

Today's News - March 16, 2007

Taglietti takes Australian Gold. – It's going to take more than architecture, engineering and land-use planning to shake up "Dullsville" (a.k.a. Perth). – Isolating Asia's "trophy tower" gene. – Will building boom in Ho Chi Minh City trample its charm? – Selling air rights in L.A. might not be good news for those on the ground. – As hurricane season looms, Katrina Index indicates officials better get busy eliminating excessive red tape. – An Ikea BoKlok development in Gateshead gets go-ahead "despite Cabe hostility." – High hopes for Istanbul 2010: European Capital of Culture, but discord abounds. – High hopes for Harvard museum plans despite obstacles (like the neighbors' discontent). – "Unexceptional vision" for Nathan Phillips Square: why not just add a few benches and some patio umbrellas (and re-do the mayor's office while you're at it). – A call for hospital design in India to heed the benefits of green architecture. – Goldberger revisits The Hamptons. – V&A's Modernism show arrives in D.C. – An international call for curators for New Zealand's 2008 SCAPE Biennial of Art in Public Space.

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[Enrico Taglietti awarded RIAA 2007 Gold Medal for Architecture: An Italian-born, regionally-based architect who saw the Australian landscape with an immigrant's "clear vision" and helped shape Canberra as it is today-](#) Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA)

[Architect's capital vision wins gold – Enrico Taglietti-](#) The Australian

[Shaking up Dullsville: What should Perth be doing to make it a more vibrant, future-proofed city? Urban planner Charles Landry says we haven't been doing enough....not enough to turn to conventional fields such as architecture, engineering and land-use planning alone to fix a city. -- Comedia; Form; Jan Gehl; Richard Florida \[links\]-](#) The Australian

[Asia's Quest for the Ultra-Skyscraper: Wealth, growth, and the desire to make a mark are spurring cities to build ever higher power-towers—and reshaping architectural design in the process -- Asymptote; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); C.Y. Lee & Partners; Kohn Pedersen Fox; Cesar Pelli \[slide show\]-](#) BusinessWeek

[Will urban growth trample Vietnam's charm? In Ho Chi Minh City, a building boom clashes with efforts to preserve the old city's historic character...as real estate developers do an end-run around lax zoning laws. -- Carlos Zapata-](#) Christian Science Monitor

[Air rights above L.A. to go on sale: Urban planning experts are concerned that city officials did not study how the vertical growth would affect crowding and public services in downtown.-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Katrina Index: Tracking Recovery of New Orleans and the Metro Area: With hurricane season less than three months away, officials must take quick action to eliminate excessive red tape to ensure the flow of stalled federal recovery dollars to the Gulf Coast.-](#) Brookings Institution

[Ikea's flatpack \[BoKlok\] homes to go ahead despite Cabe hostility: Gateshead scheme wins planning approval regardless of watchdog's 'significant reservations'-](#) Building (UK)

[Discord threatens 'Istanbul 2010: European Capital of Culture' project – Korhan Gümüş; Dogan Kuban-](#) Today's Zaman (Istanbul)

[Moving Pictures: Despite obstacles, Harvard museums look forward to Allston...with designs still in their early stages, and with community opposition rallied against the project, the future is still uncertain. -- Renzo Piano; Kevin Daly/Daly Genik Architects-](#) The Harvard Crimson

[Design SOS for mayoral digs: Of course, this mayor has cast his eyes outward, not inward. Hence, last week's unveiling of an equally unexceptional vision for the rejuvenation of Nathan Phillips Square...all that this one needed was a few benches and some patio umbrellas. -- Viljo Revell \(1965\); Plant Architect; Shore Tilbe Irwin-](#) Toronto Star

[Green Guide to Healthcare: Health architects and hospitals are looking inward for architecture which is environmental-friendly, energy-efficient and has low operational costs. Green architecture is the solution. -- James Wine; Shakti K Gupta; Sriganesh Rajendran; RRP Architekten + Ingenieure-](#) Express Healthcare Management (India)

[The Dawn of the Hamptons House: Where in heaven \(or hell\) did the McMansion come from? "The Hamptons, The Strangling of a Resort"...Twenty-four years later Paul Goldberger's observations, which sounded alarmist at the time, seem amazingly prescient, and practical.-](#) East Hampton Star

["Modernism: Designing a New World, 1914-1939," the vast, thought-provoking show opening Saturday at the Corcoran...As the show fills with idealized views of apartment blocks...manifesto snippets set the tone for an era of scientism. -- Gerrit Rietveld; Le Corbusier; Vladimir Tatlin; Marcel Breuer; Alvar Aalto; Grete Lihotsky \[images, links\]-](#) Washington Post Express

[Call for applications: New Zealand's SCAPE Biennial of Art in Public Space Seeks Curators for 2008; deadline: April 27 - Art Daily](#)



[Exhibition: "DIGITAL PROJECT: Frank Gehry's Vision," Danish Architecture Centre, Copenhagen](#)

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