

Today's News - October 31, 2006

An economist pays tribute to his architect-father who taught him to "balance my economist's tendency to put too much confidence in theory and statistics." – A blizzard of green stories about how to be nice to the Earth and the bottom line. – As Scotland plans its first new town in 50 years, it has the chance to finally get it right. – U.S. government agencies not walking the talk when it comes to sprawl. – Farrelly reviews (and agrees with) former Australian prime minister's rant about "the shoddiness of NSW planning...the rapaciousness of its developers, the shabbiness of its architecture and...the mediocrity of modernism." – A Denver architect bemoans misleading hyperbole about Holl courthouse project. – While Nashville could use some eye-catching architecture, there are some positive signs of change. – Eschewing "nicey nicey architects" for "stellar weirdos," Maggie's Centres have become "Britain's bravest architectural patron." – Modular homes with architectural panache find a place in New Orleans (not without challenges). – Q&A with landscape architect Janet Rosenberg: "We need these urban oases." – An underwater Atlantis in Manila. – Beirut Gate project takes its first step. – After 20 years of fighting for Madison Ave. expansion (and finally winning), it looks more and more like the Whitney is looking elsewhere. – The spy-proof embassies in Washington, DC, and Beijing. – Dallas restaurants getting the starchitect treatment. – A Chicago architect is his own guinea pig. – Trump gives Kamin a harrumph. – It's Architecture Day all next week in Miami. — Happy Halloween!!!

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[Tribute: My Father, the Architect: Ludwig Glaeser...to my knowledge, never built a building...spent much of his career as a curator at the Museum of Modern Art, and then briefly became director of the Canadian Center for Architecture...His passion for cities and buildings nurtured my own.](#) By Edward Glaeser- New York Sun

[Focus: Going green to save green: Those who live in glass houses...The surprising benefits behind transparency/Solomon Cordwell Buenz; Energy and aesthetics/HJKessler Associates; When the savings are hidden below your feet/Perkins+Will/Eva Maddox; etc. \[links\]-](#) Crain's Chicago Business

[Mettle needed to forge the future at Ravenscraig: ...Scottish Executive published a bold report on architecture...pledged itself to improve the quality of architecture across the country...It's a big promise. And now we have the perfect site where that promise can be delivered...we must get this one right.](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[Federal Agencies' Outward Migration Irks Area Officials: Relocations Undermine Efforts To Limit Sprawl, Planners Say: In scattering employees to the region's outer edges...the federal government has undermined efforts to concentrate growth near public transit and the area's urban core...](#)- Washington Post

[Opportunity knocks, links one crisis with another: Keating's question is essentially the same as Alain de Botton's, namely: why is the modern world so ugly? ...why is modernism so inept...They're questions that the architectural profession seems determined to ignore. But it does so at its peril.](#) By Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald

[An architect's drive for excellence: Steven Holl's schematic design for Denver's new courthouse imagined a building that could be a wonderful addition to our city...hyperbole such as "ego-driven icons designed by the famous" is not only misleading, it distracts from the core issue here: how we define, value and realize excellence.](#) By George Hoover- Denver Post

[Creating Places: Nashville...could use a major infusion of cutting-edge architectural additions... Encouragingly, however, there are signs of change. -- Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart; Big V; Everton Oglesby Architects; Hastings Architecture; Gresham, Smith & Partners; Blaine Bonadies; Manuel Zeitlin; Woodson Gilchrist Architect-](#) Nashville City Paper

[Patients are a virtue: The humane architecture of Maggie's Centres puts the NHS to shame ...consistently commissions buildings not from nicey nicey architects but stellar weirdos such as Frank Gehry and Daniel Libeskind — thereby single-handedly becoming Britain's bravest architectural patron.](#) By Tom Dyckhoff -- Zaha Hadid; Nightingale Associates; Hopkins Architects- The Times (UK)

[Move-in Specials: Factory-built homes could find a huge following in architecturally diverse New Orleans... The issue of fitting into New Orleans neighborhoods has been a challenge for the modular industry. -- Nurhan Gokturk; Michael Bell-](#) The Times-Picayune (New Orleans)

["We need these urban oases": Q&A with landscape architect Janet Rosenberg-](#) Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

[Modern Atlantis soon to rise in Alaminos City: ...20-year Master Development Plan \[includes\] Hundred Islands Underwater Marine Park...transparent, air-filled tubes suspended beneath the water's surface through which tourists can walk beneath the islets... -- Palafox Associates; F.F. Cruz-](#) Manila Standard Today

[Beirut Gate first plot sold within two weeks of launch: ...first of eight plots in its US\\$ 600million mega-project...an integrated commercial and residential seaway project in the Beirut Central District, commonly known as Solidere... -- Christian de Potzempark; Arquitectonica; Nabil Gholam; Erga Group-](#) Mena Report (Jordan)

[Whitney Museum May Move Expansion to Downtown Site: ... won its struggle to have the city approve a tower designed by Renzo Piano...has instead set its sights on...the entrance to the High Line... -- Breuer \(1966\); Graves \(1985\); Koolhaas \(2003\)-](#) New York Times

[Once bugged...!, US, China go for spy-proof embassies: ...taking extreme precautions in building landmark embassies in each other's capitals. -- Pei Partnership Architects; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(AFP\)-](#) The Peninsula (Qatar)

[New restaurants relish design of the place as much as the art on the plate: A few years ago...Dallas restaurant design was as memorable as a bowl of prune whip. No](#)

[more...sawv restaurateurs are discovering that good design endures. By David Dillon -- Bentel & Bentel; Beck Group; David Rockwell; Steve Jones-](#) Dallas Morning News

[Movin' on up: Architect is one with his creations...Laurence Booth's residency in the Palmolive is more than a new address. It's an experiment of sorts..."I'm my own guinea pig." By Kevin Nance -- Booth Hansen-](#) Chicago Sun-Times

[Trump's harrumph: Developer calls to debate the merits of his Michigan Avenue hotel-condo ad... Cities around the country are struggling with similar conflicts as they weigh whether to let outdoor advertising companies erect...street furniture that provide an amenity for the public but are plastered with advertising. By Blair Kamin-](#) Chicago Tribune

[Architecture Day Miami, November 6-12: Cesar Pelli's Carnival Center; Arquitectonica Style; South Florida Urbanism, Yesterday & Today; etc. -- Terrence Riley; Craig Robins; Rene Gonzalez; Chad Oppenheim-](#) Architectural Digest



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