

Today's News - November 17, 2005

Wal-Mart and new urbanism perhaps not such an oxymoron for the Gulf Coast. – Nw Orleans rebuilding leadership taking shape - architects included (subcommittees, anyway). – Sprawl costs (who'd have thought!). – 15 creative class-friendly cities, with creative class-cred and caveats. – Las Vegas ramping up to be the greenest (it's about time). – Before "green" was cool, there was Sim Van der Ryn, still going strong. – Rebuttal to last week's article belittling Cork as the European Capital of Culture. – Ireland's National Conference Centre still on the boards in Dublin, and still struggling to become a reality. – A national library for Latvia by Birkerts still on the boards, but much closer to reality. – Architecture critics critique the state of architectural criticism. – 2006 Burnham Prize Competition call for entries. – A thumbs-up for "Designing the Taxi" - and hopes that ideas might become reality.

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