

Today's News - Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Glancey pays tribute to a master of "an unfashionable kind of architecture: buildings that were civil, intelligent and humane." - Moscow's architectural gems being bulldozed to build "ghettos for the rich." - Oroussoff is taken by obscure Russian architectural gems from the '70s and '80s on view in NYC. - Glancey finds Gordon Brown's "eco-towns" plan not much more than greenwash. - Kaplicky defends his Czech National Library design. - If Brighton, U.K., can attract the likes of Gehry, Gough, and Eyre, then how can it accept "ugly, square, lumpen, dull slabs" for a housing scheme? - An architect dedicated to bringing affordable, well-designed housing to blighted areas of Milwaukee. - A historic Virginia icon reborn as an "intriguing 21st-century masterwork." - A new "heart of glass" for Johns Hopkins' historic Gilman Hall. - Russell declares Holl's Nelson-Atkins expansion "a rich and accomplished work of U.S. design." - Adjaye's Denver museum will gleam LEED Gold. - Cobb's San Diego tower promises to be "dignified rather than flashy." - Winners announced in Cooper-Hewitt's 8th Annual National Design Awards. - Prouvé's Maison Tropicale on public view in Long Island City (come up with \$4-\$6 million and you can take it home!).

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[Obituary: Colin St John Wilson, 1922-2007: The man behind the British Library produced an unfashionable kind of architecture: buildings that were civil, intelligent and humane. By Jonathan Glancey- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Russian capital's architectural gems bulldozed: 1,000 historic buildings destroyed, experts warn. Ghettos for rich replace Moscow's unique heritage- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Soviet Architects and Their Edifice Complex: "CCCP: Cosmic Communist Constructions Photographed," an exhibition on Soviet architecture from the '70s and '80s...packed with obscure architectural gems...a peek into the mentality of Soviet architects of that era. By Nicolai Oroussoff -- Georgy Chakhava; Igor Vasilevsky \[images\]- New York Times](#)

[Brown's 'eco towns' are a greenwash: Gordon Brown's proposal for five new 'eco towns' is the latest in a gush of dubious planning propositions that can only damage the environment. By Jonathan Glancey- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Czech-born architect Jan Kaplicky, whose British Future Systems studio won the contest for the new building of the National Library \(NK\) in Prague, opposed the objections to his design raised by Czech President Vaclav Klaus during the presentation of the project in the Senate today.- CeskéNoviny.cz](#)

[Wimpey's effort is a 'tawdry travesty': ...its brochure...refers to the housing as a high quality contemporary design...That sounds good until you see the ugly, square, lumpen, dull slabs that someone has thought fit to stick on one of the best sites in Brighton. \[image\]- The Argus \(UK\)](#)

[Good neighbor: Under the lead of architect John Holz, UW-Milwaukee students and other volunteers are bringing affordable housing to blighted areas of Milwaukee. -- Plunkett Raysich Architects- M Magazine \(Milwaukee\)](#)

[A Timeless Achievement: Inside the \\$104.5 million renovation of Thomas Jefferson's iconic Virginia state Capitol...intriguing 21st-century masterwork. By Edwin Slipek Jr. -- George C. Skarmeas/Hillier \[slide show\]- Style Weekly \(Virginia\)](#)

[Gilman Hall will grow a new heart of glass: Space needed to transform main building on Johns Hopkins University campus was right there all the time. By Edward Gunts -- Parker and Thomas \(1915\); R.M. Kliment & Frances Halsband Architects \[images\]- Baltimore Sun](#)

[Nelson-Atkins Riches Will Shine in Steven Holl's New \\$200 Million Wing: ...a rich and accomplished work of U.S. design... The Bloch makes a compelling case that gallery architecture need not defer to the white-box ideal. By James S. Russell- Bloomberg News](#)

[Shape sustains its mission: Museum of Contemporary Art/Denver features energy-efficient design...on track to become the first Gold LEED-certified contemporary art museum in the country... -- David Adjaye- Denver Post](#)

[Irvine Co. planning 'elegant' tower: ...a dignified rather than flashy design...for its planned 34-story office tower in downtown San Diego...inspired by the Monadnock building in Chicago.... -- Henry N. Cobb/Pei Cobb Freed & Partners \[image\]- San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

[Cooper-Hewitt Announces Winners of Eighth Annual National Design Awards -- Antoine Predock; Denise Scott Brown and Robert Venturi; Frank Ching; Office dA; Lewis.Tsurumaki.Lewis \(LTL\); Peter Walker and Partners; Adobe; Maharam \[images\]- Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum](#)

[From Africa to Queens Waterfront, a Modernist Gem for Sale to the Highest Bidder: Maison Tropicale, a small aluminum-paneled house built in 1951 by Jean Prouvé...opened to the public for preview in Long Island City. Christie's...presale estimate is \\$4 million to \\$6 million. \[slide show\]- New York Times](#)



[Under Construction: Zaha Hadid Architects: Cagliari Contemporary Arts Centre, Cagliari, Italy](#)

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