

Today's News - August 25, 2006

Glancey and Merrick offer their takes on Stirling Prize nominees ("does the shortlist add up to more than a cosy gathering of the usual suspects?"); AJ offers pix. – An impressive shortlist for multibillion-dollar development in St. Petersburg, Russia. – Denver offers lessons for rebuilding New Orleans (new urbanists included), says Rybczynski. – Kit-of-parts Katrina Cottages will be ready to ship in the fall. – New Orleans' mayor criticizes New York's WTC delays (isn't that a bit like the kettle calling the pot...?). – A Montreal architect takes on housing for another town. – An Ohio city - and developer - lose out on eminent domain claim. – Nashville wants its own Île de la Cité. – Kamin takes on unsightly facades. – Moneo rankles preservationists in Zurich. – A young firm proves modern, edgy, yet down-to-earth design has a place in Philadelphia. – Is Beirut ready for an Iana Trump-designed luxury skyscraper? – Another Moscow treasure might bite the dust. – Readings: in search of the perfect \$100,000 house. – One we couldn't resist: parachutist hops-on-hops-off the Turning Torso.

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['Wow factor' buildings compete for £20,000 Stirling Prize: Choosing the best of British, or simply a television-style gameshow? By Jonathan Glancey – Caruso St John; Hopkins Architects; Richard Rogers; Zaha Hadid/Mayer Baehrle Freie Architekten; Adjaye/Associates-](#) Guardian (UK)

[The architectural Oscars: The best new buildings: The shortlist for Britain's most prestigious architecture prize are certainly photogenic - but are they any good? Jay Merrick picks out this year's winners and losers. – Caruso St John; Hopkins Architects; Richard Rogers; Zaha Hadid/Mayer Baehrle Freie Architekten; Adjaye/Associates-](#) Independent (UK)

[Stirling Prize and RIBA Awards 2006: The six buildings shortlisted... \[images, links\]-](#) The Architects' Journal (UK)

[6 Architects to Bid for Gazprom City, a multibillion-dollar real estate development in St. Petersburg. – Herzog & de Meuron; Ateliers Jean Nouvel; RMJM; Office for Metropolitan Architects \(OMA\); Daniel Libeskind; Massimiliano Fuksas \(Bloomberg\)-](#) Moscow Times (Russia)

[How To Rebuild New Orleans: Start with a visit to Denver: A New Orleans rebuilt by new urbanists would end up a Disneyfied theme park. Or would it? One of the largest new-urbanist developments...is Stapleton... By Witold Rybczynski – EDAW; Frederic Schwartz Architects; Goody Clancy; Duany Plater-Zyberk; Reed Kroloff \[images\]-](#) Slate

[Lowe's, architects unite to house hurricane victims: 'Katrina Cottages' made, sold cheap – Marianne Cusato; Andres Duany; Eric Moser-](#) San Diego Union-Tribune

[New Orleans' mayor criticizes New York's WTC delays: 'You guys in New York can't get a hole in the ground fixed' \(AP\)-](#) CNN

[Renowned architect to advise on Iqaluit housing: ...has won an international reputation for innovative, affordable housing was in Iqaluit this week to advise municipal officials and developers on how to think outside the box-like structures that often pass for homes in the North. – Avi Friedman-](#) Nunatsiq News (Canada)

[Ohio Supreme Court sides with property owners: Ohio justices have halted a city's attempt to compel property sales to make way for a private development...the court deemed unconstitutional Norwood's standard of "deteriorating" as justification for the use of eminent domain authority.-](#) National Real Estate Investor (NREI)

[Riverfront ideas unveiled: It could be a good thing, planners said, if a channel was dug just east of LP Field, splitting the river into two tributaries, and in the process carve what seemed a Nashville-style Île de la Cité. – Hargreaves Associates; Hawkins Partners; Everton Oglesby Architects-](#) Nashville City Paper

[Unsightly facades: How do they impact the face of a place? Ugliness, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder...our ideas of what's ugly can change. By Blair Kamin and Patrick T. Reardon-](#) Chicago Tribune

[Moneo Design for Zurich Forum Angers Preservationists-](#) Architectural Record

[Hometown modernists: At once edgy and down-to-earth, the architecture of Erdy McHenry is redefining the city's look. By Inga Saffron-](#) Philadelphia Inquirer

[Iana Trump to Design \\$150 Million Beirut Luxury Skyscraper-](#) Bloomberg News

[A Vanishing Legacy: Soviet architect Ivan Fomin...family's home may soon be threatened by the rush to redevelop Moscow...city government declared the building to be in critically bad condition. Given that over 400 historic buildings have been torn down in Moscow in the last 15 years – often after a similar declaration – the Fomins fear that their home could share the same fate.-](#) Moscow Times (Russia)

[Road Warrior: In her new book, Karrie Jacobs seeks out one aspect of the American Dream — a well-designed and affordable home: Recently I spoke to Jacobs...about the book, prefab housing, and lessons learned on the road. "The Perfect \\$100,000 House: A Trip Across America and Back in Pursuit of a Place to Call Home" By Martin C. Pedersen-](#) Metropolis Magazine

[Austrian stuntman parachutes from Sweden's tallest building...parachuted from a helicopter onto the 190-metre \(623-foot\) tall Turning Torso in Malmo...before making a second jump down to the street. – Calatrava \(AP\)-](#) Canada.com

[INSIGHT: Iconicity: Finding Your Voice in a Changing World. By Kenneth Nisch/JGA-](#) ArchNewsNow

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