Today's News - October 14, 2005

Lessons for building sustainable cities to be found in Scandinavia. -- Another think-tank study links obesity to suburban sprawl. -- A California county shows a new way for cities to grow. -- An Armenian city plans urban growth and historic preservation by dismantling and rebuilding historic buildings. -- Edmonton's new Art Gallery of Alberta a "swirling tangle of stainless steel ribbons" (interesting comments at the end of article, too). -- Guarded praise for a new Harvard building and Philadelphia skyscraper. -- The Stirling Prize will be announced tomorrow, but two other U.K. prizes take center stage today. -- Architecture for Humanity to be granted a "one world changing wish" with TED Prize 2006.

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Building Sustainable Cities: Scandinavia's "Eco-Municipalities" Show the Way - E/The Environmental Magazine

Better suburban planning needed to curb obesity, experts find: It's time to shift the focus from blaming individuals for being fat to understanding how the environment we live in discourages healthy living. - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Staking New Territory in Growth Control: Ventura County has preserved thousands of acres of farmland and open space and sown the beginnings of a new way for cities to grow. - Los Angeles Times

New Plan for Old Yerevan: Aram Street to become center of history and nostalgia: Nineteen buildings that have been dismantled...are to be rebuilt in their original form, reflecting the classical Russian style of the last century. - ArmeniaNow.com

Art gallery designed as work of art: Gift-wrapped in a swirling tangle of stainless steel ribbons, Edmonton's new art gallery won't merely be a depository for art work. — Randall Stout [image]: The Edmonton Journal (Canada)

New Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS) Building Houses the Good, Bad, and Ugly:...Henry N. Cobb...has finally built something in his own backyard—literally: paradoxical building...graceful one second, yet maladroit the next. — Pei Cobb Freed & Partners: The Harvard Crimson

Cool beauty: The crystalline Cira Centre bewitches with its ever-changing blue moods. Its deepest flaw is a certain standoffishness. By Inga Saffron — Cesar Pelli & Associates [image, slideshow]: Philadelphia Inquirer

Resort without peer: Whitstable...awarded "gold standard" in the Building For Life competition run by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) -- Claque Architects [images, links]: The Times (UK)

TED Prize 2006:...grants its recipients one world changing wish. Winners include Cameron Sinclair/Architecture for Humanity—TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design)


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


— Antoine Predock: National Palace Museum Southern Branch, Taibo City, Taiwan
— Exhibition: "Jean Prouvé: Three Nomadic Structures," MOCA, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles
— Book: "Architecture Now! 3" by Philip Jodidio

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