

Today's News - October 25, 2006

A growing alphabet soup of green building guidelines: LEED, 189P, and GRI. – One architect out, another in for Kansas African American Museum. – Kennicott finds himself in Yesterdayland at Mount Vernon. – New York news: High hopes to turn 42nd Street into a pedestrian mall. – Dia leaves the High Line; will the Whitney step in? – Foster defends his Madison Ave. tower. – Another Adjaye for the U.K. – Nashville skyline to sport the tallest office tower outside of Chicago and New York (artistic, 200-foot spire included). – No billy goats for green roof on Des Moines library. – Shark tanks and lattes with while shopping for your Audi. – Q&A with Will Alsop: "I've learned never to trust anyone with big feet and a small head." – Second Adler & Sullivan Chicago landmark goes up in smoke. – More on the demise of Architecture magazine. – Architects, engineers and Feng Shui researchers attempt to make the system less mystical. – An 8-week carbon diet challenge.

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[Committee to draft green building standards: LEED will continue to evolve as a goal for the top 25% of building practices, while Standard 189P is intended to serve the entire construction industry.](#) – U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC); American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE); Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA)- National Real Estate Investor (NREI)

[Third Time's the Charm: Will the latest corporate sustainability reporting guidelines herald a brave new world? ...perhaps counter-intuitively, leading global companies are finding value in reporting far more information on their sustainability performance than the GRI currently demands.](#) – Global Reporting Initiative Sustainability Reporting Guidelines- Grist Magazine

[African American Museum hires designer: After a controversial split between the Kansas African American Museum and local architect Charles McAfee...museum has hired a firm to design its new riverfront building.](#) – Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture- Wichita Eagle (Kansas)

[Additions Give Mount Vernon The Feel of Yesterdayland: New museum space struggles with the fine balance between education and entertainment...It all feels very familiar, very something ... Very Disney.](#) By Philip Kennicott -- GWWO Inc./Architects [images, podcast, etc.]- Washington Post

[Group pushes to transform 42nd Street into pedestrian mall: ...advocates say would turn the clogged streets into a narrower version of an Italian piazza, would boost business on the strip by up to \\$500 million a year while cutting crosstown travel time in half.](#) – Vision42- AM New York

[Dia Art Foundation Calls Off Museum Project: ...at the entrance to the High Line...Asked whether the Whitney was considering backing out of the Piano expansion in favor of a site at the High Line, a museum spokeswoman...said yesterday.](#) "The Whitney is keeping its expansion options open"...- New York Times

[Norman Foster Lauds East Side's 'Tradition of Radicalism': ...residents who have been arguing over a proposed 22-story apartment building on Madison Avenue in a historic district brought their fight downtown yesterday for a four-hour public hearing before the Landmarks Preservation Commission.](#)- New York Sun

[Market hall plans go on show: Members of public get chance to view major component of multi-million pound Marsh Way development...a new £5m market hall in Wakefield...](#) – David Adjaye [image]- Yorkshire Post Today (UK)

[Soaring New \[65-story\] CBD Tower Planned For Nashville: The nation's tallest office tower outside of Chicago and New York...plans incorporate more glass, a thinner footprint and an artistic, 200-foot spire.](#) – Smallwood Reynolds Stewart Stewart- National Real Estate Investor (NREI)

['Green' roof shows its stuff: The downtown library is covered in sturdy sedum, not the rumored grass that drew the billy goat jokes...The library didn't spend an extra \\$750,000 on a planted roof simply for aesthetic reasons. It was part of an overall focus on energy efficiency...](#) – David Chipperfield [images]- Des Moines Register

[Rethinking Auto Showrooms: Shark Tanks, Anyone? Automobile companies are experimenting with new ways of selling, trying to replace the image of standardized buildings and high-pressure salesmen.](#) – Eddie Sotto/Sotto Studios [audio slide show]- New York Times

[Portrait of the artist: Will Alsop, architect: 'I've learned never to trust anyone with big feet and a small head'](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Massive Fire Claims Adler & Sullivan's landmark Wirt Dexter Building in Chicago: The loss to fire of two Adler and Sullivan's landmarks, Pilgrim Baptist Church and now the Wirt Dexter Building, in less than a year raises questions about the effectiveness of the Chicago's landmark protection.](#) By Lynn Becker [images]- Repeat (Chicago)

[Death to Architecture: Architecture Magazine sold and merged with new title \[Architect\]- The Architect's Newspaper \(NYC\)](#)

[Hong Kong Conference Aims to Make Feng Shui More Scientific: Architects, engineers and Feng Shui researchers from around the globe met in an attempt to make the system less mystical...](#) – Albert So; Michael Mak; Howard Choy; Lilian Too- Voice of America

[Welcome to the Slate Green Challenge: Your eight-week carbon diet.](#)- Slate

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