

Today's News - Monday, February 18, 2008

ArcSpace brings us Make It Right in New Orleans, and Beijing's Watercube. – A serious look at how Moscow's "Tsars of Bling" are flattening genuine treasures to rebuild fakes. – Much in a Modernist mode: Campbell is optimistic about national movement to preserve "rapidly vanishing heritage" of Modernist architecture. – The same movement is afoot in Canada. – Kamin hopes there's hope on the horizon for Gunner's Mate School building. – An '87 Gehry house/inhabitable sculpture makes a move (great slide show). – L.A.'s Natural History Museum makeover more like an archeological dig. – The idea of axing Atlanta's Buckhead Library sends an "artless message." – Hume fumes over Toronto's NIMBYism and "new levels of fear and loathing" of change. – Meanwhile, three new transitional-care facilities in the city are designed with "imagination and deep sensitivity for future residents." – Heathcote doesn't quite <heart> LACMA: Piano's "sophistication and restraint are rather misplaced," but perhaps "it's better to leave it to the art to make the noise." – Bayley at BMW Welt: "an architectural phantasmagoria...scary or magnificent, depending on your perspective" (his is the latter, for the most part). – Rochon on why "visionary developers are lining up to get a piece" of Asymptote. – Future Systems's Leverte discusses the "new feminine face of architecture." – Bernstein on NYC's "Mr. Prolific" of hotel design (36 in Manhattan alone). – Winner (and runners-up) in ACUHO-I competition for dorms for the 21st century. – Prince Charles does it again, calling a new lecture hall a "dustbin." – Futurologists pick top 13 challenges of next 50 years.

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[Moscow: Rebuilt by the Tsars of Bling: The city's treasures are being flattened and replaced with fakes...The saddest aspect...is that while developers are busy "recreating" an old Moscow...the genuine treasures of architecture are falling down...no one in power sees the tourist potential of Moscow's real architecture. -- Konstantin Melnikov- Telegraph \(UK\)](#)

[A clear modern vision: Philip Johnson's house paves way for preservation: National Trust for Historic Preservation...making the Glass House the focus of a national movement to preserve American's rapidly vanishing heritage of the modernist period of architecture. By Robert Campbell- Boston Globe](#)

[Seeking an expanded notion of heritage: Heritage preservationists are slowly raising awareness...that commercial and institutional buildings of the 1960s qualify as heritage structures...But that effort will be nothing compared with the coming one to save examples of residential architecture. By Dave LeBlanc- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[Landmarks head leaving: hope remains for Navy building at Great Lakes: Before David Bahlman sails off into the sunset, he's got at least one more battle on his hands: A last-ditch attempt to save the Gunner's Mate School building..."There is no doubt this is getting the attention it deserves"... By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune](#)

[House designed by Frank Gehry moving from Lake Minnetonka to University of St. Thomas Gainey Conference Center: ...1987 Winton guest house...complement, but not copy, their Philip Johnson-designed main house built for the estate's previous owners in 1952. \[slide show\]- Bulletin News \(University of St. Thomas, Minnesota\)](#)

[Face-lift peels away the years at Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County: The three-year project will restore an architectural specimen's sheen in Exposition Park. -- Hudson & Munsell \(1913\); Cordell Corp.- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Op-Ed: Axing library would send artless message: Replacement of a truly world-class and public piece of architecture with more shopping, parking and luxury living seemed to indicate that the city no longer held a place for the quirky, the experimental or frankly even the interesting things that make a culturally vibrant community. By David M. Hamilton/Praxis3 -- Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects- Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#)

[We're afraid of everything, for crying out loud: NIMBYism is one thing, but we have hit new levels of fear and loathing...how did we become so fearful? ...Residents complain when a new building is constructed, then when it's torn down. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star](#)

[Rethinking a home away from home: ...three new transitional-care](#)

[buildings...at Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health \(CAMH\)...low-rise structures provided strong challenges to the architects who crafted them — challenges the designers have met with imagination and deep sensitivity for future residents. By John Bentley Mays -- Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg \(KPMB\); Montgomery Sisam; Kearns Mancini \[images\]](#)

[JOHN BENTLEY MAYS](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[The work that makes the noise: ...Los Angeles County Museum of Art \(LACMA\)...architecture reveals an apparent lack of confidence...Yet it fits smoothly into Piano's own oeuvre...he could have really let go...You can't help feeling that his sophistication and restraint are rather misplaced...But maybe in a city where anything goes, it's better to leave it to the art to make the noise. By Edwin Heathcote- Financial Times \(UK\)](#)

[A cathedral for the god of motors: It's a meeting of architecture and automobile on the grandest scale...Welcome to the phenomenon that is BMW World/BMW Welt.....It presents, as an architectural phantasmagoria...Scary or magnificent, depending on your perspective. By Stephen Bayley -- Wolf Prix/Coop Himmelbl\(l\)au- Observer \(UK\)](#)

[Boxes? No! Blobs? No! Boring? Never! From Manhattan to the Middle East, visionary developers are lining up to get a piece of Canadian architects Lise Anne Couture and Hani Rashid. By Lisa Rochon -- Asymptote- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[The new feminine face of architecture: Architecture is being feminised. Amanda Leveté of Future Systems discusses soft swoops, flowing loops, and why hard-edged modernism is so over...You may hate her buildings, but they are always interesting. You certainly cannot fail to notice them.- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[In Hotel Design, He's Mr. Prolific: Many architects would be happy to design a single hotel in Manhattan...Gene Kaufman Architect is designing 36 of them. By Fred A. Bernstein \[image\]- New York Times](#)

[Housing the YouTube Generation and Beyond: Association of College & University Housing Officers—International \(ACUHO-I\) held the second stage of its "21st Century Project" ideas competition ...A team of young interns and architects, fittingly...took home \\$25,000—with a scheme called "net+work+camp+us." -- Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas + Company; Ayers/Saint/Gross; MGA Partners; Little Diversified Architectural Consulting; Mackey Mitchell Architects \[images\]- Architectural Record](#)

[Prince of Wales rubbishes lecture hall design by Patel Taylor: ...launches another attack on architects calling the Ivor Crewe lecture theatre at the University of Essex a dustbin \[image\]- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Live longer, live better: futurologists pick top challenges of next 50 years: Restore/improve urban infrastructure: Engineers need to find ways of keeping cities and services running and beautiful while preserving the environment- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[INSIGHT: Transit-Oriented Design: An Evolution from Societal Convenience to Environmental Solution: TOD is the model for what multi-family housing will look like in the years ahead. By John Burcher, AIA- ArchNewsNow](#)

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