

Today's News - January 18, 2006

Endless traffic in New York; the city needs its own London Plan. – Calatrava as Valencia's own Gaudí. – A conversation with Ban and Machado and Silveti about their temporary and permanent museums in California. – Q&A with Piano in Atlanta. – New Denver hotel not only sleek, but a welcome addition to "civic conversation" on the street. – Coupland sees his new Toronto park as "a giant sandbox full of topographic opportunity." – Ritchie's take on healthcare design has something to do with parrots. – Europe and Asia leading the way in hot new retail design. – New videoconferencing system a virtual reality where "architecture itself becomes a communications technology" (almost as costly as the real thing). – Call for nominations for preservation awards. – A long-overdue acknowledgement of American architects who have made "important aesthetic and social contributions to the nation." – On view: Adjaye in U.K., Aalto in Jakarta. – Architecture is among the 12 most intriguing things for 2006 (not all the architects are named, however).

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[Endless Traffic: Can It End? On the third day of last month's transit strike, some New Yorkers found a silver lining in the shutdown of subways and buses.](#)- Gotham Gazette

[New York Needs a "London Plan": More formally known as London's Spatial Development Strategy...articulates a coherent, long-term vision that says where development should occur, and what it should look like...reflecting and supporting key themes found in other policy documents.](#)- Gotham Gazette

[The Gaudí effect: Santiago Calatrava's stunning buildings for Valencia bear comparison with the work of another great Spanish architect. By Steve Rose \[image\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Art Meets Architecture in a Nomadic Museum and a Permanent Villa -- Shigeru Ban; Machado and Silveti \[audio\]](#)- KCRW.org (Los Angeles)

[Q&A with Renzo Piano during the opening ceremonies of the new High Museum in Atlanta \[images\]](#)- Archinect

[New Hyatt stands as artistic attraction: That a building of this size can appear so sleek is one thing; that it also can address the street in a way that makes it part of the civic conversation is another. By Mary Voelz Chandler -- Klipp; Brennan Beer Gorman Architects; Wilson & Associates](#)- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[Douglas Coupland commissioned to design urban park in Toronto: Concord CityPlace -- Phillips Farevaag Smallerberg \[image\]](#)- Archiseek (Canada)

[Healthcare Architecture As Seen Through Ian Ritchie's Eyes: What does healthcare architecture have to do with beautiful parrots doing what they do?](#)- Express Healthcare Management (India)

[Tips From Abroad: ...the hottest retail design approaches are taking place in Europe and Asia...willing to try bolder, edgier, more distinctive design ideas. -- RTKL](#)- GlobeSt.com

[Videoconferencing Gets Real: With the "Halo Room," DreamWorks Animation and HP have taken virtual meetings into a new world of high-definition shared space...architecture itself becomes a communications technology. By Andrew Blum](#)- Business Week

[Call for Nominations: 2006 National Preservation Awards; deadlines: March 1 and May 1](#)- National Trust for Historic Preservation

[Op-Ed: Architects in U.S. history: "Leadership by Design: Creating an Architecture of Trust" by Richard N. Swett...presents us with the deeds of talented, principled men and women who have made important aesthetic and social contributions to the nation.](#)- Washington Times

[On View: David Adjaye's "Making Public Buildings" at the Whitechapel Gallery: one of Britain's leading contemporary architects creating buildings that are about the experience as much as the function of architecture. January 24 - March 26](#)- CreativeMatch

[On View: Alvar Aalto's works remain relevant today: "Alvar Aalto Houses: Timeless Expression" at the National Museum...his work has remained an inspiration for many architects today.](#)- The Jakarta Post

[Twelve Most Intriguing New Things for 2006 -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Diller Scofidio + Renfro; Cesar Pelli](#)- Six New Things

[On View: "Santiago Calatrava: The Architect's Studio" at Santa Barbara University Art Museum: Buildings take wing and bulls stampede in an exhibit exploring the architect's design process \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Zaha Hadid Architects: BMW Plant Central Building, Leipzig, Germany](#)

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