works: Eco Cité, an environmentally friendly housing development..."eco-chic" in the design - Christopher Holmes, Montreal Gazette

Turning brown fields into new urban gold - Canadian Urban Institute, Globe and Mail (Canada)

Indian Innovator Awarded Top UN Environment Prize: Dr. Ashok Khosla "one of the world's great environmental thinkers and innovators," - Environment News Service

Architects split over monorail line's visual effects - Cascade Design Collaborative, LMN Architects, Mel Streeter and Associates, Seattle Times

Checking in to Escapism: "New Hotels for Global Nomads" at the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum is a bitter disappointment. By Herbert Muschamp, New York Times

From underground to penthouse: cryptic Sydney opens its doors: Unsurprisingly, Harry Seidler also figures heavily. - Sydney Morning Herald

Metro journey back in time: "Stations of Constructions in Pest" - Exhibition in all 11 stations of Pest's M1 Millennium Kishfaludati- Budapest Sun

An Islamic Treasury by the Pacific: Doris Duke successfully hid her paradise while planning, for decades, its eventual unveiling as a museum of Islamic art. - New York Times

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