

Today's News - Tuesday, October 2, 2007

If everything goes as planned, Winnipeg will have a new downtown. – Suburban Boston mall transformed into its own downtown. – Hess hopes architects of an until-now "ill-starred" suburban town center in California will "sustain their creativity to the end." – Upside of real estate down-turn: San Diego luxury condo project becomes affordable housing (not all are pleased). – "Trophy planning" is a bait-and-switch scheme. – U.K. gets revised zero carbon homes guide. – Construction folks not all that pleased with "Broken Buildings, Busted Budgets." – New college wants to turn out engineers with soul and courage, "not just calculating machines." – How MIT's SENSEable City Laboratory's Wiki City technology can be used by urban planners. – An urban anthropologist evaluates his favorite urban habitats. – Fujimori's "gleefully childlike" architecture invites you to play in the dirt (pix to prove it!). – A new use for a government bunker. – Keeping acoustics in mind, architects are reinventing the concert hall. – An odds-maker places the odds on Stirling winner. – 2nd annual Carbuncle Cup shortlist for worst British building of the year. – RIAS short-list for Andrew Doolan Award. – South Africa's best green building. – Ontario's 2007 ARIDO Awards of Excellence. – October is L.A.'s first Architecture Month.

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[Winnipeg in 2012: What could be: If everyone's plans come through, 2012 will see a new downtown...many of downtown's dead zones are destined for more than just a cosmetic facelift, thanks to the combined, if not exactly concerted efforts of private investors, public utilities, development agencies and politicians.](#) - Winnipeg Free Press (Canada)

[When Downtown Is in the Suburbs: What was once a lonely mall in suburban Boston is now prime real estate...Nouvelle at Natick...the first built within an older enclosed shopping mall...transformation of the mall is less revolutionary than evolutionary.](#) - New York Times

[The new Sunnyvale vision: As a new Town Center rises, architects and city officials must strive to make the most of this suburban opportunity.](#) By Alan Hess -- Kenneth Rodrigues & Partners; RTKL; KTG Group; Guzzardo Partnership- Mercury News (California)

[Luxury project becomes affordable: Thanks to the nearly flat-lined downtown real estate market, what was supposed to be a luxury condominium tower is morphing into a landmark low-income apartment project.](#) - San Diego Union-Tribune

[Architect complains of 'trophy planning': Richard Murphy...claims that after his designs won planning permission "in a remarkably short time" and also gained approval from Historic Scotland...his firm was replaced without notice by Yeoman McAllister...](#) - The Scotsman (UK)

[Communities and Local Government \(CLG\) publishes revised zero carbon homes guide...under the Code for Sustainable Homes, following feedback from the construction industry.](#) [link]- Contract Journal (UK)

[Fix Construction's "Busted Budgets"?: Barry LePatner...sees a problem with the construction industry in the United States — clearly indicated by the title of his book "Broken Buildings, Busted Budgets." Unsurprisingly, construction leaders are troubled by his claims.](#) - Architectural Record

[Re-Engineering Engineering: In an era when software matters more than steel, Olin College wants to produce technologists with soul...to make engineers "comfortable as citizens and not just calculating machines"...stressing creativity, teamwork and entrepreneurship — and, in no small part, courage.](#) - New York Times Magazine

[Technology Meets The City: Massachusetts Institute of Technology's SENSEable City Laboratory's "Wiki City Rome" team leader Francesco Calabrese talks about the project and how similar uses of technology can be used by urban planners.](#) - PLANetizen

[Impresario of the Village Green: Fred Kent is an urban anthropologist and space doctor, and as founder of the Project for Public Spaces...he spends his days observing homo sapiens in one of its favorite habitats: cities.](#) [links]- New York Times

[Terunobu Fujimori and the roots of reinvention: Japanese architect pays homage to the hut, history and a nature-filled way of life....There is something gleefully childlike about the mayhem in \[his\] architecture, as if he is beckoning you to play in the dirt, to get a splinter in your finger.](#) [slide show]- Los Angeles Times

[Library of Congress Gives Hillside Bunker a New Use: How do you . . . adaptively reuse and expand an existing structure into a state-of-the-art preservation and storage facility? National Audio-Visual Conservation Center ...to preserve collection of moving pictures and sound recordings.](#) -- SmithGroup; BAR Architects; SWA [images]- IAArchitect

[Concert Halls Hit High Notes: Once merely built to house an orchestra and host events, halls are becoming social centers and tourist attractions. Still, architects keep acoustics in mind -- Jean Nouvel; van Loon/Scheeren/KoolhaasOffice for Metropolitan Architecture \(OMA\); Gehry; Yasuhisa Toyota/Nagata Acoustics](#) [slide show]- BusinessWeek

[William Hill tips David Chipperfield to win Stirling prize: With only four days to go until the prize draw, who do you think will win the RIBA Stirling Prize? -- Glenn Howells Architects: Office for Metropolitan Architecture \(OMA\)/Arup-AFA; Haworth Tompkins; Foster + Partners- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Carbuncle Cup shortlist revealed: Seven buildings are on the shortlist for...worst building of the year. -- Peter Redhead Architects; Norman Foster; BBLB Architects/John Rocha; Stephen George and Partners; Allford Hall Monaghan Morris; Edward Potter Associates; East Riding Council Architects/Atkins \[images, links\]- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland \(RIAS\) reveals short-list for Andrew Doolan Award -- Malcolm Fraser Architects; Gordon Murray & Alan Dunlop Architects; Zaha Hadid; Page/Park Architects; Gareth Hoskins Architects; Reiach & Hall Architects- Archiseek \(Scotland\)](#)

[South Africa's best green building can be found in...Huis van Dijk in Johannesburg beat 11 other buildings...award presented by VISI magazine and the South African Institute of Architects \(SAIA\)... -- Earthworld Architects- Independent Online \(South Africa\)](#)

[Ontario's Top Interior Designers Recognized at 2007 ARIDO Awards of Excellence -- burdiflek; Figure 3; IBI Group; Chapman Design Group; Oomph; Anacleto Design Associates; full scale + partners; Hudson Kruse Design; Gow Hastings Architects; Cecconi Simone; HOK; Smith Grimley Harris Design Partners; etc.- Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario \(ARIDO\)](#)

[October is First Architecture Month in Los Angeles: Activities include the Mobius LA expo and design conference. \[links\]- Interior Design Newswire](#)



[-- kk Letter: Three days in Barcelona: Miralles/Tagliabue/EMBT; Arata Isozaki; Jean Nouvel; Herzog & de Meuron; Gaudi](#)  
[-- Design Hotel: Hotel Omm, Barcelona -- Juli Capella; Sandra Tarruella/Isabel López; Beth Figueras](#)

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