Today's News - December 8, 2005

A tribute to a mastermind behind Washington's monumental development. -- Not all residents of Biloxi (and elsewhere along the Gulf Coast) not happy with New Urbanists' rebuilding plans and priorities. -- Clemson University's modern design for architecture center under the gun (again), called a sore thumb and out of tune. Berlin reconstructs a landmark stadium "while meticulously preserving its Nazi heritage." -- Advice for Denver Justice Center design jury: Do not be afraid. -- Canadian RCMP Heritage Centre breaks ground. -- Austrian wine spa resort "already on the to-do list for architectural pilgrims." -- Japanese architect behind falsified quake resistance data is a no-show at hearings. -- Are the starchitects of the future among the 2005 AR Awards for Emerging Architecture? -- Rybczynski reviews Washington's monuments. -- Report from Stockholm's FutureDesignDays. -- No news link (yet), but word has it that Koolhaas is tapped to design 2006 Serpentine Gallery pavilion.

Obituary: Charles H. Atherton, FAIA, 1932-2005...marks the passing of an influential generation in the development of monumental Washington...-- U.S. Commission of Fine Arts

Gulf Planning Roils Residents: Rebuilding guidelines for coastal Mississippi are pitting the New Urbanists against residents. -- Congress for the New Urbanism; Elizabeth Moule, Duany Plater-Zyberk; Peter Calthorpe. -- New York Times

Clemson off key in old Charleston: University wants to put a modernist Architecture Center smack in the heart of old Charleston...design embodies the obligatory incoherence toward which modern architecture has lurched since its heyday of form-follows-function. -- Kennedy & Violich. -- Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

In Berlin, Every Cheer Casts an Earie Echo: Rather than build a new stadium, which would have cost less...Germans have reconstructed this landmark in a way that thoroughly modernizes it while meticulously preserving its Nazi heritage. -- von Gerkan, Marg und Partner [images]. -- New York Times

No holds barred on jail: Today...Denver Justice Center jury will sit down to talk about who should design the new courthouse and jail...I just have four words to say to the jury: By Mary Voeltz Chandler. -- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

RCMP Heritage Centre begins construction: ...design draws upon the prairie landscape for inspiration -- P3Architecture; Arthur Erickson; Nick Milkovich Architects [image]. -- Archiseek (Canada)

A Modern Monument Among the Vines: Loisium resort...is already on the to-do list for architectural pilgrims...one of a growing number of wine spas opening around the world -- and the first in Austria. -- Steven Holl. -- New York Times

Japanese Face Old Age with Finnish Help: Sendai-Finland Wellbeing Center will soon be extending to Agano. -- Mikael Paatela. -- eFinalnd

Aneha fraud easy to see: whistle-blower: ...falsified quake resistance data were noticeable at first glance -- Tomoyuki Watanabe/Atlas Architect Design Office. -- Japan Times


How Good Is the Washington Monument? Our critic takes a walk through the Washington Mall. By Witold Rybczynski [slide-show essay]. -- Slate


INSIGHT: Condos Breathe New Life into Old Offices: Historic office buildings are increasingly being reinvented as condominiums in CBDs (central business districts) across the country. By Mark Harbeck, AIA. -- ArchNewsNow

Dec. '05 Build Business: Why Hire a Marketing Staff? No longer considered unethical and tacky, marketing has morphed into an essential tool for savvy A/E/C firms.

Competition winner: Coop Himmelb(l)au: Busan Cinema Center, Busan, South Korea

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