

Today's News - February 27, 2007

How Disney's utopian dream changed the world ("You can see Orlando's sprawl from outer space.") – Rethinking affordable housing strategies. – The 'burbs need to step up to the plate. – Latinos and planning: its time to bring this growing demographic into the process. – King lauds bold not big plans for housing project in San Francisco's Octavia Blvd. as "a welcome blast from the past." – Corbu and Wright knew more about what makes a good house than today's "annoying international clique of jetlagged starchitects." – With 162 projects in downtown, L.A. isn't all about Grand Ave. – Koolhaas "rubric cube" to rise on Jersey City shores (second item has lots of pix). – FEMA's toxic trailers. – Campbell's take on Americans' favorite building poll (and a list of his won). – Medieval Islamic architecture "appears to have involved an advanced math of quasi crystals" (modern science found them only 30 years ago). – Seattle "Envelope House": "Don't let the "cute" factor mislead. There's serious architecture afoot."

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[The Theme-Parking, Mega Churching, Franchising, Exurbing, McMansioning of America: Walt Disney's utopian dream forever changed Orlando, Florida, and laid the blueprint for the new American metropolis.](#)- National Geographic

[Rethinking Affordable Housing Strategies: ...at Housing Charlotte 2007, Bruce Katz discusses current housing challenges in Charlotte, principles of success, as well as where the city, and the nation, go from here.](#)- Brookings Institution

[Suburbs Should Collaborate on Affordable Housing: ...have not collaborated to reach the state's mandated goals, according to a University of Illinois at Chicago study...](#)- Newswise

[Op-Ed: Latinos and Planning: The Road Ahead: With the Latino population growing tremendously, it's time to begin addressing the shortcomings in the practice of planning regarding this key demographic.](#) By Leonardo Vazquez, AICP/PP- PLANetizen

[A welcome plan for bold -- not big -- housing: ...a welcome blast from the past: the idea that lots of little buildings are better than one or two big ones.](#) By John King -- Build Inc.; Saitowitz/Natoma Architects; Envelope A+D- San Francisco Chronicle

[Want a new house? Then copy the Georgians: Today, the annoying international clique of jetlagged starchitects has little to contribute to the argument about what a house should be.](#)- Observer (UK)

[Coming Into Focus: With 162 Projects, Downtown Continues to Evolve -- Robert Ley/Adria Pauli; Nakada & Associates; M2A Architects; Frank R. Webb Architects; Hodgetts + Fung; John Sergio Fisher; Steven Holl; Stephen B. Jacobs Group; Thomas P. Cox Architects; Killefer Flammang; Brenda Levin](#)- Los Angeles Downtown News

[Koolhaas Presents Design for 52-Story Tower in Jersey City: ...wants to inspire social interaction, life and energy...\\$400 million project at 111 First St...](#) – Office of Metropolitan Architecture (OMA) (AP) [image]- 1010 WINS

[Across the River, Rem Koolhaas Gone Wild: 111 First Street...Would look great in the East Village...set to rise in Jersey City.](#) [images, link]- Curbed NY

[Toxic Trailers: Along the Gulf Coast...survivors of Hurricane Katrina are suffering from a constellation of similar health problems...There's one other similarity: The people suffering from these illnesses live in trailers supplied by the Federal Emergency Management Administration \(FEMA\).](#) (The Nation magazine)- SunHerald (Mississippi)

[Which is the fairest of them all? The buildings we love best: Americans are old-fashioned people when it comes to architecture...and this is an old-fashioned list.](#) By Robert Campbell- Boston Globe

[In Medieval Architecture, Signs of Advanced Math: A new study shows that the Islamic pattern-making process...appears to have involved an advanced math of quasi crystals, which was not understood by modern scientists until three decades ago.](#) [images]- New York Times

[Fremont duplex celebrates urban life with simple forms and complexly arranged spaces: "Envelope House"...Don't let the "cute" factor mislead. There's serious architecture afoot.](#) By Lawrence W. Cheek -- Bohlin Cywinski Jackson- Seattle Post-Intelligencer

[Herzog & de Meuron: Forum, Barcelona, Spain](#)

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