

Today's News - August 30, 2006

A town considers its urban options (density is not necessarily the bogeyman). – Principals of New Urbanism are not the problem. – Moscow's Pushkin Square may soon sport a glitzy mall and a super highway. – Britain's "beauty spots" threatened by those charged with protecting them. – MoMA's economic impact study may look good on paper, but perhaps it belongs framed in the current Dada show. – An amusing tour through Germany's "temples of vroom." – A "luminous, tranquil chapel" for families of 9/11 victims gets a much-needed renovation. – A call to establish Geo-Tectural Planning course combining geography, architecture, and urban planning for a sustainable future. – A hotel in outer space coming closer to reality? – Architects are hot in Hollywood. – PBS brings us Wright in Buffalo. – After Venice, head to Beijing's 2nd Architecture Biennial.

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[When is town called urban? Columbia confronts a future replete with benefits, ills..."Density per se isn't the bogeyman"](#)- Baltimore Sun

[Can We Afford New Urbanism? Developers and builders are biting the hook...But in a country whose primary focus these days is marketing and capitalizing on good ideas, the social principles of the TND \[traditional neighborhood development\] become obscured.](#)- Pine Magazine (Atlanta)

[Shoppers threaten to topple father of Russian literature: Glitzy mall may replace fabled Pushkin square...part of a grander scheme that will effectively create a super highway to the heart of Moscow.](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Beauty spots 'under threat': The defenders of Britain's countryside stand accused of defying their own planning rules...bypassing rural safeguards in development drive.](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Creative Accounting: MoMA's Economic Impact Study: It's one the Dadaists would appreciate...Quick, frame the study and add it to the exhibition before it closes in September.](#)- Wall Street Journal

[Temples of vroom: In Germany, automakers are in fierce competition to come up with the most jaw-dropping shrines...automakers routinely commission futuristic buildings from rock-star architects to serve as metaphoric extensions of the brand...But never has the competition been so close... – van Berkel/Bos/UN Studio; Piano; Hadid; Gunter Henn \[images\]](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Renovating a Sacred Place, Where the 9/11 Remains Wait...a luminous, tranquil chapel where victims' relatives can gather privately to mourn. – 1100 Architect \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Bhatti suggests 'Geo-Tectural Planning' centre at Guru Nanak Dev University: ...said that if natural environment was to be saved for future generations, we must resort to the theory, practice, research and pedagogy of a Holistic Architecture...plan for coordinating the disciplines of geography, architecture, planning...](#)- Punjab Newsline (India)

[An Outer Space Inn: Can He Manage It? Budget Suites mogul Robert Bigelow plans an inflatable outer space hotel. Among many things, he needs rich clients and a launch pad...betting \\$500 million that he can open the first inflatable motel in outer space.](#)- Los Angeles Times

[And now let us praise hot architects. Hollywood can't get enough of them.: Unlike a painter or poet – to which the adjective "starving" is...attached – architects are assumed to have an earning capacity that would allow them to live large on the screen.](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[PBS Documentary 'Frank Lloyd Wright's Buffalo' to Air Nationwide September 4-](#) Yahoo News

[2nd Architectural Biennial Beijing \(ABB2006\): "City and Architecture: Resources, Efficiency and Environment Friendliness"; September 26 - October 6-](#) Architectural Biennial, Beijing

[INSIGHT: Iconicity: Finding Your Voice in a Changing World. By Kenneth Nisch/JGA-](#) ArchNewsNow

[– Masterplan: Daniel Libeskind: Ørestaden, Copenhagen](#)

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