

Today's News - March 6, 2006

ArcSpace brings us Holl in Biarritz, and Starck in Denmark. – A "quaint" and affordable alternative to FEMAville trailer parks (the problem(?) is they're permanent). – San Francisco architects see lessons in disaster relief and affordable housing offered by "Katrina cottages." – A call for zoning reforms to address inefficiencies as an instrument of urban design. – A look at the high cost of slow growth on the California coast. – New solution for affordable housing: let the private sector do it. – In Ireland (and elsewhere?), the problem is developers can buy their way out of social housing commitments. – An intrepid group of Chicago architects are keeping residential architecture (high-rises included) from being a dying art. – A look at the "towering influence of the Bauhaus" in Chicago. – Docomomo Australia finding its voice in a call to save Melbourne's Modernist buildings before they disappear. – In Israel, Airport City is "Suburbland" and "a hallucination that has taken on flesh and sinew." – In Milwaukee, a new school suggests that "learning can be a delightful journey." – Savannah's new, big, and bold arts center pleases most, but not all. – A new theater for Georgetown University disappoints on the outside, but standing ovations for the interior. – A splendid and almost invisible greenhouse for the 21st century. – NYT Magazine special real estate issue: you pick your topic.

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[-- Competition winner: Steven Holl Architects: Cité du Surf et de l'Océan, Biarritz, France](#)
[-- Philippe Starck: Yoo Adelgade, Copenhagen, Denmark](#)

[Town Sets Sights on Quaint Alternative to 'FEMAvilles': Fearing trailers would lead to blight, the mayor is pushing for 'Katrina cottages.' ... could probably be had for about the same price as a trailer. The problem was that the cottage would be permanent — and FEMA is not in the business of providing permanent housing.](#) – Marianne Cusato- Los Angeles Times

[The little house that roared: A tiny cottage designed for Katrina survivors offers the Bay Area a few clues about disaster relief and affordable housing](#) – Marianne Cusato; Eric Moser; Ratcliff Architects; MKThink; Neal Schwarz [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

[Working Toward a New Understanding of Zoning: Urban design thinking and practice have greatly advanced over the past 30 years...Given the need to transform land-use planning and development, why is it so difficult to transform conventional zoning?](#) By Roger K. Lewis- Washington Post

['Slow Growth' Has Come at a Cost in Santa Barbara: ...now this bastion of "slow growth" is learning that it comes with some steep economic, social and even environmental costs...](#)- Los Angeles Times

[The Suburban Solution: How do you build affordable housing without federal money? Hitch on to a rising real-estate market and let the private sector do it for you.](#)- New York Times

[Developers pay €22m to avoid pledge on social housing commitments: Only 830 out of nearly 80,000 new homes built for councils](#)- Irish Independent

[Swimming upstream: ...most of the housing being designed and built in Chicago...is downright tacky...But that doesn't mean residential architecture is a dying art in Chicago. It's being kept alive, and even rejuvenated of late, by an intrepid group of architects... By Kevin Nance -- Brininstool + Lynch, Booth Hansen, Dirk Denison and Zoka Zola; Studio Dwell; Wheeler Kearns; Perkins + Will; Helmut Jahn-](#) Chicago Sun-Times

[When the sky was the limit: Chicago prides itself on being America's architectural capital - so why were so many of its greatest buildings the work of Europeans? ...the towering influence of the Bauhaus -- Bertrand Goldberg'; Mies van der Rohe; Josef Albers; László Moholy-Nagy; Ron Krueck-](#) Telegraph (UK)

[City's concrete monoliths find friends in high places: Melbourne is falling behind other international cities by ignoring its modernist architectural heritage. Docomomo Australia says the era must be given greater recognition before its buildings disappear.](#)- The Age (Australia)

[The temple of Suburbland: This is a nightmare of town planners, makers of new national and municipal master plans...While they are busy fighting uphill battles to save urbanity, Airport City is the horse that has already escaped the stable, perhaps never to return.](#) By Esther Zandberg – Geoffrey Thorpe; Mann-Shenar; Yossi Friedman- Ha'aretz (Israel)

[Playful architecture makes this a good place to be a kid: In a period when all too many schools look like factories or fortresses...the Educare Center suggests that learning can be a delightful journey. That's half the battle, isn't it? By Whitney Gould -- RDG Planning & Design \[slide show\]-](#) Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[A vision of what's to come: Jepson Center for the Arts establishes key role of the arts in city's future...What no one expected was a museum as big and bold as this... -- Moshe Safdie \[images\]-](#) Savannah Morning News

[Little Cause for Applause: Georgetown University Theater Hits a Brick Wall, but Its Interior Merits a Bow: ..."The Client Did It" could be the title of an architectural murder mystery, but in this case, it's the simplest answer... By Benjamin Forgey -- Hugh Hardy/H3 Hardy Collaboration Architecture-](#) Washington Post

[Now you see it ...: So delicate that it's almost invisible, the new Alpine House at Kew is a greenhouse for the 21st century.](#) By Steve Rose – Wilkinson Eyre [image]- Guardian (UK)

[The Real Estate Issue: What the story of one 400-year-old house in Amsterdam can tell us about today's housing market; Après Le Deluge, Moi: How Patrick Quinn is trying to become the Donald Trump of New Orleans; How to Build a Low-PVC, Reduced-Plastic, Polar-Bear-Sensitive House; etc.](#)- New York Times Magazine

[Green Design as Great Design: The Architecture of Sustainability: A design competition and conference seek to merge technical ingenuity and compelling design. – Bruder; Gang; Mazria; Timberlake; etc. \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

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