

Today's News - July 14, 2006

We lose two talents in their prime. – Are super-cities destined to become 21st century countries in their own right? – Not if they follow Vancouver and San Francisco's lead by making downtowns "attractive to residents and increasingly problematical for businesses." – A new urbanist/smart growth development in Minnesota has its own growing pains. – New Zealand developer takes inspiration from Seaside. – California developer sees prefab as way to go for sustainability and profit. – Katrina Cottages as prototypes for affordable housing on the Gulf Coast and elsewhere. – Building design must undergo rapid transformation "to avoid the catastrophic effects of global warming." – A Denver landscape architect transforms barren school yards into community centers for young and old. – Piano's plans for Chicago's Art Institute expand - for the better. – NYC's The New School wins community development competition. – On view: Athenaeum of Philadelphia presents Paul Philippe Cret, "a postmodernist before modernism was even formed." – We couldn't resist: launch of "inflatable hotel" a success (current guests: cockroaches and moths). — Happy Bastille Day!

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[Extreme Makeover: After transforming its downtown into a residential mecca, Vancouver is trying to find the right balance between condos and commerce...quite a few American cities are about to face their own variant of the same problem: downtowns that are increasingly attractive to residents and increasingly problematical for businesses. -- Lance Berelowitz; Trevor Boddy \[slide show\]](#)- Governing

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[Utopian Entrepreneur: Developer Steve Glenn is building prefab houses that he says will make money and still be good for the planet...concluded that developers are in a better position than architects to improve the world and turn a profit in the process. -- LivingHomes; Ray Kappe; David Hertz](#)- Brown Alumni Magazine

[Katrina Cottages: Rising from the ruins of Katrina, new cottage prototypes revolutionize the concept of affordable housing and embody a movement to rebuild the character of Gulf Coast towns. -- Marianne Cusato; Bruce Tolar/Michael LeBatard; Eric Moser \[images\]](#)- Cottage Living magazine

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