

Today's News - October 12, 2004

This week on ArcSpace: Lab architecture in Beijing, and Mau's "Massive Change" in Vancouver (we forgot to link yesterday). – Another RFP from LMDC for WTC site work. – We'll get the vitriol over with first: Farrelly doesn't mince words about a new development down under: "dead-flesh developer-plastic...a poetic opportunity dramatically and deliberately missed." – In the U.K., "towering egos" instead of experts for CABE? – Kerry mayor blames architects for bad planning. – But ugly buildings may be a thing of the past in Northern Ireland's future. – What master think should be done with Edinburgh's St. James Centre (the building everyone loves to hate). – Study shows there's a big future for iconic architecture (and "zoomorphic" architecture will become passé). – Designing for security is hurting the livability factor of American cities. – A workshop about creating livable neighborhoods. – Christmas comes early to NYC: \$1 billion grant for affordable housing. – Glasgow "braces" itself for a Hadid-designed museum, and things are looking up for her Guggenheim Taichung. – Korea's newest museum boasts big architects (not usually known for their "modest and tastefully subdued design"). – Two calm (or are they boring?) buildings tame Cambridge, U.K. – Major software company opts for LEED-green HQ in downtown Toronto. – Web site awards have an international flavor. – A Canadian firm claims a novel approach to managing projects.

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[– Lab architecture studio: Soho Shang Du, Beijing](#)
[– Exhibition: "Massive Change: The Future of Global Design," Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver BC, Canada](#)

[Request for Proposals: Institutional Planning Services for the Memorial Center and related aspects of the World Trade Center Memorial and Cultural Program; deadline: November 1 \[link to pdf\]](#)- Lower Manhattan Development Corporation

[Mediocrity spoils another view: A major development \[Honeysuckle\] fails to do Newcastle justice. We've always known Sydney couldn't plan its way out of a paper bag...if the architecture were other than regulation dead-flesh developer-plastic...a poetic opportunity dramatically and deliberately missed. By Elizabeth Farrelly-](#) Sydney Morning Herald

[Towering egos: It's a disgrace that none of the candidates to run architecture's watchdog has any real knowledge of the subject, argues Deyan Sudjic - Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment \(Cabe\)-](#) Observer (UK)

[Kerry's mayor attacks architects: ...defended the role of local councillors in the planning process..."Architects have an awful lot to answer for"...many of the worst aspects of planning are attributed to architects and their designs.-](#) Unison (Ireland)

[Beauty to be in the eye of the planner: Ugly buildings may become a less common feature of Northern Ireland in future...](#)- Belfast Telegraph (Ireland)

[A new vision for the capital's carbuncle: We asked leading architects and others about what they think could be done with the building the capital loves to hate \[Edinburgh's St James Centre\]. - Allan Murray; Terry Farrell; David MacDonald/Cockburn Association; Peter Wilson/Manifesto Foundation for Architecture; Malcolm Fraser-](#) The Scotsman (UK)

[Future sees return of icons: Crystal-ball-gazing study predicts 5 million new homes, a London 'megopolis' and 24-hour cities in 20 years...purveyors of iconic design can rest easy in the knowledge that cities all over Britain will show a "renewed vigour" for iconic buildings. \[link to full report\]-](#) BD/Building Design (UK)

[Hunkering Down: How Security Measures Are Hurting Cities: "The war against terrorism threatens to become a war against the livability of American cities..." By Philip Langdon - David Dixon/Goody, Clancy & Associates-](#) Hartford Courant (Connecticut)

[How to Turn a Place Around workshop: Creating Great Neighborhood Spaces - October 28-29, New York City: course shows step-by-step approach to revitalization-](#) Project for Public Spaces

[New York to Win Record \\$1 Billion Grant For Affordable Housing: Enterprise Foundation...donation is aimed at helping the mayor with his \\$3 billion New Housing-](#) New York Sun

[Z marks the spot for transport museum's journey into the future: Zaha Hadid has been chosen to mastermind one of Scotland's most prestigious museum projects...Glasgow is bracing itself for the arrival of one of Hadid's avante-garde designs...](#)- The Herald (UK)

[Taiwan moves a step closer to its Guggenheim Taichung: ...would be part of a new district to include a City Hall designed by Frank Gehry and an opera house by Jean Nouvel. - Zaha Hadid-](#) The Art Newspaper

[Big architects, big art, big buzz at Leeum, Samsung Museum of Art: Despite all of the hype and hoopla...it is modest and tastefully subdued. - Mario Botta; Jean Nouvel; Rem Koolhaas-](#) Korea Herald

[Taming the zoo: Unexciting, say the dons, but two calm buildings by Allies & Morrison restore sanity to Cambridge. "...surely after the anti-social posturings of Stirling and Foster that is a virtue." \[images\]-](#) BD/Building Design (UK)

[Firm pays premium to be on green fringe: SAS Institute opts to stay downtown and build its own 'green' head office...on the fringe of downtown Toronto - NORR; Giffels Design-Build-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Hillier awarded Gold Medal in 2004 Architecture Web Site Awards: Honor Awards to Urban Office Architecture, d'arch, TEK \(Thanhauser Esterson Kapell\), Gernot Schulz Architects- Entablature](#)

[When the boss has to take orders from the employee: Young + Wright Architects has a novel way of managing projects: One of its staff acts for the client. It makes for lively discussion- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

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