

Today's News - November 15, 2006

London's new design czar has his work cut out (as CABE is a "sadly discredited...nervous little body"). – Finally, we can see what six starchitects propose for St. Petersburg's skyline (yikes!) – A proposed extension to Perth landmark generates "rare interest in architecture in a town of glass canyons and dull buildings." – Building owners beginning to see the light (and dollar signs) in solar power. – The World Climate Conference in Nairobi shows off "Green Glamour" in urban development, architecture, and design: "Eco sells." – An Edmonton cardiac center is one of Canada's smartest - and greenest - buildings. – But is a hockey stadium the answer to the city's downtown urban renewal? – Nobel considers Ground Zero in its "middle age." – Ivy League Universities becoming multi-billion-dollar developers. – Public landscape architects as the "unsung heroes of the design world." – San Francisco Bay Area treasures gamer Partners in Preservation grants. – A British pioneer of Greek Revival takes center stage in Manhattan. – A new book shines light on an almost forgotten, 19th-century Indian master.

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[London Design Czar Needs to Fix Shoddy Housing, Battersea Plant: ...the mayor has...appointed Peter Bishop to be design czar...in a restructured architectural department...called Design for London...Britain's complex planning politics do not appear to magically raise architectural standards. – Richard Rogers; John Sorrell; Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment \(CABE\)- Bloomberg News](#)

[Boon or Bane for St. Petersburg? Gazprom City is coming to St. Petersburg. But what will it look like? Six internationally known architects have submitted their designs. But locals are worried the city will lose its soul. – Nouvel; Herzog & de Meuron; RMJM; Koolhaas; Libeskind; Fuksas \[slide show\]- Der Spiegel \(Germany\)](#)

[Marriage of old and new rocks Perth to its foundations: A proposed extension to a Perth heritage building has opened old architectural wounds...Dispute over a large-scale development project has taken on the air of high drama, generating rare interest in architecture in a town of glass canyons and dull buildings. – Donaldson & Warr; Peter Elliott- The Australian](#)

[Building Owners See the Light By Increasing Use of Solar Power: A report from Navigant Consulting Inc. predicts that the U.S. market for solar installations in commercial buildings will skyrocket to \\$4.2 billion in 2010...- National Real Estate Investor \(NREI\)](#)

[Sun in the curtain: a look at what's behind the eco-fashion phenomenon of Green Glamour...the name of this phenomenon, which has led to a remarkable run of products in urban development, architecture, design...Eco sells. By Gerhard Matzig – Kennedy & Violich Architecture; Minsuk Cho/Kisu Park; Werner Sobek \[images, links\]- Sign and Sight \(Germany\)](#)

[Green design: just what the doctor ordered: Edmonton cardiac centre to be equipped with the latest Earth-friendly innovations...Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute...will be one of the smartest of Canada's smart buildings. – Stantec; Kaplan McLaughlin Diaz \(KMD\)- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[It's time to begin debate on a new downtown arena: it's a great jumping-off point for a larger debate on the future of the downtown and the future of the Edmonton Oilers...A city doesn't get many opportunities for urban renewal like this. Let's start talking now about how to make the most of it. – Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning \[images\]- The Edmonton Journal \(Canada\)](#)

[Ground Zero in Middle Age: Despite years of rancor surrounding it, the WTC site still possesses a deep emotional power: ...if \[three towers\] can be built as 7 World Trade was built, with a good eye, a light touch, and perhaps a splash of decent art, then we all stand a fair chance of someday seeing a whole that does justice to the events that cleared the site... By Philip Nobel – Childs/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Arad/Walker; Foster; Rogers; Maki; Gehry- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[A River Runs Through It: Mies' Expansion Plans Jump Natural Boundaries: Ivy League Universities... are graduating from the quadrangle to become multi-billion-dollar, master-planned developments... – Sasaki Associates; Cooper, Robertson, and Partners/Gehry Partners/Olin Partnership; Behnisch Architekten; Daly Genik- Architectural Record](#)

[Land Matters: ...the value of public-sector landscape architecture versus the work done by private-sector designers...Public landscape architects are, after all, the unsung heroes of the design world, and some means should be found of recognizing the value of the places they create. By Bill Thompson, FASLA- LAND Online \(ASLA\)](#)

[Thirteen San Francisco Bay Area Historic Sites to Receive American Express Partners in Preservation Grants – National Trust for Historic Preservation- Earthtimes.org](#)

[A British Pioneer of the Greek Revival: Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design and Culture opens an exhibition about James Stuart \(1713-1788\), called the Athenian, the first British architect to pioneer the Greek Revival style- New York Times](#)

[Book review: The forgotten master: "The Raj, Lahore and Bhai Ram Singh" by Pervez and Sajida Vandal...one of the outstanding Indians in the late 19th century...For more than two decades, he dominated the architectural scene without a rival.- Tribune India](#)

[New Jiang Wan Cultural Center, Shanghai: While the skyline explodes in a thicket of skyscrapers, a cultural center beckons to a new era of environmental concerns. – RTKL \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)

[Kisho Kurokawa: The National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan- ArcSpace](#)

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