

Today's News - Friday, September 28, 2007

Big may be the new beautiful in high-end tourism, but "building identical cookie-cutter luxury resorts will eventually prove short-sighted." – Sustainability experts warn it's "the triumph of hope over experience" in fast-track eco-town competition. – Zumthor's Cologne museum is "magnificently successful." – Chipperfield's plan for Berlin's Neues Museum wins fans and foes. – Kamin minces no words re: "fundamentally misconceived" plan put forward to put Chicago's Children's Museum underground; good architects being made to "walk an impossible tightrope." – Big plans afoot for Baltimore's Walters Art Museum. – A little brother for Chicago Spire? – First shortened, then approved, now South Bank tower plan "called in." – Genzyme's Boston flagship to get a lot bigger. – "One of the most remarkable texts in American architecture," Marion Mahony Griffin's "The Magic of America" now on the web for all to see. – A great reason to head to Vienna next week. – Weekend diversions: Boddy goes to the movies: see "One Way Street on a Turntable" and see a bit of what we are and what we are becoming." – An eyeful of artful "Bathing Beauties" (a.k.a. beach huts) arrive in Lincolnshire (available for rent). – The legacy of Swid Powell on view at Yale. – Starchitects' scribbles at Buffalo's Albright-Knox. – Piranesi's influence on modern architects, and Maurer's "peripatetic mind" at Cooper-Hewitt. – Photographer to photographer: Q&A with Richard Barnes and Julius Shulman. – One we couldn't resist: 10 suggestions for designing a city: "First we kill the architects. Then we burn the malls..."

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[Supersize me, you, everyone: Small, it seems, is no longer beautiful, at least in the world of high-end tourism. All around the world, resorts and hotels are competing to see who can build the biggest, tallest, most outrageous, most resource hogging developments.- ArabianBusiness.com](#)

[Eco-town winners to be announced by March: Sustainability consultants claim six-month timetable for choosing winning bidders for Gordon Brown's 10 new towns is unrealistic..."the triumph of hope over experience"...government will seek expressions of interest by the end of next month.- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Building on the past: Peter Zumthor's new art museum in Cologne is magnificently successful, in terms of both material presence and dignified handling of the past. -- Gottfried Böhm \(1950s\) \[fr. Frankfurter Rundschau; images, links\]- Sign and Sight \(Germany\)](#)

[Nefertiti's New Berlin Home Wins British Architect Fans, Foes: David Chipperfield is either blazing a restoration trail or sabotaging old buildings, depending on which Berliner you listen to...Neues Museum...part of Germany's equivalent of the Louvre -- the war-damaged Museum Island \[Museumsinsel\] complex... -- Friedrich August Stüler \(1855\)- Bloomberg News](#)

[Low blow in Children's Museum debate: ...one that reveals how fundamentally misconceived the plan is...An underground children's museum is a terrible idea...Krucek & Sexton...are being made to walk an impossible tightrope... By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune](#)

[N.Y. architects to develop master plan for Walters Art Museum. By Edward Gunts -- Polshek Partnership Architects- Baltimore Sun](#)

[A kid bro in Spire's shadow: Carley floats idea for hotel tower in Streeterville...At about 1,100 feet...would command attention and be only a couple of blocks from the proposed spire, a 2,000-foot composition of Calatrava. -- DeStefano & Partners- Chicago Sun-Times](#)

[Doon Street Tower: ...proposed 43-storey tower and leisure centre on the South Bank will be the subject of a planning inquiry...application...which was approved by Lambeth Council last month, has been 'called in' by the secretary of state following representations from English Heritage. -- Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands; Allies & Morrison \[images\]- London SE1](#)

[ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge Designs \\$150 Million Expansion of Genzyme's Flagship Allston Landing Facility in Boston- Boston/SF](#)

[A Landmark Event: The Art Institute of Chicago Brings Marion Mahony Griffin's The Magic of America to the Web...one of the most remarkable texts in American architecture. By Lynn Becker -- Walter Burley Griffin; Frank Lloyd Wright \[images, links\]- Repeat \(Chicago\)](#)

[First annual VIENNA DESIGN WEEKs October 3-24: ...will concentrate all the dynamic variety of contemporary Austrian design under a single roof for the first time. \[images, links\]- VIENNA DESIGN WEEKs](#)

[A glimpse of the raw energy of a big city: Hong Kong has been the main source of Vancouver's urban energy and city-building ideas for two decades, but we know so little about it. Sit through "One Way Street on a Turntable" and see a bit of what we are and what we are becoming. By Trevor Boddy- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[Bathing beauties arrive: Post-modern beach huts are unveiled in the seaside towns of Mablethorpe and Sutton in Lincolnshire...All the huts are available to rent. -- Feix and Merlin; Michael Trainor; Willett and Pateson; Atelier NU; i-am associates \[images\]- Building \(UK\)](#)

[The Objets D'Art Of Architects: Today...celebrated architects are practically household names...But 25 years ago, few Americans knew their buildings let alone their](#)

[household designs. Two women wanted to change that..."The Architect's Table: Swid Powell and Postmodern Design" at Yale University Art Gallery... -- Meier; Johnson; Tigerman; Gwathmey; Venturi; Gehry; Graves; Eisenman; etc.- Hartford Courant \(Connecticut\)](#)

[The Meaning of Scribbles: "Drawing Architecture" at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery...explores the process of design, rather than the final building form. -- Gehry; Neutra; Marjetica Potrc; Robert Irwin; Acconci; Libeskind; Halprin; Gluckman; Meier; Hood; Moss; Holl; etc.- Artvoice \(\)](#)

[The Father Of Modern Design: "Piranesi as Designer" at the Cooper-Hewitt...major contemporary architects...have works on display, with examples by Piranesi hanging next to them, highlighting his influence on their work. -- Stern; Venturi; Scott Brown; Graves; Libeskind; Eisenman- New York Sun](#)

["Provoking Magic: Lighting of Ingo Maurer" at the Cooper-Hewitt...a site-specific installation cum retrospective survey of 40 years' worth of works...Equal parts clown, engineer, and poet...- New York Sun](#)

[Of Photography and Fame: Photographer Richard Barnes talks to the renowned 97-year-old imagemaker Julius Shulman -- Ezra Stoller; Neutra; Lautner; Soriano; Ain; Schindler; Koenig; etc. \[images\]- The Architect's Newspaper \(NYC\)](#)

[I have been asked to help design a city...I recommend the following: First we kill the architects. Then we burn the malls...- New York Times](#)



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