

Today's News - December 1, 2004

Architecture for Humanity does its part for World AIDS Day today. – The gloves are coming off in battle to save Cambridge department of architecture. – Does Rio really need a Guggenheim (worse: not even designed by a Brazilian)? – Sustainability standards rise in cohousing and low-cost adobe abodes. – Foster's music center in Gateshead uncharacteristically bulges and billows and "cries out for attention." – Neighbors lose out in battle against big dorm plans in Chicago. – A corner in San Francisco becomes more comfortable. – The Office of Subversive Architecture takes on the Thames Gateway (sort of). – Experts chime in with their favorite American building (includes poll to log in your favorite, too). – Expansion plans built in original Colorado Convention Center. – U.S. embassy architecture explored in a book and documentary. – Two items we couldn't resist: a report from Spain taken from pay-per-view South China Morning Post says Gehry wants to move back to Toronto, and a fantasy house-for-sale ad for his Santa Monica digs (our thanks to subscribers for sending us the links!).

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[Tackling AIDS and Building Goals in South Africa: Siyathemba Finalists to be announced on World AIDS Day, Wednesday December 1st](#)- Architecture for Humanity

[Architects attack 'philistine' move by Cambridge: Nearly 1,000 angry architects did not grace the Senate House lawn in Cambridge to admire the building's Palladian style but to condemn the university authorities that want to close its department of architecture.](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Letters: Designs on architecture: Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment \(CABE\) and others re: plans to close Cambridge University's School of Architecture](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Priorities Questioned in Face of Rio's Ritzy \[Guggenheim\] Museum Plan](#) - Jean Nouvel- Los Angeles Times

[Cohousing Sets Sustainability Standard: Wild Sage Cohousing community in Boulder, Colorado goes beyond the typical environmental friendliness of similar neighborhoods.](#) - Bryan Bowen (Natural Life Magazine)- Environmental News Network

[Desert Serenity: A sustainability pioneer, who apprenticed with an Egyptian architect who championed safe, low-cost housing, now builds adobe homes in the Texas desert and runs a nonprofit to teach others how.](#) - Simone Swan/Adobe Alliance; Hassan Fathy (Natural Home Magazine)- Environmental News Network

[Space-age fantasy on Tyne: The Sage music centre in Gateshead signals a radical, bulgy new direction for architect Norman Foster...billows, stretches and cries out for attention.](#) By Giles Worsley - Spencer de Grey [images]- Telegraph (UK)

[DePaul University dorm 'a done deal': Lincoln Park residents group has failed in its campaign to block a planned 580-bed student dormitory...](#) - Antunovich Associates- Crain's Chicago Business

[Modern buildings and manicured spaces -- a corner of the city has become a lot more comfortable.](#) By John King- San Francisco Chronicle

[Guerrilla tactics: Alternative architects in bid to 'unlock' Thames Gateway plans](#) - Office of Subversive Architecture- Guardian (UK)

[Is Harvard Sever Hall the best US building? Venturi extols its simple interior, detailed facade.](#) By Robert Campbell - H.H. Richardson; Alvar Aalto; Frank Lloyd Wright; Fay Jones; Louis Kahn; Bernard Maybeck; Bulfinch- Boston Globe

[A larger vision: Architect built expansion into original Colorado Convention Center plans.](#) By Mary Voelz Chandler - Curt Fentress/Fentress Bradburn Architects [images]- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[More than a facade: Embassy architecture defines our nation abroad: "Building Diplomacy: The Architecture of American Embassies."](#) By Mary Voelz Chandler- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[Frank Gehry deja EEUU por el triunfo de Bush: a report in the South China Morning Post in which Frank Gehry says he has decided to move to Toronto because "he can't take another four years of George W. Bush."](#)- El Periódico (Spain)

[Real Estate Ads We'd Like to See: Santa Monica charmer owned by famed architect Frank Gehry ...located on tree-lined street that is quiet now that neighbors have given up protesting about ruined property values. Possible teardown.](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Daniel Arts Center, Simon's Rock College of Bard: A unique school builds a cultural haven in the Berkshire Hills.](#) - Ann Beha Architects [images]- ArchNewsNow

[Second Look: New York Hall of Science: Its power undiminished after 40 years, a 20th century cathedral to science is about to be rediscovered as a luminous addition debuts this week.](#) By Fred A. Bernstein - Harrison and Abramovitz (1964); Polshek Partnership Architects (2004) [images]- ArchNewsNow

[Exhibition: Yoshio Taniguchi: Nine Museums, Museum of Modern Art \(MoMA\), New York City](#)

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