Today's News - November 12, 2003

Women in architecture building up. -- Competition for affordable housing in Aqaba. -- McMansions eating up open spaces. -- Appreciating the adobe architecture of West Africa. -- A call for architects - not junior engineers - to approve building plans in New Delhi. -- Honoring a long-forgotten Manhattan master planner. -- Architecture for fun and learning in San Francisco and Memphis schools. -- Another take on Disney Hall; and the media continue to swoon. -- London's South Bank cultural complex begins much-needed revamp. -- Portland tram plan at the heart of major redevelopment. -- A medical center in Baltimore soars. -- California campus plans a green building. -- One university's loss in another's gain. -- Siza as mentor. -- Architecture for Humanity at MoMA QNS. -- Two films about architects. -- Excerpt from play about architects.

More Women Design Their Way to the Top: Women are finally making their mark in the manmade world of architecture. By Alex Frangos - Marilyn Jordan Taylor/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Zaha Hadid; Kathryn H. Anthony; Mary-Jean Eastmani/Perkins Eastman Architects; Allison G. Williams/Ai Architecture - Wall Street Journal

Aqaba Housing Competition: A Competition for the Design of a Model Water- and Energy-Efficient Low-Income Expandable Housing Unit in Jordan. Registration deadline: November 30 - Center for the Study of the Built Environment (CSBE)

"Mansionization" tied to loss of open spaces...according to a new study. - Boston Globe

Mud, glorious mud: They are west Africa's most exciting, ambitious buildings. Some of them have lasted 700 years. And they’re made of dirt. By Jonathan Glancey - Guardian (UK)

Building design our job: Architects...Council of Architecture has proposed that only “qualified personnel” pass building plans in the city. - Delhi Newsline (India)

Honor Andrew Haswell Green! Obscurity has done in a man whose contributions to the [New York City] were truly astonishing. - Gotham Gazette

Simple geometry: Clutching at straws and thin budgets, Michael Olexo tries to invigorate public education through architecture [images]. - San Francisco Chronicle

Architecture can be fun: Pros guide students through design basics for pair of competitions. - Lynn Burke/McGehee Nicholson Burke Architects; Tracy Signon - Memphis APA - Commercial Appeal (Memphis)


Fantasyland for the Philharmonic: The exterior of Disney Hall will always seem dreamlike, irrational, antigravity. By David Littlejohn - Frank Gehry - Wall Street Journal

Over the Moon Apple: The media are in a swoon over Frank Gehry's Disney Hall - The Atlantic

Tram planner will roll out an overview of the project...linchpin to a $1.9 billion development deal - Sarah Graham-Angelil/Graham/Pfenninger/Scholl - The Oregonian

A light touch: Soaring new atrium caps off $218 million project and lets light shine on the University of Maryland Medical Center - Perkins and Will Kohn Pedersen Fox [image] - Baltimore Sun

Humboldt State University unveils building plans: plenty of space, environmentally sustainable design and the blessing of its neighbors - Yost Grube Hall Architecture [image] - Times-Standard (Eureka, CA)

Stanford University’s architect departs for University of Virginia - David Neuman - Stanford Daily (California)

Alvaro Siza completes wear as a Rolex Mentor: protégé was Jordanian architect Sahel Al-Hiyari - AbsoluteArts

Conversations with Contemporary Artists @ The Museum of Modern Art QNS. November 14; Architecture for Humanity Presented by Founder Cameron Sinclair - Architecture for Humanity


-- RIAS Award for Best Building in Scotland: An Turas, Tiree - Sutherland Hussey Architects, with Jake Harvey, Glen Orwin, Donald Urquhart & Sandra Kennedy
-- Exhibition: Museums for a New Millennium, Miami Art Museum
-- Benson & Forsyth: Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh
-- Book: "Eichler: Modernism Rebuilds the American Dream" By Paul Adamson & Marty Arbunich

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