

Today's News - Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Ouroussoff weighs in on HUD demolition derby in New Orleans: "Cast as the city's saviors, architects are being used to compound one of the greatest crimes in American urban planning." – Hume brings home lessons from Denmark. – Farrelly bemoans the lack of political will to stand up for pedestrians: "Sydney will never be Copenhagen." – A discussion about the unintended consequences of building green: "not everyone can be made happy." – A new school "sports enough security features to make some prisons proud" (it's also pretty green). – Nobel on the "sublime insanity" of H&delM's 40 Bond Street. – There's nothing flamboyant about Philadelphia Museum of Art expansion (that works just fine). – The first generation of graduates from AUS "equipped to reconcile the go-go architecture of contemporary Dubai with its local and regional identities." – A new Corbu for Chandigarh; and a Q&A with Q&A with the president of the Fondation Le Corbusier. – Stanford hospitals pick stellar teams for mega-expansion project. – The challenges of designing for billionaires (budget is not one of them). – Young Chinese architects win big in 2007 Far Eastern Outstanding Architectural Design Awards. – AIA inaugurates first African-American president; Meier's Atheneum takes 25-Year Award; Sklarek and McKittrick honored as well. – Calls for entries: Van Alen's New York Prize Fellowship; 2008 Building for Life awards; and ICF Studio.

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[High Noon in New Orleans: The Bulldozers Are Ready: ...Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) has been itching to tear \[public housing projects\] down...But such thinking reflects a ruthless indifference to local realities.](#) By Nicolai Ouroussoff- New York Times

[What we can learn from Denmark: Traffic. Pollution. Daycare shortages. Chronic underfunding. How a country...confronted the issues that diminish our cities – and what it can teach us.](#) By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

[A buried bone that would bring handsome rewards: The reason pedestrians feel underprivileged downtown is that they cannot have more space or crossing time without it stuffing up the traffic even more - without, that is, proper public transport...Sydney will never be Copenhagen...](#) By Elizabeth Farrelly -- Jan Gehl; Yuval Fogelson- Sydney Morning Herald

[The Unintended Consequences of Building Green: ...not everyone can be made happy...energy and environmental design has forced everyone to "learn a new language."](#) – ARUP; Renzo Piano; Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; BOORA- The Architect's Newspaper

[School believes you can't be too safe: Welcome to Watertown-Mayer Elementary School, one of the newest -- and most unusual -- schools in Minnesota...sports enough security features to make some prisons proud...built using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design \(CPTED\) concepts...also one of the most ecologically friendly schools in the state...](#) -- Cunningham Group Architects- Post-Bulletin (Minnesota)

[Sublime Insanity: Herzog & de Meuron's 40 Bond is Ian Schrager's latest over-the-top attack on the cultural status quo.](#) By Philip Nobel [images]- Metropolis Magazine

[An Expansion a Quaker Could Love: ...Perelman Building of the Philadelphia Museum of Art...looks like what it was designed to be: a no-frills functional facility, brought in at reasonable cost. Flamboyant architectural statements were not envisioned for this low-key but essential project.](#) -- Gluckman Mayner Architects- Wall Street Journal

[Redefining Local: The American University of Sharjah injects some regional tradition into the rapidly modernizing Middle East...with the first generation of graduates emerging from the AUS, a growing number of designers are now equipped to reconcile the go-go architecture of contemporary Dubai with its local and regional identities.](#) -- Centimeter Cube Thinkspace [images]- Metropolis Magazine

[Chandigarh to get Museum of Knowledge: ...in the Capital Complex as per the original design of the Governor's Palace building...as planned by Le Corbusier...\[announced at\] 4-day workshop on "Management of Historic Urban Landscapes of the 20th Century"- Punjab Newsline \(India\)](#)

["We are taking Corbusier's legacy forward": Q&A with President of the Fondation Le Corbusier Jean-Pierre Duport-](#) The Economic Times (India)

[Stanford hospitals pick architects for up to \\$2 billion expansion/seismic project -- Rafael Vinoly; Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\); Lee, Burkhardt, Liu, Hammel, Green and Abrahamson \(HGA\)-](#) San Francisco Business Times

[The Brains Behind Billionaire Homes: ...money isn't a constraint but the stakes can be very high. Here, architects, including those responsible for creating homes for the likes of Bill Gates and David Geffen, talk about the challenges of bringing unrestrained visions to life.](#) -- Diane Lewis; Paul Discoe; Cutler Anderson Architects; Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; Gwathmey Siegel [slide show]- Fast Company

[Gems in the concrete jungle: Taiwan-based 2007 Far Eastern Outstanding Architectural Design Award...for the first time included Shanghai...aims to promote young Chinese architects...](#) -- Liu Jiakun; Miao Pu; Jay W. Chiu; Zhang Ming; Liu Yichun/Zhuang Shen/Chen Yifeng- Shanghai Daily

[Marshall E. Purnell, FAIA, Inaugurated as 2008 AIA President: 1st African-American AIA president's agenda focused on fostering alliances, advancing sustainability and](#)

[furthering diversity within the profession](#)- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[AIA Names 25-Year, Young, Kemper Awards for '08: 25 Year Award - Richard Meier's Atheneum:](#)

[Whitney M. Young Jr. Award - Norma Sklarek, FAIA...first African-American woman to become a registered architect and an AIA Fellow; Edward C. Kemper Award for Service to the Profession - Thomas L. McKittrick, FAIA](#)- Architectural Record

[Call for Fellows: applications for the 2008-2009 New York Prize Fellowship; deadline: March 7, 2008](#)- Van Alen Institute

[Call for entries: 2008 Building for Life awards for housing estates high design standards, good place making and sustainable development; deadline: February 29, 2008](#)- CABE (Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, UK)

[Call for entries: ICFE Studio...win a spot to display your prototypes; deadline: January 15, 2008](#)- ICFE/International Contemporary Furniture Fair

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-- SANA: New Museum, New York, NY

-- Competition winner: Coop Himmelb(l)au: Center of Performing Arts, Zarautz, Spain

-- The Architect's Studio: I.M. Pei Concept Sketches: Musée d'Art Moderne

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