

Today's News - September 8, 2004

Prefab, bamboo, and straw in our future. – Goldberger looks at a development designed by (mostly) starchitects, but "at heart, a plain-vanilla subdivision," and then waxes poetic on everything from contemporary architectural culture and suburban planning to the architectural future of lower Manhattan. – New National Museum of the American Indian still raising questions of ethics, aesthetics, and authorship. – Meanwhile, a conference in Chicago explores the relationship between American Indians and museums. –Height is the challenge for Halifax developers; and a Halifax architect finds his Modernist voice rooted in local tradition. – Kansas City stadium: city forgot to tell contending architects it has to be green (oops!). – Not everyone is happy with competition-winning design to "build" churches in the North Sea. – Opening of Pawson-designed monastery in the Czech Republic brings "rows of architects in their own priestly all-black uniforms" (and the monks changed their minds about Calvin Klein designing their robes). – The Eiffel Tower's newest neighbor will be a museum (maybe). – Another look (and lots of pictures) of MIT/Gehry car of the future. – Children's furniture grows up with style.

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[Chic and Green: A conversation with the architect at the forefront of moving modular prefab \(and green\) houses into the mainstream with Glidehouse.](#) - Michelle Kaufmann [images]- ArchNewsNow

[Prefab Rehab: Star architects are adding style and substance to prefab homes as manufacturers try to boost their share in a sizzling market](#) - Michael Graves; James Cutler; Michelle Kaufmann- Time Magazine

[The Wieler-Tung Home: Modernist, modular, but not yet mass produced...to a certain group of architects and aficionados it looks less like a house and more like the Holy Grail.](#) - Resolution: 4 Architecture- Wall Street Journal

[Bamboo magic: Columbian architect Simon Velez...has used the hollow grass to create pedestrian bridges, golf resorts, expensive residential accommodation and hotels around the world.](#)- Hindustan Times (India)

[Homes, homes on the range: Straw bale houses built on reservations](#) - Red Feather Development Group (AP)- Billings Gazette (Montana)

[Homes of the Stars: A high-profile suburb for the Hamptons: Houses at Sagaponac.](#) By Paul Goldberger - Meier; Graves; Cobb; Rogers; Johnson; Hadid; Holl; Ban; Moss; Allen; Roy; Maas; Reiser; Umemoto; Hariri- New Yorker

[Q&A: Suburban Chic: An interview with Paul Goldberger about Houses at Sagaponac, contemporary architectural culture, suburban planning, and the architectural future of lower Manhattan.](#)- New Yorker

[I'm owed \\$1M for 'forged' masterpiece, architect says: Douglas Cardinal says he'd be selling out if he celebrated the completion of Washington's newest museum. The problems are as much ethical as aesthetic, and raise questions of authorship.](#)- Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

[Experts to Explore "Native Peoples and Museums: Building Reciprocal Relationships for the 21st Century." September 10-11 in Chicago](#)- Newswise

[Halifax developers face landmark battle: Cannot obscure view of waterfront from top of city's star-shaped Citadel](#) - Webb Zerafa Menkes Housden Partnership; Lydon Lynch Architects- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[An East Coast modernism steeped in history: Halifax architect Brian MacKay-Lyons celebrates the enduring vernacular of Nova Scotia with design rooted in local tradition.](#) By Lisa Rochon- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Kansas City's "green" arena could be the envy of others: But the city's vision to build green tripped coming out of the gate...gave arena information to prospective architects...did not mention building green.](#) - HOK Sport; Frank Gehry/Crawford Architects- Kansas City Star

[Village hearts sink at plan to raise churches: A row has broken out over plans to build six steel outlines of lost medieval churches in the north sea off Suffolk.](#) - Johannes Ingrisch and Anne Niemann- Guardian (UK)

[Chants would be a fine thing: John Pawson has turned his minimalist genius to a Cistercian monastery in the Czech Republic. The monks had second thoughts about designer robes...](#) By Deyan Sudjic- Observer (UK)

[A New Museum in Paris Inches Toward Reality: A \\$265 million museum devoted to the indigenous art of the Americas, Africa, Asia and Oceania is rising on the banks of the Seine beside the Eiffel Tower.](#) - Jean Nouvel- New York Times

[At M.I.T., Rethinking the Car for City Life](#) - Frank Gehry [slide show]- New York Times

[Children's Mod Squad: A small but growing band of designers is making fanciful kids' furniture that adults can also appreciate](#) - TRUCK; Magis; Netto; etc.- Newsweek

-- Renzo Piano Building Workshop: Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church, San Giovanni Rotondo (Foggia), Italy

-- René van Zuuk Architekten: Arcam, Amsterdam

-- Santiago Calatrava: Athens Olympic Sports Complex

[-- Book: Shigeru Ban By Matilda McQuaid, Phaidon Press](#)

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