

Today's News - September 29, 2005

It's final: it's a no-go for museum at Ground Zero. – Team of five tapped to guide New Orleans rebuilding plans. – Mayors from around the world gather in Seoul to discuss urban sustainability. – Chicago mayor tapped as 2005 National Design Awards Design Patron. – High hopes as San Francisco's newest neighborhood rises. – Who will save Moscow's avant garde masterpieces? – Not all are pleased with plans to demolish a Gehry university building. – Some not-so-kind words about Libeskind's condo tower in Toronto. – The architect is "perplexed by reaction." – Some kind words for Art Gallery of Ontario's audience-friendly attitude by Gehry. – Some Romans still riled about monument by Meier. – A university for the deaf and hard of hearing taps an expert for new building. – Word has it that Toyo Ito has garnered the RIBA Royal Gold Medal; there's sure to be news about by tomorrow.

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[Governor Bars Museum at Ground Zero: Minutes later, the International Freedom Center declared itself out of business, saying no other site was appropriate.](#) – Snohetta [images]- New York Times

[Pataki Solution on Museum Flies in Face of Planning: Now the question is what else in the master plan is open for revision. If ground zero is too hallowed for a freedom museum, how much longer will a performing arts center be considered appropriate? Or a million square feet of retail space? Or four office towers? Especially if one of them is named Freedom.](#)- New York Times

[\[Fort Worth\] City planner...has been tapped to lead a team of five planners in advising New Orleans' city staff as they regroup after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. – Fernando Costa: Bob Lurcot \(Pittsburgh\); Chandra Foreman \(Tampa\); Rich Roths \(URS Corp.\); Grover Mouton \(Tulane Univ. School of Architecture\)](#)- Star-Telegram (Dallas/Ft. Worth)

[World Mayors to Discuss Urban Sustainability: ...Seoul Mayors Forum...will coincide with the celebration of the re-establishment of Seoul's Chonggyecheon stream, the restored downtown waterway...](#)- The Korea Times

[Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum has named Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, as the Design Patron for the 2005 National Design Awards.](#)- Cooper-Hewitt

[The city has a chance to create a great neighborhood on Rincon Hill: ...the design by Solomon Cordwell Buenz is head and shoulders above any of the towers now in the area...if developer ...doesn't skimp on the details, the result should be a striking accent on the skyline.](#) By John King- San Francisco Chronicle

[Eastern blocks: Moscow has one solution for its decaying constructivist housing: demolition. But who will save these avant garde masterpieces? Tom Parfitt tracks down the city's last utopian architecture. – Konstantin Melnikov, Moisei Ginzburg \[link to images\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Planned Demolition of Gehry Building Sparks Controversy: The 17,800 square-foot Information and Computer Sciences Engineering Research Facility \(1986\) will be torn down to make room for the 150,000 square-foot Engineering 3 Building.](#)- New University (U.C. Irvine)

[Edifice retch: What is Libeskind thinking? To say \[condo tower beside the Hummingbird Centre\] is outlandish is to put it mildly. To say it's wildly inappropriate, overblown and verging on kitsch might be more to the point.](#) By Christopher Hume [image]- Toronto Star

[Too tall an order for T.O.? Daniel Libeskind is perplexed by the reaction to his towering design for the Hummingbird Centre \[image\]](#)- Toronto Star

[Art Gallery of Ontario \(AGO\) ready to let the light in on new era: ...The return of colour to most if not all the galleries is another sign of changing institutional values...given way to a more audience-friendly attitude.](#) By Christopher Hume – Frank Gehry- Toronto Star

[Discord reigns at Augustus peace monument: "If you make a great machine that's 10 times \[the size\] of the Ara Pacis, you make a monument to Meier, not a monument for Augustus"](#)- The Australian

[SmithGroup Selected to Design Center for Language and Communication at Gallaudet University: ...George Balsley, a deaf architect from Amherst, MA, who will offer special expertise...](#)- Business Wire

[The Rise of the Few: Key Ingredients for the World's Tallest Skyscrapers: Q&A with Ron Klemencic, Chairman, Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[INSIGHT: Vancouverism vs. Lower Manhattanism: Shaping the High Density City.](#) By Trevor Boddy [images]- ArchNewsNow

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– Competition winner: Henning Larsens Tegnesteue (with Olafur Eliasson): Concert and Congress Centre, Reykjavik, Iceland
– Design Hotels: Hospes Ámerigo, Alicante, Spain; Palau de la Mar, Valencia, Spain
– kk Letter: Exploring Alicante and Valencia, Spain

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