

Today's News - Friday, December 14, 2007

So little discussion of urban issues during presidential debates; mayors get a chance to speak out. – Sydney sprawl: developers delighted, environmentalists dismayed. CABA calls for CABA calls for a "major rethink" of £2 billion master plan for Victoria Station. – Piano gets AIA Gold; KieranTimberlake and Tigerman also win big. – A winner in U.K.'s Carbon Challenge for eco-village; shortlist for the next. – A green apartment complex in Jerusalem among 11 such projects in Israel. – Big names fail to save Pimlico School. – Hawthorne gets a rare look into the rarified world of Hollywood talent agencies. – Happy 100th Birthday Oscar Niemeyer! – Call for entries: Citroën's design challenge. – Weekend diversions: A new book sweeps aside the myth that Australia is devoid of indigenous architecture. – A "serene, adroit" documentary explores Schindler's houses - "warts and all." – An amusing British year-end review hands out turkeys and Christmas puddings. – The demise of House & Garden: does it signal a trend (now where can we find out fill of Filler and Rus)?

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[So Many Presidential Debates, So Little Concern Shown for Cities: The presidential candidates have now held 25 or so debates without talking about urban issues...The silence has not gone unnoticed...](#) - New York Times

[City growth put before habitat in rush to develop the west: New housing developments on the outskirts of Sydney will not be subject to environmental laws that protect endangered plants and animals...where up to 181,000 homes will be built...decision has delighted developers...but dismayed environmentalists, who see it as little more than government greenwash.](#) - Sydney Morning Herald

[CABA calls for fundamental rethink of Land Securities £2bn Victoria Transport Interchange scheme -- Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\); Benson & Forsyth; Wilkinson Eyre; Patrick Lynch \[image\]](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[AIA \[American Institute of Architects\] Announces Awards: Renzo Piano - 2008 Gold Medal; KieranTimberlake Associates - Firm of the Year Award; Stanley Tigerman, FAIA - Topaz Medallion.](#)- Architectural Record

[HTA Architects bags UK's first net-zero-carbon eco-village: ...in Bristol...shortlist has been revealed for another Carbon Challenge development on London's South Bank. -- Sheppard Robson; PRP; Terence O'Rourke; Proctor Matthews; etc. \[images\]](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Green groundwork: From the outside, an agro-housing building looks just like any other new and attractive apartment complex in an urban environment...the latest in an up-and-coming architectural trend...currently 11 such projects in various stages of development throughout the country. -- Knafo Klimor Architects](#)- Jerusalem Post

[Westminster council votes to demolish Pimlico School: Last ditch attempt by Rogers, Prasad and Bayley fails... -- John Bancroft \(1970\); Architecture PLB](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Type A Spaces: Hollywood talent agencies are famous for their hyper-competitiveness. So why are three of them using the same corporate architect? ...the post-Ovitz generation struggling to break with the past. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Neil Denari; 2x4; Gene Watanabe/Gensler; I.M. Pei; Paul Williams \[images\]](#)- Los Angeles Times Magazine

[One Hundred Years of Concrete: Jonathan Glancey visits Rio to meet Oscar Niemeyer \[audio\]](#)- BBC Radio 4

[In pictures: Oscar Niemeyer \[slide show\]](#)- BBC News

[Call for entries: Citroën "C Design - Combine Connect Create": Design products for everyday life using 3D components from cars and prototypes at Style Center Citroën; prizes total €20,000; registration deadline: January 8, 2008](#)- Citroën

[Book review: "Gnyah, Goondie + Wurley: The Aboriginal Architecture Of Australia" by Paul Memmott...The myth of a country devoid of indigenous architecture - "architecture nullius" - has long persisted...sweeps aside this convenient, if pernicious, slander...could take Australia in the direction of a radical architecture that touches the earth more lightly.](#) - Sydney Morning Herald

[Film review: No jump cuts, pans or zooms - just houses: An earnest documentary explores the aging California homes of Rudolph Schindler - warts and all...Heinz Emigholz's new film "Schindler's Houses"...serene, adroit, 99-minute documentary... By John Bentley Mays](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Who's celebrating this year? We look at the personalities who dominated our news pages in 2007 and decide who are the turkeys and who win our Christmas puddings. -- Peter Bishop/Design for London; Terry Farrell; Norman Foster; Sunand Prasad/RIBA president; Rod Sheard/HOK Sport; Rafael Viñoly; David Chipperfield; Richard Rogers/Rogers Stirk Harbour & Partners](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Does the Shuttering of House & Garden Signal a Trend? ...the end of H&G spells a clear cultural trend, says Reed Kroloff..."national media has moved to acknowledge](#)

[critical evaluation less and less for 20 years now. The biggest loss here is the outlet for Martin Filler and Mayer Rus."](#)- Architectural Record

[Welcome to the Neighborhoods: Jones Lang LaSalle Americas Headquarters...addresses corporate agility through space planning... -- IA Interior Architects \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow



-- [Krueck + Sexton Architects: Spertus, Chicago](#)

-- [Construction Start: OMA/Office for Metropolitan Architecture: Shenzhen Stock Exchange, Shenzhen, China](#)

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