
Today's News - August 12, 2005

EDITORS NOTE: ArchNewsNow is taking a much-needed break from the summer heat wave – we'll be back Monday, August 22. — Meanwhile, a paradox: "planning and design mask population density" in L.A. (denser than New York!). – "Vulgaria" the new suburbia. – A German take on American McMansions: "architectural junk food." – A new take on housing: build it around the mall (and make it expensive). – Freedom Center at Ground Zero may not be that free. – Silence of city planners in Philadelphia has some neighborhoods hiring their own "big-picture" planners. – Cleveland joins a growing list of cities hiring sustainability experts to save energy - and money. – Atlanta unveils its NASCAR stripes - green roof included (it took some digging to dig up design team). – Halprin pleads: "Don't destroy shape and harmony of the Golden Gate Bridge...as a panacea for social and psychological problems." – Archaeologists plea to save Northern Ireland's Maze Prison from bulldozers. – Adolf Loos villa is a "homey" museum. – ASLA names its 2005 Landmark Award winner. – Summer reading: A book on Nietzsche and architecture selected as one of 14 seminal texts...written on the problem of architectural space. — Stay cool...see you in a week!

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[INSIGHT: Downtown Vancouver's Last Resort: How Did "Living First" Become "Condos Only?" By Trevor Boddy- ArchNewsNow](#)

[Out West, a Paradox: Densely Packed Sprawl: L.A. Area Growing Crowded the Fastest...planning and design mask population density. \[slide show\]- Washinton Post](#)

[Vulgaria: The Re-Enchantment of Suburbia: ...landscapes of bigness and spectacle, characterized by packaged developments, simulated settings, and conspicuous consumption... By Paul Knox, Dean, Virginia Tech College of Architecture and Urban Studies- Opolis: An International Journal of Suburban and Metropolitan Studies](#)

["McMansions" remind some neighbours of architectural junk food \(Deutsche Presse-Agentur\)- HousingZone.com](#)

[Roll right out of bed and into the mall: Condos, lofts going up at retail meccas around Valley in housing trend- Arizona Republic](#)

[A fiasco governed by fear, not liberty: Blackmailed by the anti-intellectual coalition that runs the rebuilding at Ground Zero, the Drawing Center has started looking for new digs rather than agree to submit to a future of constant censorship. By Justin Davidson- NY Newsday](#)

[Freedom Center's Place at Ground Zero in Question: ...\[must\] undergo a new round of vetting - by relatives of 9/11 victims, among others - before it can claim the spot it was assigned...The building itself...will end up about 30 percent smaller than the version unveiled in May. -- Snohetta- New York Times](#)

[Silence of the Planners: Despite the biggest building boom in decades, Philadelphia's planning department has remained on the sidelines. Some neighborhoods are hiring their own consultants for big-picture planning. By Inga Saffron -- Interface Studio; Kise Straw & Kolodner- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[Cleveland goes green to save energy, money: ...joins a growing number of cities, led by Seattle, Chicago and Portland, Ore., that have hired sustainability experts.- Cleveland Plain Dealer](#)

[Atlanta Unveils Renderings For \[\\$92 million\] NASCAR Hall of Fame design: ...competing against Charlotte, NC; Kansas City, KS; Richmond, VA; and Daytona Beach, FL -- E. Verner Johnson & Associates; AAD: Fitch; Laura Heery Architecture \[images, link\]- Business Wire](#)

[Don't destroy shape and harmony of the Golden Gate Bridge: Great examples of environmental design are built for all of us to enjoy and participate in -- they are not there to solve problems of a small minority or as a panacea for social and psychological problems. By Lawrence Halprin- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[Archaeologist in plea to save the Maze Prison from bulldozers: ...soon to be transformed into a sports stadium to host football matches for the London Olympics...will see hundreds of acres of buildings bulldozed before crucial historical research has been carried out.- Guardian \(UK\)](#)



[Visionary villa: More than 70 years after it was built, Vila Müller still holds surprises...it's easy to forget that the villa is now a museum. -- Adolf Loos \(1920s\)- The Prague Post](#)

[Golden Gate National Recreation Area North Portion to Receive ASLA/National Trust for Historic Preservation 2005 Landmark Award -- SWA Group- American Society of Landscape Architects \(ASLA\)](#)

[Book on Nietzsche and Architecture Honored: Markus Breitschmid's "The Building Spirit, Friedrich Nietzsche and Architecture" selected by the Institute of Philosophy in Karlsruhe-Germany as one of 14 seminal texts...written on the problem of architectural space.- Newswise](#)

[INSIGHT: Old Governor's Mansion: Turning a House into a Public Building: A preservation architect explains how HVAC systems were integrated and life safety codes addressed without destroying the historic fabric of a National Historic Landmark. -- Lord Aeck & Sargent \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)

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