Today's News - January 4, 2006

Ottawa is taking urban design seriously. -- For projects in South Boston and Middletown, CT, architectural ideals, not big budgets, can change lives and a city. -- In London, so can architects' own offices. -- Housing will transform the look and feel of Baltimore in Q4. -- Report says Thames Gateway housing plans are "monotonous and characterless" and not many will want to live there. -- A look at China's new architectural wonders. -- Shortlist announced for the redesign of Morecambe, UK's central promenade. -- de Young Museum's architecture puts the art first (with eye-popping design). -- A new Kansas City museum will spotlight advertising icons. -- The Getty Villa's "visceral and conceptual" transformation almost ready for its close-up (there's sure to be lots of pundits pouncing in the next few weeks). -- University of Cincinnati's new rec center is "thrilling and complex architecture." -- Architects reveal their ideals for Denver's massive justice center. -- Concern over demolition of mid-century Modern in Malta. -- Preservationists and developers duking it out over New York's East River industrial waterfront. -- An architect launches website to combat global warming. -- MMAs Riley heads for Miami to head museum instead of architecture firm (it's in his contract).

Building big ideas without big budgets: The city is taking urban design seriously and could become a better place to live because of it -- without making it a more expensive one. -- James A Colizza Architects; Brisbin Brook Beynon Architects; Moriyama & Teshima; Griffiths Rankin Cook Architects; du Toit Allepopp Hillier Du Toit Architects; etc. - Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

Sustaining a positive trend: Artists for Humanity facility is Epicenter of architectural ideals...Long ago architects dreamed of a new day...occasional works like the Epicenter remind us that this was an ideal worth pursuing. By Robert Campbell -- Arrowstreet Boston Globe

A Museum That Puts Art First: San Francisco's new de Young Museum shows that eye-popping architecture doesn't have to come at the expense of function. By Andrew Blum -- The New York Times

Concern over proposed development: Architects have expressed their concern over the proposed demolition of a large part of the Qala Primary School in Gozo, to make way for a new Institute of Tourism Studies -- Joseph Huntingford (1960s); Chamber of Architects

New housing frames '06 story, architecturally speaking...will do more to transform the look and feel of [Baltimore] this year than any other type of building. By Edward Guts -- ArchPlan Philipson Architects; Ziger Snair Architects; Hord Coplan Macht; Schum Machowski Greco; Murphy and Dittenhafer; Cho Benn Holback; Design Collective; Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; John G. Waite Associates/Beyer Blinder Belle -- Baltimore Sun

Six of the best to redesign prom: ...finalists in the competition to redesign Morecambe's central promenade area have been announced by developer Urban Splash. -- ADF Architecture and Design; Idom UK; Rogerson Keusgen King; FLACQ; Darling Associates; DLA Architecture -- Morecambe Today (UK)

University of Cincinnati gets ready to unveil $113M rec center: Avant-garde building loaded with trendy items...thrilling and complex architecture. -- Thom Mayne/Morphosis; Herzog & de Meuron; Paul Andreu/ADP [slide show] -- BusinessWeek

Construction begins on [Kansas City] museum spotlighting advertising icons: Advertising Icon Museum devoted to giving Tony the Tiger, Mr. Peanut and the California Raisins their proper places in history. -- Moshe Safdie -- Kansas City Star


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Designs on justice: Jail, courthouse architects reveal ideals behind massive downtown project. By Mary Chandler -- David Owen Tryba; Steven Holl Architects; Hartman-Cox Architects -- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

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Old Industrial Buildings on the East River: ...current controversies dog the old industrial waterfront pitting preservationists against developers, who don't see the point. - Gotham Gazette

"Architecture 2030" Launches Website to Help Combat Global Warming -- Edward Mazria, AIA - Archinect

N.Y. curator to head Miami Art Museum: Terence Riley...among priorities at MAM will be...
hiring an architect to design the new, $175 million museum, which will be built on 29 acres in Bicentennial Park overlooking Biscayne Bay. - Miami Herald

-- Jean Nouvel: Torre Agbar, Barcelona
-- Kisho Kurokawa: Nakagin Capsule Tower, Tokyo

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