

Today's News - January 7, 2005

Design resolutions for the new year from the NEA Director of Design/Mayors' Institute on City Design. – Not a lot of cheerleaders for affordable housing and smart growth strategies in Massachusetts. – Opinions differ about Philadelphia's fight against blight. – High hopes (and high design) for Harlem. – Planner has big plans for Anacostia Waterfront Project. – Urban investors prefer Washington, D.C. to London and Tokyo. – Putting a lid on big-box retailers. – New police stations are community-friendly. – Affordable housing reader's guide. – Houses built by robots and pre-fab in our future. – Wanted: Peace Bridge design. – Foster's bridges, literally and figuratively. – Danish professor studying American fascination with Danish design. – American engineer deciphers Eiffel Tower's elegant shape. – One we couldn't resist: from the Guardian review of the film "White Noise": "Michael Keaton...plays an architect – a dream job in films, conferring creativity and class and generally requiring nothing more taxing than standing around pointing at cardboard model buildings." (If only it was that easy!)

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