

## Today's News - May 11, 2006

America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places, from New Orleans to Ground Zero. – WTC memorial woes: promises of fidelity to "vision" (not "design"). – In Cleveland, better to re-use a Breuer building than bulldoze it. – Canadian developers catching "green" fever. – A British minister caught in double-speak: "breathtaking hypocrisy" regarding housing developments (a NIMBY-ist at heart?). – Another massive urban development planned for Dubai. – Real-time maps could make cities more livable. – Austin's newest skyscraper will be "a sleek, flared glass tower." – A new Dublin gallery makes art sing. – Lectures in Tel Aviv introduce Israelis to Abalos and Herreros; and Betsky lands "a punch in the face of the Israeli world of planning and architecture." – Q&A with Mike Davis/"Planet of Slums." – Long live Jane Jacobs (but perhaps she should have spent more time in Brooklyn and Queens than Greenwich Village). – Stardom finally finds "the most prolific designer you've never heard of."

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[America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places: Ranging from flood-ravaged communities to the staircase used by World Trade Center survivors... \[images, links\]](#)  
National Trust for Historic Preservation

[Cost and Safety Put \[WTC\] Memorial's Striking Vision at Risk: Even as they contemplate a radical revision of the ground zero memorial in the interests of economy, security and politics, officials promise fidelity to what they call the "Arad-Walker vision," ...It is telling that they use the word "vision," not "design."](#)- New York Times

[Saving downtown high-rise draws support: ...could save tens of millions of dollars by renovating a 35-year-old downtown office tower designed by Marcel Breuer instead of tearing it down and replacing it.](#) By Steven Litt -- Douglas Hoffman/Weber Murphy Fox: Davis Brody Bond- Cleveland Plain Dealer

[Developers catch 'green' building fever: LEED applications rise steadily since program began...has almost doubled over the past 11 months as they scramble to keep up with public demand.](#) -- Canada Green Building Council (CaGBC)- Business Edge (Canada)

[\[Communities minister\] Ruth Kelly exposed as champion Nimby: ...accused of double standards after pledging this week to "root out" the Not-in-my-backyard...tendency to oppose new housing developments.](#) - Telegraph (UK)

[Dubai World Central makes urban planning history: ...a massive, multi-phase \[\\$33 billion\] development centred around the world's largest international airport...a new city where eventually some 750,000 people will live and work...](#) - Property World Middle East (Dubai)

[Real-Time Maps Could Help Make Cities More Livable: MIT's Carlo Ratti uses location data from cell phones and laptops to create maps of human activity in cities...gives insight into where people like to work and how traffic flows...](#)- Technology Review (MIT)

[World-renowned architects designing Austin high-rise: ...a sleek, flared glass tower that would dramatically alter downtown's skyline.](#) -- Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects [image]- Austin American-Statesman (Texas)

[New Hugh Lane Gallery building makes art sing...on Dublin's Parnell Street...This building is an art lover.](#) -- Des McMahon/Gilroy McMahon Architects- Irish Times

[Guest lecturers: Abalos and Herreros are the most prominent of the middle generation of architects after the end of the Franco era...Aaron Betsky landed a direct hit in the face of the Israeli world of planning and architecture.](#) By Esther Zandberg- Ha'aretz (Israel)

[Turning a Planet into a Slum: What the urban dumping grounds of the poor mean for all of us. Q&A with Mike Davis/"Planet of Slums"- Mother Jones](#)

[Jane Jacobs is Dead: Long Live Jane Jacobs: Everyone who reads The Death and Life should follow it up with...Kunstler's The Geography of Nowhere, that other great -- and even angrier -- book written by an "amateur" about the past, present and future of American cities and towns.](#) By Frank J. Gruber- The LookOut (Santa Monica, CA)

[Belatedly, Stardom Finds a 20th-Century Master: Viktor Schreckengost may be the most prolific designer you've never heard of. But that is about to change.](#) [images]- New York Times

[-- Maya Lin: Confluence Project, Cape Disappointment State Park, Ilwaco, Washington](#)  
[-- Maya Lin: Systematic Landscapes, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, Washington](#)

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