

Today's News - October 5, 2005

Hot off the press: Hollywood wins RIAS Andrew Doolan Award for Architecture. – A PBS discussion among urban planners about rebuilding New Orleans. – A Dutch solution: houses that float. – Is it time we learn to love sprawl? – Eminent domain as a tool for curbing urban decay and sprawl (or is it?). – Melbourne waterfront experts with some sound advice for Toronto: "it's so easy to get it wrong." – Meanings of memorials: architects learn the hard way. – Two experts debate the progress and pitfalls of LEED certification. – Portland Building to sport green top (might be the best thing about it?). A thin line between what is and isn't truly public space. – U.K.'s modernist white elephant a pleasure palace once again (now it just needs to have fun). – A former missile base in Germany and a subdivision in Korea's DMZ blossom with art and architecture. – NYC's Museum of Chinese in the Americas taps Maya Lin for new digs. – California firm tapped for University of Virginia project. – An exhibit in Beirut looks at the "fading poetry of old Lebanese architecture. – Call for papers for Architecture|Music|Acoustics conference in Toronto next year.

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[The new Scottish Parliament building in Edinburgh has won the UK's richest architecture award: £25,000 RIAS Andrew Doolan Award for Architecture -- Enric Miralles/EMBT/RMJM; Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland](#)- BBC News

[New Orleans: Urban planners discuss rebuilding -- Mary Comerio/University of California at Berkeley; John Norquist/Congress of the New Urbanism; Paris Rutherford/RTKL \[scroll down\]](#)- PBS NewsHour

[Dutch Answer to Flooding: Build Houses that Swim: The Dutch are gearing up for climate change with amphibious houses. -- Koen Olthuis/Waterstudio.nl \[images\]](#)- Der Spiegel (Germany)

[The virtues of sprawl: Sprawl isn't what it used to be, some experts contend. Is it time we stopped worrying and learned to love the subdivision? By Anthony Flint -- Robert Bruegmann; Joel Kotkin; New Urbanism](#)- Boston Globe

[Eminent Domain Revisited: A Minnesota Case: The building of Best Buy's headquarters could be used to illustrate why eminent domain is sometimes a crucial tool in combating urban decay and sprawl.](#)- New York Times

[Aussie developers eye T.O.'s waterfront: Like Toronto, Melbourne has a waterfront. Unlike Toronto, Melbourne began rebuilding its waterfront a decade ago...some advice... By Christopher Hume](#)- Toronto Star

[Reading symbolism in the Sept. 11 era: Memorials are charged with meaning, architects learn the hard way. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Paul Murdoch Architects/Nelson Byrd Woltz; Michael Arad; Snohetta \[images\]](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Controversy Leads to Dialogue: Assessing the progress and pitfalls of LEED certification. Point/Counter-point by Ed Weaver, AIA, LEED, and Ginny Dyson, IIDA, LEED/DMJM Design](#)- Contract magazine

[Portland Building will get a 'green roof': Don't tell Michael Graves, but the best thing about the Portland Building might wind up being the roof. -- Macdonald Environmental Planning](#)- The Oregonian

[We need more truly public spaces: The common area at The Shops was designed to look and feel like a fine urban public space, but there's one crucial limitation: ...in the private realm, not the public realm. -- Alamo Architects; J. Robert Anderson](#)- San Antonio Express-News

[White elephant transformed into a palace of pleasure: The most important 1930s building in Britain was nearly turned into a pub, but now it has been beautifully restored...De La Warr Pavilion... By Giles Worsley -- Eric Mendelsohn/Serge Chermayeff \(1935\); John McAslan \[images\]](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[The Post-Military Context: Hombroich, an ex-NATO missile base near Cologne, Germany...turned into a public art and architecture park. And in \[Korea's DMZ\], a design-driven subdivision blossoms. The answer to post-military landscapes seems to be contemporary architecture. -- Siza; Ban; Otto; Ando; Abraham; Hoidn Wang Partners; Minsuk Cho; Studio Himma; Yekong Architects; Ga.A Architects; SHoP \[images\]](#)- The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

[Maya Lin to design Chinatown museum: Museum of Chinese in the Americas...is the East Coast's first and only Chinese American history museum.](#)- Downtown Express (NYC)

[University of Virginia selects South Lawn architects: Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners to develop plans for first four buildings](#)- Cavalier Daily (U. VA)

[The 'fading poetry' of old Lebanese architecture: Some, particularly architects with a penchant for preserving Lebanon's modern architectural heritage...will likely grumble about this show. \[image\]](#)- Daily Star (Lebanon)

[Call for Papers: Cross-disciplinary conference on Architecture, Music, Acoustics at Ryerson University, Toronto, June 2006; abstracts due October 31](#)- Ryerson University

[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

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