

Today's News - August 12, 2004

All the big names showed up for information session re: WTC cultural buildings, but will they take the risk? – New Urbanism: Andrés Duany on the lessons to be learned from Celebration, Florida. – A daring development in Minnesota in a town that loves its McMansions. – Bangkok canals losing out to urban sprawl. – High Line master plan team selection "marks a critical step in one of the most compelling urban planning initiatives in the city's recent history" (and marks Nicolai Ouroussoff's NYT debut). – A healing garden in San Francisco straight from the heart. – A "one-man wrecking crew driven to transform an industry that consumes 40 percent of the world's resources." – A Los Angeles fan club for a little-known Modernist. – Princess Diana's fountain reopens, but some say it is still flawed. – Michael Graves best design: his own company. – An island for art in Japan. – Venice Architecture Biennale will be more than pretty pictures. – Architects pay homage to projects never built. – Winner of Henry C. Turner Prize for Innovation in Construction Technology to be honored.

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[Plan May Be Too Much of a Good Thing: "Risk-taking"...a quality LMDC says it will seek in choosing architects for the cultural buildings at the new WTC...The question is whether any architect will risk a prospective commission by challenging the current planning orthodoxy-](#) New York Times

[The Celebration Controversies: Andrés Duany weighs the pros and cons of this high profile - perhaps the best known - New Urbanist town -](#) International Network for Traditional Building, Architecture & Urbanism (INTBAU)

[Rancor in the Grass: Mayo Woodlands is winning awards for its daring approach but getting the cold shoulder from conservative Rochester \[Minnesota\], which loves its McMansions. - Shane Coen; David Salmela; Tim Alt \[images\]-](#) New York Times

[Bangkok's canals, once its lifeline, losing ground to urban sprawl \(AP\) - Magic Eyes; Siriwan Silapacharanan-](#) Environmental News Network

[Gardens in the Air Where the Rail Once Ran: A team of New York-based architects led by Field Operations and Diller, Scofidio & Renfro...selected to design \[JHigh Line\] master plan... By Nicolai Ouroussoff \[images\]-](#) New York Times

[Delaney's delight: Noted S.F. landscape architect's latest healing garden comes straight from the heart -](#) Topher Delaney/SEAM- San Francisco Chronicle

[Organic Architect Does It With Principle: Think of him as a one-man wrecking crew driven to transform an industry that consumes 40 percent of the world's resources. - Eric Corey Freed/organicArchitect \(oA\)-](#) San Francisco Chronicle

[The door-to-door connection: A group of Angelenos finds a common link: They live in the small, distinctive homes designed by little-known Modernist architect Harwell Harris. \[images\]-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Diana fountain to come back on stream as expert \[Rory Coonan\] slams 'blunder' - Kathryn Gustafson-](#) Guardian (UK)

[A Design for Living: After Michael Graves fell ill, his business had one of its best years ever. This great designer's greatest design may be his company.-](#) Fast Company

[Japan's lord of the isles puts art hoard on show at visionary museum - Tadao Ando-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Architects Get Physical at the Venice Biennale: ...will be more than just a collection of drawings and photos. By Fred A. Bernstein - Kengo Kuma; Peter Eisenman; Ron Arad; Studio Gang Architects-](#) New York Times

[Firm's Web site pays homage to 'phantom projects': Architects recall unrealized dreams of Twin Cities buildings that were never built. - Bentz/Thompson/Rietow; DLR Group; Damon Farber Asspcoiates-](#) Finance and Commerce (Minneapolis/St. Paul)

[Engineer Charles A. DeBenedittis to Receive 2004 Henry C. Turner Prize for Innovation in Construction Technology: Reception and Program on September 27 at National Building Museum-](#) Yahoo News

[A Flexible Future: UCSF Genentech Hall: Flexible laboratories, informal gathering spaces, and a soaring atrium emphasize collaboration among researchers. - SmithGroup \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow

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