

Today's News - October 5, 2004

Green belts around U.K. cities under threat: sprawl is eating up the fields. – A "mind-numbing" mall planned for Cleveland. – A fresh design for a recycle plant in New York. – Performing arts school expansion in L.A. adds to Grand Avenue's grand plans (or does it?). – An in-depth look (in three parts) at Kansas City's newest cultural landmark. – Toronto dreams of an "un-museum." – Juneau, Alaska, to launch a design competition for and "enduring, dignified" capitol building. – Four buildings shortlisted for Best Building in Scotland; one of the finalist architects is "furious" over "nasty, bitchy" complaints of his project. – Claims made that restoration of Moscow landmark is ignoring quality for the sake of speed. – Sponsors sought for Kremlin Museum makeover. – Shoes and flower arrangements cause "fear and loathing" (and resignations) at London's Design Museum. – Storefront a la Gaudi: a test of how adventurous English taste has become. – If you're in Manhattan today, don't miss the Design-In Marathon at the Center for Architecture (an impressive line-up of speakers throughout the day and long into the night).

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[A date with density: how to meet housing demand in a green and pleasant land? ...the "Green Belt" areas around our major cities are under threat from politicians and builders as never before.](#) By Hugh Pearman - Proctor Matthews; Urban Splash/Glenn Howells [images]- HughPearman.com (UK)

[Retail plan brings worst of suburbs to Flats: When a developer wants to plunk down hard cash for a major project of questionable merit, the city is of ten a beggar with out a choice....Steelyard Commons...early version...positively mind-numbing...](#) By Steven Litt - Dorsky Hodgson & Partners- Cleveland Plain Dealer

[Fresh Design for Recycle Plant...slated for Brooklyn promises to look—and function—a lot better than your run-of-the-mill trash sorting facility.](#) - Weisz + Yoes Architecture [images]- The Slatin Report

[Campus or Fortress? Colburn School of Performing Arts Expansion Provides Key Opportunity: The promise of Grand Avenue as the presumptive cultural corridor for Southern California moves a little closer to realization...](#) By Sam Hall Kaplan - Pfeiffer Partners [image]- LA Downtown News

[Part 1: A shimmering vision unfolds at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, one detail at a time: So much about architect Steven Holl's conception of the Nelson expansion is one-of-a-kind, never-been-done. It's a work of art in itself.](#) By Steve Paul [images] - BNIM Architects- Kansas City Star

[Part 2: In a shrine to light, magic is in the 'lenses': "getting the light right" became the mantra.](#) By Steve Paul - Steven Holl Architects; BNIM Architects [images]- Kansas City Star

[Part 3: After delicate labor and a few kicks, art glistens in the sun: Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.](#) By Steve Paul - Steven Holl Architects; BNIM Architects [images]- Kansas City Star

[Culture club dreams of an un-museum: ... major cultural centre being planned by the city of Toronto as a key piece of waterfront redevelopment...There would almost certainly be an architectural competition.](#) - Toronto Star

[Capitol-design competition near: Planning panel's vision is that building should be prominent, enduring, dignified. The commission will announce a nationwide design competition in early November.](#) - Juneau Empire (Alaska)

[4 new Scottish buildings have been shortlisted for the much-coveted RIAS Award for Architecture - the UK's biggest architecture prize.](#) - Richard Murphy Architects; Elder and Cannon Architects; Gehry Partners/James F Stephen Architects & Interior Designers; Gökyay Deveci- Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland

[Top architect in row over \[Eastgate Theatre and Arts Centre\] 'serious faults': A furious Richard Murphy lashed out at the "nasty, bitchy" letter...said attack could destroy the project's chances of winning the £25,000 \[Best Building in Scotland\] award.](#) - The Scotsman (UK)

[Manezh Restoration Galloping Ahead: work on the restoration of the carcass of the early 19th-century building is going ahead at full tilt...preservationists say...quality is being ignored for the sake of speed.](#) [images]- Moscow Times (Russia)

[Putin announces Kremlin Museum restoration: The Russian President will appeal directly to private companies for sponsorship.](#) - The Art Newspaper

[How a flower arrangement caused fear and loathing: Should the Design Museum celebrate floral displays or feats of engineering? The resignation of James Dyson reveals a long-simmering row between director and trustees.](#) By Deyan Sudjic- Guardian (UK)

[James Dyson, Defending An Upright Position: ...resigned \[from London's prestigious Design Museum\] in protest over what he sees as a drift from serious discussion to fluff.](#) By Linda Hales- Washington Post

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