

Today's News - May 31, 2005

World Environment Day takes on sustainable urbanism - all week in San Francisco. – Scorecards abound: Hits and misses in U.S. and U.K. sustainable "mixed communities." – Auckland tackles "ugly building" syndrome. – A star system for U.K. office buildings (including the "slippery area of design appeal"). – Toronto's waterfront plans may be a bit tardy, but designs are right on target. – Holyrood wins top Scottish Design Award while Miralles's widow moves on to other projects around the world. – Piano's new wing for the Art Institute of Chicago has everyone talking (Sun-Times report certainly the most poetic). – Changes in Dallas opera house plans are subtle but significant. – A thoughtful assessment of "the sad loss" of Gehry's Corcoran Gallery addition. – Munich's new stadium is "sensational." – A vacant schoolhouse transformed. – Despite Ground Zero woes, "Libeskind keeps up the happy patter." – Security can be pretty. – A "cone of silence" for office cubicles.

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[Sustainable Urbanism Tops the Agenda as World Environment Day Comes to the U.S. June 1-5 \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Transatlantic perspectives on mixed communities: report...reviews research evidence and policy experience from both the U.S. and the U.K. on the prospects for developing sustainable "mixed communities."](#)- Brookings Institute

[Scorecard to halt ugly buildings: Poor-quality, ugly buildings will no longer be permitted under a radical blueprint...Quality plans fast-tracked.](#)- New Zealand Herald

[Star system for offices: Britain's office buildings are to be awarded grades based on their efficiency and design quality...take into account the slippery area of design appeal.](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Being late on waterfront plans could work to Toronto's advantage: ...tardiness can now be turned into an advantage; we are in a position to learn from the mistakes of others... By Christopher Hume -- Koetter Kim & Associates; Urban Design Associates/Joe Lobko/DuToit Allsop Hiller-](#) Toronto Star

[Miralles's widow lifts top design prize for Holyrood: Scottish Design Awards...named best publicly funded building in Scotland and also scooped the industry's biggest honour, the Architecture Grand Prix. -- Enric Miralles/EMBT; RMJM-](#) Sunday Herald (Scotland)

[Hooray for Holyrood: Enric Miralles's widow sacrificed a lot to see his vision become a reality. A Scottish design award may vindicate both their efforts -- Benedetta Tagliabue/EMBT; RMJM-](#) Sunday Herald (Scotland)

[A talk with the park: Piano has engaged Gehry not in a competition but in a conversation, and a civil one at that...Gehry's Pritzker \[Pavilion\] is Verdi at his most bombastic, all blaring brass...Piano's north wing...is Mozart -- woodwinds and strings...a delicate balance of massiveness and lightness.](#)- Chicago Sun-Times

[Art Institute of Chicago to Add New Wing: Millennium Park's popularity puts new design over the \(roof\) top: ...a superlong footbridge that would shoot like a glistening knife over the park's south end and deposit thousands of parkgoers on the building's rooftop. By Blair Kamin -- Renzo Piano-](#) Chicago Tribune

[Light and Airiness for Art Institute of Chicago's New Wing: An aluminum canopy that the architect likens to a "flying carpet" will float like a parasol over Renzo Piano's planned three-story addition... \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Leaner, lighter design a good fit for Winspear: Changes in Dallas opera house plans are subtle but significant. By David Dillon -- Spencer de Grey/Foster and Partners \[images\]](#)- Dallas Morning News

[Crushed: Without the Frank Gehry Addition to the Corcoran Gallery, Washington Misses an Opportunity...the time has come it seems to assess the sad loss. By Benjamin Forgey \[image\]](#)- Washington Post

[Strip tease: At Munich's new football stadium \[Allianz Stadium\], even the building comes out in support of the home team...really is sensational. By Jonathan Glancey -- Herzog and de Meuron-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Community Arts Center Inspires Town-Gown Relations: ...a vacant schoolhouse \[now\] a vibrant space for community children and adults... -- Centerbrook Architects \[images\]](#)- AIArchitect

[Scrappy! But his plan may be scrapped: Daniel Libeskind keeps up the happy patter, but the World Trade Center rebuilding effort is in disarray. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Childs; Arad; Snohetta; Gehry-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Security can be pretty, architects say: ...buildings and plazas can be made more attractive, more functional and more inviting to the public even as safeguards are added. - Barbara A. Nadel; Maya Lin; Gensler; Edward Feiner; Zaldastani Associates-](#) Atlanta Journal-Constitution

[No Privacy in Your Cubicle? Try an Electronic Silencer: Maxwell Smart's "cone of silence" is finally a reality. -- Applied Minds; Herman Miller-](#) New York Times

[Build Business: Client Loyalty -- What You Don't Know Could Hurt You. By Stephanie Craft, CPSM](#)

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