

Today's News - November 8, 2005

New Orleans: politics undermining New Orleans rebuilding efforts? – Two locals offer 20 suggestions. – U.K. "Attitudes to the City" survey might offer the Gulf Coast - and elsewhere - some useful insights. – Farrelly lays it on the line: "Are architects dickheads?" – Vietnamese architects struggling to find their place as foreigners take on the big contracts. – In Russia, it's taken more than a decade to finally see big plans by foreign architects beginning to take shape. – A look at one Russian city's Post-Soviet architectural flowering (and nary a foreign name on the list). – Big - and sustainable - plans for San Francisco's Treasure Island. – Ohio State University gateway project "epitomizes a sweeping national trend in city planning and urban real estate." – A review of the three winners in the U.K.'s £60k homes competition. – A study of light "could serve as a prototype for much cheaper homes in tight, city centre sites." – "Micro-compact houses" on Munich campus offer another solution to housing needs. – Atlanta's High Museum expansion is user-friendly post-modern. – Chicago's newest waterfront park, including Vietnam Veterans memorial, could be the city's next great space. – Another report on Correa's MIT building (this time with images). – Is Adjaye ready to take on a public library? – A new twist to housing: recycle decommissioned 747 jets.

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[New Orleans Is Still Grappling With the Basics of Rebuilding: Fear of political consequences, though, have begun to undermine the process of actually getting anything done.](#) - New York Times

[Rebuilding New Orleans: Twenty Big Ideas and a Postscript...Two local citizens suggest twenty points of entry.](#) By Gary Esolen and Valeri LeBlanc- Metropolis Magazine

[The National 'Attitudes to the City' survey: 'Bingeing on Anti-Social Behaviour'...explores issues that are often regarded as 'problems' for cities and society.](#) [link]- Future Cities Project (U.K.)

[Brickbats and mortars: If architects want to change the world, should we give them their heads? The answer goes to the character of their profession. Are architects dickheads?](#) By Elizabeth Farrelly – Bob Bow; Piranesi; Mayne; Rotundi; Morphosis; Madigan; Aldo Giurgola; etc.- Sydney Morning Herald

[Vietnamese architects find few chances to show their talents: With the majority of local construction contracts going to international architects, Vietnamese architects struggle to find their rightful place.](#) – Viet Nam Architects' Association; Hoang Dao Kinh; Nguyen Truc Luyen; Do Van Tien; Nguyen Truong Quy- Viet Nam News

[The Americans Were Coming: In 1994, the headline on the cover of...Progressive Architecture was entitled "The Americans are Coming."...More than a decade later, not a single important project by a foreigner has been completed...situation has finally started to change.](#) – Eric Owen Moss; Dominique Perrault; Erick van Egeraat; Norman Foster; Zaha Hadid [images]- Russia Profile

[The Nizhny Novgorod School: One City's Post-Soviet Architectural Flowering – Viktor Bykov; Alexander Kharitonov; Oleg Rybin; Evgeny Pestov](#) [images]- Russia Profile

[Towers, farm seen for Treasure Island: Self-sustaining neighborhood of 5,500 residences proposed: ...would-be developers...unveiled a startling new image for the island...as part of a larger push for a project shaped by environmental principles.](#) By John King [image]- San Francisco Chronicle

[Altered state: Ohio State University...putting the finishing touches on South Campus Gateway, a \\$150 million real estate development...at the university's doorstep...epitomizes a sweeping national trend in city planning and urban real estate.](#) By Steven Litt – Elkus/Manfredi Architects- Cleveland Plain Dealer

['Ground-breaking improvements' in Stage 3 of £60k homes competition: review of the basic designs submitted by the three preferred developers... – HTA; Sheppard Robson; Richard Rogers](#) [images]- Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB - UK)

[Bright fantastic: Gianni Botsford spent months studying the fall of light on a building plot. Then he set about designing the house that would sit on it...could serve as a prototype for much cheaper homes in tight, city centre sites.](#) By Jonathan Glancey [image]- Guardian (UK)

[One bedroom en suite available to students looking for square deal: Six students...woke up for the first time last week in the micro-compact houses which have been erected in a leafy corner of Munich University... – Richard Horden/Horden Cherry Lee Architects-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Atlanta's new High Museum shows postmodern can be user-friendly: ...the buildings are everything but the often overwhelming exercises in postmodern ugliness such as, some critics say, the newly opened de Young Museum... \(AP\) – Richard Meier \(1983\); Renzo Piano-](#) The Telegraph (Macon, GA)

[Wabash Plaza could be start of great space: ...includes one of the nation's largest Vietnam Veterans memorials...infusing what might have been a mindlessly cheery waterfront park with the potent themes of tragedy and reconciliation.](#) By Blair Kamin – DLK Civic Design; Ross Barney + Jankowski- Chicago Tribune

[Mind Space: A Haveli At MIT: For the world's top brain bank, architect Charles Correa blends the 'factory' with an Indian prototype – Goody Clancy and Associates](#) [images]- Outlook India

[Just give him some space: With celebrity clients, a collaboration with Chris Ofili and a run-in with Janet Street-Porter, no wonder David Adjaye has such a high profile, and so many critics. So what will they say about his latest project - a public library?](#) By Deyan Sudjic- Observer (UK)

[West Coast Woman To Build Crash Pad Out of an Old 747: Asked Architect For Curvy, Eco-Friendly, Meditating in the Cockpit. By Alex Frangos -- David Hertz \[images\]- Wall Street Journal](#)

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