

Today's News - January 5, 2007

Pigs fly in Chicago as landmarks commission throttles "a plan for a spectacularly ill-conceived act of architectural taxidermy." – Cloepfil doing a triple in Clinton, NY. – Valerio Dewalt Train delivers a blockbuster in Madison. – Marion wows them down under. – Copyright infringement case continues. – Squatter cities: "where tomorrow's leaders will likely be born." – Rybczynski hails Hoffman. – Vote for your favorite "City of the Future." – Weekend diversions: Gritty Brits in Pittsburgh. – Czech prisms and pyramids in Prague. – The history of technology "eviscerates our obsession with novelty" and looks at the way we really use things. – Nance on de Botton: "[he] finds comfort in more of the same...familiar architecture is required to act as a kind of cultural Valium." – Meanwhile, de Botton finds Vancouver a plague of condos. – Perfect houses on the horizon designed by "New Pragmatists."

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[Stunning decision was right choice: Pigs flew. When Chicago's landmarks commission stiffened its spine Thursday and throttled a plan for a spectacularly ill-conceived act of architectural taxidermy, the vote was a stunner. By Blair Kamin -- Philip B. Maher \(1920s\); Lucien Lagrange-](#) Chicago Tribune

[Hamilton College Trustees Authorize Next Step for New Arts Facilities: Three Buildings Are Being Designed -- Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works; Reed Hilderbrand-](#) Hamilton College News (Clinton, NY)

[Blockbuster! The nearly complete rebuilding of Block 89 deserves its rave reviews -- Valerio Dewalt Train \[image\]-](#) Isthmus (Madison, WI)

[Starchitect turns emporiums into entertainment hubs: A Peter Marino interior is more like a work of art than a retail space-](#) The Australian

[Damages lowered for copied mansion: Jury in a retrial says an architect is entitled to a fraction of the award for copyright infringement. -- William Hablinski-](#) Los Angeles Times

[TEDTalks: "Shadow Cities" with author Robert Neuwirth: ...a tour of the world's squatter cities...exalts these self-built cities as vital centers of ingenuity and innovation, where tomorrow's leaders will likely be born.-](#) TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design)

[The Viennese Master: Josef Hoffmann's spas and mansions. By Witold Rybczynski \[slide-show essay\]-](#) Slate

[Cast your vote for your favorite "City of the Future" design -- ARO: Architecture Research Office \(NYC\); UrbanLab \(Chicago\); Eric Owen Moss Architects \(Los Angeles\); Daniel Libeskind \[images\]-](#) The History Channel

["Gritty Brits: New London Architecture" on view at the Heinz Architectural Center of Carnegie Museum of Art \(Pittsburgh\) January 20 - June 3 -- Adjaye/Associates; Caruso St John Architects; FAT \(Fashion Architecture Taste\); Niall McLaughlin Architects; muf; Sergison Bates architects-](#) Canadian Architect

[Prisms and pyramids: Exhibition, book celebrate a Czech architectural phenomenon: "Czech Architectural Cubism 1911-1914: A Remarkable Trend That Was Born in Prague" -- Pavel Janák; Josef Gocár; Josef Chochola; Emil Králíček; etc.-](#) The Prague Post

[Book review: "The Shock of the Old" by David Edgerton: redefining the history of technology... Instead of recording the history of when devices and processes were invented or predicted, why not look at the way we really use things?. By Hugh Pearman-](#) HughPearman.com (UK)

[Building beauty or blandness? In choice between architectural creativity and conformity, author Alain de Botton finds comfort in more of the same...in "The Architecture of Happiness"...originality in architecture is overrated...familiar architecture is required to act as a kind of cultural Valium. By Kevin Nance-](#) Chicago Sun-Times

[Q&A with Alain de Botton: A 'Plague' of Condos...and other observations on Vancouver from the author of "Architecture of Happiness"-](#) The Tyee (Vancouver)

["The Perfect \\$100,000 House" by Karrie Jacobs: Little House on the drawing board: A new crop of inexpensive, hip homes is good news for young adults...A good number of mostly young, very inventive architects are working on designs for cheap, cool houses...She calls them the New Pragmatists. -- Peter and Mark Anderson; Brett Zamore; Mark Sofield-](#) The Journal Times (Racine, WI)

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