

Today's News - February 7, 2006

Tracking post-Katrina rebuilding trends shows little progress. – It's a chicken-and-egg problem in New Orleans. – St. Petersburg, Russia, didn't like Moss (spelled "Moos"); might the city take kindly to Foster? – He strikes out with a school design in the U.K. – Ray Bradbury (yes, that Ray Bradbury) explains why a monorail system is the solution to transportation woes in Los Angeles. – Real estate sales centers in Toronto are becoming more interesting than the buildings they're trying to sell. – A Paris architect designs China's America's Cup base in Valencia - dragon tail included (with pix to prove it). – A Malaysian architect's house is his very green castle. – A New Zealand-based architect believes low-cost housing deserves good architecture. – A country house in the U.K. is an eco-friendly dream house (but costly). – A Dutch architect gives Milwaukee "the equivalent of electroshock treatment." – Campbell's take on "trads" vs. "rads," and avant-gardism as the curse of the 20th century. – Deadline looms for Historical District Renewal Area International Student Competition. – Coming up in London: a day of debate about the future of communities (e.g. Ken Yeang takes on Density vs. sprawl).

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[Katrina Index: Tracking Variables of Post-Katrina Reconstruction: What key trends were available this month for the states suggest little progress in both Louisiana and Mississippi.](#)- Brookings Institute

[Will Middle-Class Blacks Return to Devastated New Orleans East? ...reflects the city's chicken-and-egg problem: People scattered widely across the nation may not return without assurances that their commitment will be protected.](#) By James S. Russell -- [Allen Eskew](#); [Reed Kroloff](#)- Bloomberg News

[Building Taste For Modernity: Celebrity architects such as Norman Foster or Eric Van Egeraat could soon be working for St. Petersburg...proposed projects for a new commercial and recreational area on New Holland, an 8-hectare island in the center of the city.](#) -- [Engel & Zimmermann](#); [Eric Owen Moss](#)- St. Petersburg Times (Russia)

['You can't teach in a glass palace': Out go the grand designers and big dreams, and in come the education professionals..."The whole building side has been a nightmare"...](#) -- [Norman Foster](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Op-Ed: L.A.'s future is up in the air: ...we must lay plans for a series of transportation systems that would allow us to move freely, once more, within our city. The answer to all this is the monorail.](#) By [Ray Bradbury](#)- Los Angeles Times

[If you build it, they will buy: That seems to be the philosophy behind real-estate sales centres, at times more interesting than the buildings themselves...architects are starting to enjoy the possibilities rather than cringe at them.](#) By [Christopher Hume](#) -- [Will Alsop](#)- Toronto Star

[China Team presents new America's Cup base in Valencia, Spain...with a dragon-style theme...](#) -- [Loci Anima Architectures](#) [[image](#)]- Yachting World

[Airy, not fairy: The expression, "a man's home is his castle" is usually just that – an expression. But it's a bit more literal for an award-winning Malaysian architect...a living, breathing example of an environmentally friendly and energy-saving house...](#) -- [Lok Wool](#) [[images](#)]- The Star (Malaysia)

[The Fountainhead: Low-cost housing, building with landscape & lending an expression. New Zealand-based architect Gerald Melling works on rock-solid foundations..."Architecture has its place at the bottom too."](#) -- [Melling](#); [Morse Architects](#)- Indian Express (Chandigarh)

[Eco-friendly home with a £400,000 price tag: Yarmouth borough council, which gave planning permission for it, recently described it as the region's "most innovative, eco-friendly house"](#) -- [Purcell Miller Tritton](#)- Expat Telegraph (UK)

[Marcus Prize-winning architect issues call for high-flying ideas: For a city known for its heavy Germanic buildings, Dutch architect Winy Maas could be the equivalent of electroshock treatment.](#) By [Whitney Gould](#) -- [MVRDV](#)- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Two sides of the same coin: Those who love, hate new architecture are somewhat alike...Robert Campbell dubs them the "trads" and the "rads...both seek to substitute a utopia of a different time for the time we actually live in."](#)- South Bend Tribune (Indiana)

[Historical District Renewal Area International Student Competition launched by UNESCO/UJA 2006/Carleton University; registration \(free\) deadline: February 15; entries due April 30](#)- Carleton University

[March 4: The Future of Community festival: A Day of Debate in London; topics include: New Urbanism for Old; Unsustainable Communities?: Density versus Sprawl; etc.](#)- Future Cities Project (U.K.)

[Good Neighbor: Hyde Park Miriam Matthews Branch Library: A new library adds to the revitalization of a once riot-torn Los Angeles community.](#) -- [Hodgetts + Fung Design and Architecture](#) [[images](#)]- ArchNewsNow

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