

## Today's News - May 25, 2005

All is not rosy as it seems for cities' renaissance. – Suburban sprawl finally facing polluted runoff - and doing something about it. – When worlds collide: the battle for SCI-Arc campus. – The great malls of China: "a shoppers' version of paradise and hell all wrapped in one." – Mega-mall in upstate New York offers lessons for future mall builders. – In San Diego, a plea for the "GSA to make the design process as transparent as the brilliant tower it proposes to build." – Whitney wins with Plan B. – Big plans for Cincinnati Art Museum. – Miami's Fontainebleau but with a Vegas address. – A Brit to build at Princeton. – Taniguchi is not about flash. – Winners all: Toronto Architecture & Urban Design Awards; Architecture for Humanity's Siyathemba competition; and ASLA's newest honorary members.

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[As Pressure Increases, So Do Ways to Curb Polluted Runoff: ...new environmental features to help turn back a little-addressed cost of a half-century of suburban sprawl: polluted runoff.](#) - Washington Post

[Architecture school caught in downtown legal tangle: In a three-sided legal battle, Sci-Arc's leaders fight over control of their campus...Each day the worlds of design, development and law collide anew.](#) -- Thom Mayne; Eric Owen Moss- Los Angeles Times

[China, New Land of Shoppers, Builds Malls on Gigantic Scale: The South China Mall - a jumble of Disneyland and Las Vegas, a shoppers' version of paradise and hell all wrapped in one - will be nearly three times the size of the massive Mall of America in Minnesota.](#) [images]- New York Times

[DestiNY's Child: Mega-mall in upstate New York could give birth to a clean-energy awakening](#) [images]- Grist Magazine

[A federal case: Making a plea for public testimony in the courthouse design process...surely it's not too late for GSA to make the design process as transparent as the brilliant tower it proposes to build. By Ann Jarmusch](#) – Richard Meier & Partners; Spurlock Poirier Landscape Architects [image]- San Diego Union-Tribune

[Revised Whitney Museum Plan Wins Panel's Approval: The modified expansion plan...would prevent the razing of one Madison Avenue brownstone.](#) – Renzo Piano [images]- New York Times

[Cincinnati Art Museum plans major renovation: ...has hired Cooper, Robertson & Partners...to help create a facilities master plan.](#) - Cincinnati Enquirer

[Taking 1950's Miami Beach Chic to the Desert: The Fontainebleau hotel in Miami, South Florida's largest hotel, is about to become a brand extension in Las Vegas.](#) -- Morris Lapidus (1954)- New York Times

[Hopkins selected as architect for Princeton University's new chemistry building and its surrounding neighborhood...will collaborate with Payette Associates...](#) - News @ Princeton

[Yoshio Taniguchi: Designs to refresh the spirit: ...not about flashy or showy architecture, but about beautiful forms arising out of function and a relation to the wider environment.](#) [images]- Japan Times

[Winners of the City of Toronto Architecture & Urban Design Awards 2005](#) – Alsop Architects/Robbie/Young & Wright Architects; Urban Design Associates/Joe Lobko Architect/DuToit, Alsopp, Hillier/GHK; Giannone Associates Architects; etc.- Canadian Architect

[Pittsburgh architect wins international Siyathemba competition...to design the "perfect pitch," for the youth of Somkhele, South Africa... nine finalists and sixteen honorable mentions](#) – Swee Hong Ng [images]- Architecture for Humanity

[ASLA Names Eight New Honorary Members](#) – Randall Arendt; Charles Eliot Beveridge; Edward A. Feiner, FAIA; Barbara A. King; William C. Main; Ed McMahon; Bette Midler; Tom Murphy- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

[Exhibition Review: "The 60s: Montréal Thinks Big": The 1960s: just long enough ago to be familiar, yet far enough in the past to look back at this time of radical urban redevelopment with some degree of objectivity.](#) By Terri Whitehead [images]- ArchNewsNow

[Build Business: Client Loyalty -- What You Don't Know Could Hurt You.](#) By Stephanie Craft, CPSM

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