

Today's News - December 5, 2006

Paris has a shortlist for courthouse design. – Hawthorne gives a thumbs-up (with reservations) to Mayne's Oregon courthouse: "his first unreservedly great building." – Is Gazprom City "corn on the cob" or is everyone just over-reacting? – Finally! New Orleans has a planning chief. – Perhaps he should review the Memphis Model for neighborhood housing. – A good-news week for 2012 Olympics design with Ricky Burdett as design advisor, Peter Cook as "design savior," and Nicholas Serota as design champion. – Possible bad news for U.K. listed buildings as the future of "one of the most joyous English buildings of the early 1960s" takes a possibly very dark turn. – Architects go underground for solutions to expanding historic buildings. – Vitra adds yet more starchitects to its now-they're-stars-designed campus. – A study that paves the way for a useful comparative policy dialogue on urban areas between the U.S. and U.K. – Turrell takes on Toronto. – Traveling prefab show struts its stuff at Yale. – An architect working to commemorate his father's art. – Lots of calls for entries: ULI Awards for Excellence; Young Architects who have "Proof"; young architects who want to design a villa in the Bahamas; and presentations for ASLA conference.

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[Palais de Justice de Paris Design Competition shortlist announced -- Fuses i Viader, Spain; 3 Box \(P. Bommier, J. Bruter, France; F. Donis and K. Betschinger, Netherlands \[in English, French, Spanish\]- Etablissement Public du Palais de Justice de Paris \(EPPJP\)](#)

[A mixed verdict on Mayne courthouse: An Oregon building hints at the difficulty of finding architectural middle ground... It is indeed the most humane and accessible public building of Mayne's career...his first unreservedly great building. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Morphosis \[images\]- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Gazprom Winner is 'Corn on the Cob': The British design has also been dubbed the "Tower of Babylon" by its critics...Supporters of the project have compared the furor to the reaction in Paris when the Eiffel Tower was built in 1889. -- RMJM- St. Petersburg Times \(Russia\)](#)

[New Orleans recovery chief chosen: Planner draws on disaster experience..."the most important thing about the Road Home program is it's supposed to be a road home." -- Edward J. Blakely- The Times-Picayune \(New Orleans\)](#)

[Neighborhood Housing Markets and the Memphis Model: Linking Information to Neighborhood Action in Memphis, Tennessee...introduces an alternative to the classic redlining paradigm for understanding transition and decline in neighborhood housing markets. \[link to full report\]- Brookings Institution](#)

[Ricky Burdett is to become design adviser to the London Olympics after mounting criticism that the design of the 2012 games is being handed to contractors: ...Peter Cook is spearheading HOK Sport's design of the stadium...\[Cook\] promised a "chirpy solution"...role of design champion to Tate director Nick Serota... -- Olympic Delivery Authority \(ODA\); Richard Rogers; Zaha Hadid- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[A good news week for Olympic design: Just when things were looking chronically bleak...The celebrations should have started when Jack Lemley packed his bags and went home to Idaho. -- Olympic Delivery Authority \(ODA\); Ricky Burdett; Nick Serota; Zaha Hadid; Peter Cook; HOK Sport- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

['An act of barbarism': The Commonwealth Institute is a listed building, so it's safe from developers. Right? Wrong...the new legislation threatening our heritage...one of the most joyous English buildings of the early 1960s...proposed legislation a "developers' charter"... By David Hencke and Jonathan Glancey -- RMJM \(1962\); Brian Avery; Norman Foster- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Hidden spaces: Some recent expansions of historic structures have led planners underground for creative architectural solutions... -- GWWO; Lance Brown; RTKL; Gehry; Olin Partnership; Atkin Olshin Lawson-Bell Architects; Witold Rybczynski; Davis Buckley; Hagy Belzberg; William McDonough + Partners; Polshek Partnership- Baltimore Sun](#)

[Vitra Campus Extension...in Weil am Rhein, Germany...an exhibition building designed by Herzog & de Meuron...and a factory designed by SANAA... -- Grimshaw; Gehry; Hadid; Ando; Siza- Easier.com \(UK\)](#)

[The State of American Cities: while the U.S. and England are marked by significant cultural and political differences in their views on cities, the two nations are undergoing similar economic and demographic transitions that pave the way for a useful comparative policy dialogue on urban areas. \[link to full report\]- Brookings Institution](#)

[Now, that's a bright idea: Artist James Turrell...tells how he plans to animate a downtown Toronto high-rise...the biggest urban public-art project of his career. -- Carl Blanchaer/WZMH Architects- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[Prefabs: Still Rolling Off The Assembly Line: "Some Assembly Required" \[at Yale\]...ulterior message that prefab is enjoying a newfound interest is not quite right. Prefab never went away. It was the architects who lost interest...It's new again. It is also part of the current retro rage... By Michael J. Crosbie- Hartford Courant \(Connecticut\)](#)

[Legacies Passed From Father to Son: Gustavo Bonevardi has been working on a commemoration of his father's art...46-year-old architect and artist...best-known project, the "Tribute in Light," shines up from Lower Manhattan every Sept. 11. By Fred A. Bernstein \[slide show\]- New York Times](#)

[Call for entries: 2007 ULI Awards for Excellence: The Americas; Europe; Asia Pacific; deadline: February 9, 2007- Urban Land Institute \(ULI\)](#)

[Call for Entries: Young Architects Competition: Theme: "Proof"; deadline: February 12, 2007 \(open to residents of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico only\)- Architectural League of New York](#)

[Call for entries: Young Architects' Design Competition for Cotton Bay Estates & Villas, Bahamas; cash prizes; deadline: March 1, 2007 \(open to qualified architects under 40 years old\)](#)- Cotton Bay Estates & Villas

[Call for proposals: ASLA education sessions for Annual Meeting October 5-9, 2007, in San Francisco; theme: Designing with Nature: the Art of Balance; deadline: January 10, 2007](#)- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)



-- [Competition winner: Morphosis: Phare Tower, La Défense, France](#)
-- [Book:s: Architecture Tours L.A., Guidebooks by Laura Massino](#)

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