

## Today's News - April 3, 2006

ArcSpace takes us to Hadid's Phaeno Science Center. – Interesting takes on Katrina Cottage-Cute, New Urbanists, and not very useful proposals for New Orleans from the "insular" world of avant-garde architects. – A shack built for 1906 earthquake refugees takes up temporary residence in 21st century San Francisco (with lessons for NOLA?). – Thumbs-up - with reservations - for towers in Mississauga and Philadelphia. – A landscape architect has big, green plans for China's boomtowns. – Two very different takes on Chipperfield's library in Des Moines (though both lament the landscape). – Parking problems and solutions in 3 parts. – The U.K.'s newest threat: the Historic Buildings Liberation Front. – Holyrood wins another award, but some feel so many accolades "devalue the prizes for future winners." – Pearman and Woodward pay tribute to the visionary Gandy (with some great images). – Sudjic sings high praise for V&A's "stunning survey of modernism." – NYT's special design magazine.

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[The Katrina Cottage: Cute beats cutting-edge when it comes to temporary shelters. Say what you want about the new urbanists... By Witold Rybczynski – Marianne Cusato, Andrés Duany, Steve Oubre, Susan Henderson, Eric Moser, Steve Mouzon, Matt Lambert, Diane Dorney \[images, links\]- Slate](#)

[Adopting a built-in respect for nature: New Orleans must look back to move ahead...may help change how Americans in other cities threatened by natural disasters...think about the relationship between architecture and risk. By Christopher Hawthorne – Marianne Cusato; MVRDV; Morphosis; UN Studio; Huff + Gooden; Allison and John Anderson- Los Angeles Times](#)

[The rent was \\$2 a month, gave quake refugees a roof. A restored \[1906\] shack to be open to public ...The newest building on Market Street may also be the most humble. By John King \[images\]- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[Bravo for Mississauga – with a tiny caveat: Choosing architect Yansong Ma's curvaceous skyscraper for the Absolute project was a gutsy move. Let's hope that mutters of 'change' don't wind up diluting the artistic integrity of the design. By Jogn Bentley Mays – MAD- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[City grows up, up without a plan: Today, the main issue is no longer about how high Philadelphia's towers should go. It's about guiding what happens on the ground. By Inga Saffron – Agoos/Lovera Architects; Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[A Force Of Nature: China's top landscape architect is on a quest to bring unexpected beauty to the nation's boomtowns – Yu Kongjian- Time Asia](#)

[Architecture 'elegantly .... appropriately simple': Now Des Moines has something fresh to crow about: A copper-hued Central Library, where...David Chipperfield has wrung good design out of a budget that could have produced something dreadful. By Blair Kamin – Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunk; Zimmer Gunsul Frasca; Substance \[image\]- Des Moines Register](#)

[Questions overshadow shiny exterior: ...proponents hoped \[new library\] would have "cutting edge and different architecture." While it may be that, the architectural formal statement and the character of the park around it \(or what's left of it\) remain causes for lament. By Mira Engler – David Chipperfield- Des Moines Register](#)

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[Heritage extremists threaten builders with sites damage: Shadowy group \[Historic Buildings Liberation Front\] attacks developments...Britain's first known architectural extremists...- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[It's unsafe but parliament still has architecture fans beaming: Embarrassed Holyrood bosses have been keeping quiet about the latest accolade from the UK Civic Trust...string of awards won by the parliament devalued the prizes for future winners.- Edinburgh Evening News](#)

[John Soane's magician: the tragic genius of Joseph Gandy...he was no failure, because his extraordinary visions survive. By Hugh Pearman \[images\]- HughPearman.com \(UK\)](#)

[Let there be light: He was one of the greatest Romantic visionaries and architectural illustrators of his age, yet he died penniless and anonymous in a darkened asylum cell. Christopher Woodward salutes the neglected genius of Joseph Gandy- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

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