

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 '06. – 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. – MoMA's Riley heads for Miami to head museum instead of architecture firm (it's in his contract).

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[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 Allsopp 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

[An Artful Revival: Middletown's Green Street Arts Center Flowers In Renovated North End School...Great architecture helps to change people's lives; it makes a place in the city...](#) By Michael J. Crosbie – [Centerbrook Architects](#)- Hartford Courant (Connecticut)

[Want to see what we can do? Look at our offices ... Architects exert power over cities not just by determining their physical form but also by where they decide to locate themselves.](#) By Edwin Heathcote – [Richard Rogers Partnership; Foster and Partners; Allies & Morrison; Shillam & Smith](#)- Financial Times (UK)

[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 Gunts – [ArchPlan Philipson Architects; Ziger Snead Architects; Hord Coplan Macht; Schamu Machowski Greco; Murphy and Dittenhafer; Cho Benn Holback; Design Collective; Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; John G. Waite Associates/Beyer Blinder Belle](#)- Baltimore Sun

[New Gateway homes under fire: ...new houses in the Thames Gateway are "monotonous and characterless", a new report found...The development has been criticised before for flood risk, lack of funding and urban sprawl.](#)- This is Local London

[China's New Architectural Wonders: It's a hotbed of innovative architecture, from diaphanous theaters to buildings heated and cooled by water. -- Shigeru Ban; Yung Ho Chang; Foster & Partners; Kohn Pedersen Fox; PTW/Ove Arup; OMA/Ole Scheeren/Rem Koolhaas; Steven Holl Architects/Li Hu; Herzog & de Meuron; Paul Andreu/ADP \[slide show\]](#)- BusinessWeek

[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)

[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 – [Herzog & de Meuron; Fong & Chan; Walter Hood](#)- 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

[The ancients cast in new light: At the Malibu museum \[Getty Villa\], transformations — visceral and conceptual — reframe antiquity. -- Langdon Wilson Architects \(1974\); Machado and Silvetti Associates \[images\]](#)- Los Angeles Times

[University of Cincinnati gets ready to unveil \\$113M rec center: Avant-garde building loaded with trendy items...thrilling and complex architecture. -- Thom Mayne/Morphosis; KZF Design \[image\]](#)- Cincinnati Enquirer

[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)

[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 \(KTP\)](#)- Malta Independent

[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



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-- [Kisho Kurokawa: Nakagin Capsule Tower, Tokyo](#)

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