

Today's News - March 16, 2006

Wondering what flocks of construction cranes will leave behind in San Francisco. – Cranes still waiting to soar at Ground Zero. – Anacostia River renewal plans leave some anxious. – Post-Katrina FEMA trailers pose risk. – Good news on two fronts in Chicago. – A mini-exhibition shows off Toronto's new cultural prowess. – Historic Baltimore cathedral almost ready for its close-up. – Architects with a sense of humor. – Bad design stands out more than good design. – "Green" competition extends registration deadline - to tomorrow.

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[Where cranes flock, buildings sprout. It's not always pretty: Until they are gone, we'll have no way to tell whether they're leaving us with a rich new urban habitat, or a fowled civic nest.](#) By John King- San Francisco Chronicle

[Developer Told to Build 9/11 Site or Stand Clear: Pataki administration challenged Larry A. Silverstein to start building the \\$2.3 billion Freedom Tower or "move out of the way."](#)- New York Times

[That'll Anacostia: A plan to spruce up D.C.'s Anacostia River has some residents anxious...Slated for a grand renewal project...the area stands at the juncture of poverty and opportunity.](#)- Grist Magazine

[Trailers, Vital After Hurricane Katrina, Now Pose Risks; Nearly 90,000 lightweight trailers built to be temporary are in an area prone to flooding, tornadoes and, of course, hurricanes.](#)- New York Times

[Death of tweezer tower offers new life to the Calatrava plan for the twisting hotel condominium tower; life for hospital...the longer old Cook County Hospital dodges the wrecking ball, the better its survival prospects look.](#) By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune

[Just dancing on the head — of an issue: ...civic leadership is coming from the cultural sector...can't remake Toronto all by itself, but it can turn empty boosterism into civic confidence and transform the city.](#) By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

[Basilica's message is alive: Restoration of 1st U.S. Catholic cathedral to be celebrated in November — Benjamin Henry Latrobe \(1821\); John G. Waite Associates; Beyer Blinder Belle \[images\]](#)- Baltimore Sun

[Welcome to the house of fun: Heard the one about the architects with a sense of humour? Wit in architecture is tough to pull off...Fashion Architecture Taste \(Fat\) do wit, big time.](#) By Tom Dyckhoff- The Times (UK)

[It's bad design, not good design, that makes an impression: How can a product that doesn't work and offends the eye possibly be described as a 'design classic' says Germaine Greer](#)- Guardian (UK)

[A House for an Ecologist: A Design Ideas Competition: registration deadline extend to March 17](#)- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[Second Look: Pavilion and Colonnade Apartments by Mies van der Rohe, 1960: Current news about "starchitects" designing high-rise housing in New York is at an all-time high, but Mies did it across the Hudson River 46 years ago.](#) By Fred Bernstein [image]- ArchNewsNow

[Competition winner: Toyo Ito: Taichung Metropolitan Opera House, Taichung City, Taiwan](#)

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