

Today's News - October 3, 2006

Paris may have a "cloud of glass" by Gehry in its future. – Mayors and architects team up to get serious about the built environment. – New York City getting serious about building green. – Even the U.S. Army is testing green roofs. – A warrior for a Sustainable South Bronx. – In a mix of practicality and idealism, developers are bringing prairies back. – A stellar collection of modernist masters at University of Massachusetts give each other the cold shoulder. – Chicago museum makeover may not be "jaw-dropping spectacle," but it is "good, problem-solving design." – A battle brewing over massive mosque in London (though it would be massively green). – A British TV star "swotted up on architecture" transforms a street. – Katrina Cottages gaining ground all around. – An exhibition is "an eye-opening look at a corner of Chicago that has seen the worst and still prepares for better times ahead." – A (mostly) positive take on de Botton book. — EDITOR'S NOTE: ANN is on the road and Internet access may be spotty...we'll do our best to post daily.

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[Vuitton Plans a Gehry-Designed Arts Center in Paris: "The idea is of a cloud made of glass"...\\$127 million Louis Vuitton Foundation for Creation. \[image\]](#)- New York Times

[Local Governments Get Serious About the Environment: Exhibit A is a...partnership between the American Institute of Architects \(AIA\) and the U.S. Conference of Mayors...committed to an exhilarating goal: cutting in half by 2010 the amount of fossil fuels used to construct and operate commercial and residential buildings...](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Green Construction: The enthusiasm for green buildings among developers, public officials, and environmental activists is palpable.](#)- Gotham Gazette (NYC)

[Army says it's easier being green: With new live-plant roof, Tobyhanna Army Depot hopes to save money, help environment](#)- Pocono Record (Pennsylvania)

[Majora League: An interview with Majora Carter, founder of Sustainable South Bronx...no ordinary environmental leader. For starters: She's a woman, she's black, and she's not afraid to publicly challenge Al Gore.](#)- Grist Magazine

[Reverse pioneering: Developers bring prairies back...Just why are prairies taking root? Experts say the reason is a mix of practicality and idealism...](#) -- Earth Source; JFNew- Fort Wayne News-Sentinel (Indiana)

[University of Massachusetts at Amherst Less Than The Sum Of Its Landmarks: There's no lack of talent. But these landmarks of modernism give each other the cold shoulder. By Michael J. Crosbie -- Kevin Roche and John Dinkeloo; Marcel Breuer; Cambridge Seven; Hugh Stubbins; Gordon Bunshaft/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; ohn Carl Warnecke; Edward Durrell Stone; Hideo Sasaki](#)- Hartford Courant (Connecticut)

[Chicago History Museum's roomy redesign faces test of time: There is no jaw-dropping spectacle in this project, just good, problem-solving design...may help the museum realize its goal...We'll know in 18 years if this latest try came off. By Blair Kamin -- Graham, Anderson, Probst & White \(1931\); Holabird & Root \(1988\); Hammond Beeby Rupert Ainge; Hodgetts + Fung](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Battle to block massive mosque: proposed Abbey Mills Islamic Centre would be Britain's biggest religious building...plans for wind turbines and solar panels: the architects want the mosque to offer a modern vision of Islam that observes the religion's emphasis on sustainability.](#) -- Mangera Yvars- Guardian (UK)

[Terrace towers: How a veteran TV actor bought a bombsite, swotted up on architecture - and transformed a whole street. By Jonathan Glancey -- Russell Jones](#)- Guardian (UK)

[A stylish cottage for Katrina country is a hit all over: Commercialization of the concept is limited - but that is about to change...Lowe's...intends to begin selling the plans and materials for four models in 30 stores in the Gulf Coast region.](#) -- Marianne Cusato- Christian Science Monitor

[A neighborhood looks up: "Learning from North Lawndale: Past, Present + Future," on view through Nov. 18 at the Chicago Architecture Foundation is an eye-opening look at a corner of Chicago that has seen the worst and still prepares for better times ahead. By Kevin Nance](#)- Chicago Sun-Times

[Book review: The Art of Chatting With Brownstones: "The Architecture of Happiness" by Alain de Botton...When he is not delivering sententious commonplaces or indulging in heavy whimsy, he makes an agreeable guide...Happiness in architecture is no easier to find than it is anywhere else, apparently.](#)- New York Times

[U-R-E is O-U-T: Hanley Wood buys Architecture and Architectural Lighting magazines as it readies for launch of Architect](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Report from IDSA 06: Elements of Change \(and architecture\)](#)- ArchNewsNow

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