

Today's News - October 18, 2005

If buildings can be built earthquake-proof in Seattle, Chicago, and Japan, why not in India? – More Gulf Coast commentary: bulldozers moving too fast. – Will it be theme park vs. cookie-cutter design, or serious preservation? – New Urbanism plans might be good for Mississippi, but what of West Palm Beach? – The march of the mega-developer and mega-McMansions. – One might consider a 72,000-square-foot home a bit of "architectural gluttony." – Debating density: Milwaukee offers a "national model for how to reclaim worn-out sites." – New York could learn from Seattle: good density comes from good planning, not up- and down-zoning. – Shanghai's building frenzy. – More on Stirling Prize for Holyrood: a "£431m pariah to star" or an award from the "Royal National Institute for the Blind." – The U.S. could use a Stirling of its own. – A Trump "tulip" to bloom golden in Dubai (no architect named, but you must see the image!). – A new world-class stadium for Dublin (architects named, and you see the images!). – A Byzantine building lands in the middle of "cozy little Bauhaus boxes" at University of Miami's School of Architecture. – Nothing traditional about museum displays at the new Nobel Peace Centre in Oslo, but does it work? – Another big prize: Taniguchi among the new Praemium Imperiale Laureates.

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[Conquering Quakes: Another jolt. Another tale of destruction and death. Can we do anything at all? If Seattle, Chicago and Japan can, so can India.](#)- Financial Express (India)

[Hold Back Those Bulldozers: Officials are too eager to tear down bulidings in New Orleans. By Richard Moe, President, National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)- Wall Street Journal

[New Orleans Reborn: Theme Park vs. Cookie Cutter: With plans to remake historic neighborhoods under way, New Orleans may become a picture-postcard vision of the past. By Nicoali Ouroussoff \[slide show\]](#)- New York Times

[Mississippi vs. West Palm Beach: The mayor of West Palm Beach has turned to...Bernard Zyscovich to undo the work of Andres Duany, whose firm wrote the city's downtown plan more than 10 years ago...Tweaking a world-class plan shouldn't depend on hiring someone who rejects its core principles.](#)- Palm Beach Post

[Chasing Ground: ...Toll Brothers...mega-developer is hungrily buying up land for its market-tested luxury homes and transforming the landscape of America's havens. \[images\]](#)- New York Times Magazine

[Surreal Estate: When success breeds excess: ...PeopleSoft magnate David Duffield...planning to build a 72,000-square-foot home...architectural gluttony... By Carol Lloyd](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Debate on density must go beyond the numbers: ...former brownfield...Beerline has become a national model for how to reclaim worn-out sites. By Whitney Gould – Vetter Denk; Engberg Anderson Design Partnership; The Kubala Washatko Architects; Built Form Architecture; Eppstein Uhen; Welman Architects](#)- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Overdevelopment: Planning, Not Rezoning, Is The Answer...While "Smart Growth" can be interpreted to mean many different things, it's a concept that could be applied in New York if indeed there were the will to plan. By Tom Angotti](#)- Gotham Gazette

[China Builds Its Dreams, and Some Fear a Bubble: This year alone, Shanghai will complete towers with more space for living and working than there is in all the office buildings in New York City. \[slide show, links\]](#)- New York Times

[From £431m pariah to star of the design world: Holyrood...which has become a byword for public sector incompetence, beat off stiff competition...to win the Royal Institute of British Architects \(RIBA\) 2005 Stirling prize... By Hugh Pearman and Gayle Ritchie – Enric Miralles/EMBT/RMJM](#)- The Sunday Times (UK)

[A lesson in architecture: The news that the Scottish parliament building had been given an architectural award by the Royal National Institute for the Blind seemed perfectly logical...This building has had more things wrong with it than all the rest of Edinburgh put together. – Enric Miralles/EMBT/RMJM](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[Great Architecture's Big Day: Britain's Stirling Prize shows how to raise public awareness of civic design. Wouldn't it be nice if that could happen in the U.S., too? By Andrew Blum – Gehry; Libeskind; Eisenman; Miller/Hull; Lake/Flato](#)- Business Week

[Trump and Nakheel reveal details of first major joint investment in Dubai: ...\\$400 million \[80-floor\] condo-hotel development...tower's iconic "tulip" design will incorporate a state-of-the-art exo-skeleton frame... \[image\]](#)- AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

[New-look Lansdowne Road stadium plans unveiled: ...the 50,000 all-seater stadium will now cost €365 million, some €70 million more than the original estimate. -- HOK Sport/Scott Tallon Walker \[images\]](#)- RTÉ.ie (Dublin)

[A building apart: It looks like something ancient and strange, a medieval abbey or Byzantine church, dropped among the cozy little Bauhaus boxes of the University of Miami's School of Architecture. – Leon Krier \[slide show\]](#)- Miami Herald

[Conflict of Interest: The recently opened Nobel Peace Centre in Oslo has abandoned traditional museum display in favour of high-tech interactivity. Does it work? – David Adjaye](#)- Frieze (UK)

[Japan Art Association 17th annual Praemium Imperiale Laureates announced: Yoshio Taniguchi](#)- Praemium Imperiale

[Second Look: Tracey Towers by Paul Rudolph, 1972: How did Rudolph, a restless and challenging architectural mind, end up doing subsidized housing in the Bronx? By Fred Bernstein \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

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- [-- Antoine Predock: National Palace Museum Southern Branch, Taibo City, Taiwan](#)
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