

Today's News - Thursday, May 1, 2008

Youngstown, Ohio, begins to think small (a good thing). – A neighborhood renaissance in Minneapolis. – Some of NYC's high-profile projects face an iffy future. – Houston gives thumbs-up to new green energy code. – A Canary Wharf tower proves glass and green can be compatible. – Ooroussoff gives (mostly) thumbs-up to Piano's downtown Whitney: "expresses a level of experimental courage that he hasn't shown in years." – Bernstein looks at the up- and down-side of Ordos100 project in Inner Mongolia. – Adrian Smith on what's going to top Burj Dubai. – A look at Glasgow's mega-building for 2014 Commonwealth Games. – Prince Charles takes on London's Chinatown, intending to make it more "authentically Chinese." – Rome mayor wants to tear down Meier's Ara Pacis(!). – An in-depth look at Rockwell Group's hotel mock-up (coming to a roadside near you). – Ashton Raggatt McDougall's "dazzling K house." – A British television experiment: build an eco-home in 6 days. – Mañosa champions green in the Philippines. – U.K. engineers to get more say in design competitions. – Calls for entries: 11th ThyssenKrupp Elevator Architecture Award: an iconic tower for Dubai (where else?). – National Design-Build Project Awards. – RFP for Arch League's "Situated Technologies: Toward the Sentient City" exhibition. – Land & Sea Competition winners.

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[The Incredible Shrinking City: Facing steep population decline, Youngstown, Ohio, is repositioning itself. – Urban Strategies: Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative \(CUDC\) Shrinking Cities Institute \[images\]- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[With Books as a Catalyst, Minneapolis Neighborhood Revives: Three nonprofit groups opened Open Book, a literary and arts center, in May 2000, and a neighborhood renaissance flowered. By Lisa Chamberlain – Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle \[image\]- New York Times](#)

[Real Estate Slump Hits New York: Several high-profile construction projects are now up in the air...developers, community groups and city officials alike are questioning whether these projects will go through at all – or at least in the way many had previously imagined.- Gotham Gazette \(NYC\)](#)

[Houston OKs 'green' energy code for new businesses: Mayor says cost hike for builders will be offset by utility savings- Houston Chronicle](#)

[A comforting vision of L: KPMG's new building in Canary Wharf shows that comfortable, glass-clad offices and the CO2 emissions targets expected in the 2010 revision of Part L are not mutually exclusive. – Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\) \[images\]- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Whitney's Downtown Sanctuary: Renzo Piano's project...is a striking departure from the ethereal glass creations that have made him a favorite of the art-world cognoscenti. Its bold chiseled form won't appeal to those who prefer architecture to be unobtrusive...expresses a level of experimental courage that he hasn't shown in years. By Nicolai Ouroussoff \[slide show\]- New York Times](#)

[In Inner Mongolia, pushing architecture's outer limits: 100 international architecture firms were recently commissioned to design luxury homes in the Chinese desert... "Ordos is Texas"... By Fred A. Bernstein – Michael Meredith/Hilary Sample/MOS; Michael S. Tunkey/Yazdani Studio at Cannon Design; Herzog & de Meuron; Ai Weiwei/Fake Design; Daniel Holguin; DRDH Architects; Lyn Rice; Preston Scott Cohen; studio-sr; Tham & Videgard Hansson Arkitekter; Productora \[images\]- New York Times](#)

[No more habitable floors to Burj Dubai...beyond the completed 160 floors...steel spire may be at least 70 stories tall... – Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill; Skidmore Owings & Merrill- XPRESS \(Dubai\)](#)

["Mega-building" to Host 2014 Commonwealth Games: ...a 430,000-square-foot, \\$250 million National Indoor Sports Arena and Velodrome..."It will kick-start the regeneration of an urban brown field site in a deprived suburb of Glasgow"... – Sports Concepts; 3DReid; Halcrow Yolles; Arup \[slide show\]- Architectural Record](#)

[Prince Charles leads Chinatown revolution: Move to remodel London's Chinese quarter seen as way of making amends for Olympic snub...intended to make the Soho district more authentically Chinese ...hoped would be emulated by Chinatowns across the globe.- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Rome mayor aims to tear down Richard Meier Ara Pacis museum \[images\]- Reuters](#)

[Behind the Curtains: In preparation for the opening of a new chain of boutique hotels, Starwood turns to the Rockwell Group to create a full-scale mock-up of that classic American icon: the roadside motel. By Eva Hagberg \[images\]- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[To the letter: The dazzling K house on Victoria's Bellarine Peninsula is the work of Ashton Raggatt McDougall Architects, and is one of only a handful of houses they have designed. \[slide show\]- Sydney Morning Herald](#)

[Kevin McCloud to build his own eco-home in six days...as part of a television experiment. – BBM Sustainable Design \[image\]- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[How Green is My Building: "...we in the building sector must be responsible designers](#)

[and builders — because we can make a significant difference in the world." -- Angelo Mañosa/A. Mañosa+ Architects-](#) Philippine Daily Inquirer

[Engineers to get more say in design competitions: Royal Institute of British Architects \(RIBA\) and the ICE this week confirmed that they and the Institution of Structural Engineers \(IStructE\) are looking to set up a comprehensive bridge design competition service.-](#) New Civil Engineer (UK)

[Call for entries: 11th ThyssenKrupp Elevator Architecture Award: ...a Tall Emblem Structure in Za'abeel Park, Dubai; cash prizes; registration deadline: August 31-](#) ThyssenKrupp Elevator

[Call for entries: National Design-Build Project Awards; deadline: May 30-](#) Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA)

[Request for Qualifications \(RFQ\): Situated Technologies: Toward the Sentient City: An exhibition critically exploring the evolving relationship between ubiquitous/pervasive computing and urban architecture; deadline: June 27-](#) Architectural League of New York

[First International Design Awards' Land & Sea Competition winners -- DAS Studio/ToDo Design; zarchitecture; Les Indiennes by Mary Mulcahy; Rosenbaum Design; etc. \[images\]-](#) International Design Awards (IDA)



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