

## Today's News - June 10, 2002

Healthcare design has taken to heart the now-irrefutable fact that environment does affect well-being, for both patients and staff. Today's feature presents the River Region Medical Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi, designed by Earl Swensson Associates. At almost 400,000 square feet, the massive complex uses natural light, architectural detailing, and interior landscaping based on historic Southern architectural details that put the focus on convenience for patients and staff efficiency.

As for the most recent news...much of it concerns housing: affordable, accessible, award-winning, and historic (check out "Levittown at 50").

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[Healthcare, Southern-style: River Region Medical Center by Earl Swensson Associates](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Redevelopment Goes Public: \[Imagine New York/Municipal Art Society\] Workshops Produce Ideas](#)- New York Times

[Working In Coalition by Mike Kuo: He sums up the recent reports by each coalition and finds their visions remarkably similar \[links to reports "Competing Visions?" and "Working In Coalition"\]](#)- Gotham Gazette

[Accessible, adaptable and affordable: 42 teams of architects enter city competition to design accessible, affordable homes](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Developing a vision for the city: 'Renaissance man' Gary Grunau uses tenacity, arm-twisting to help mold Milwaukee By Whitney Gould](#)- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[I have seen the future - and it's wet: Jonathan Glancey is blown away by Switzerland's Expo.02 - Diller + Scofidio; Jean Nouvel; Co-op Himmelblau; Jacques Sbriglio and Gruppe Multipack; Groupe H](#)- The Guardian (UK)

[Harlem Neighborhood Competes for a Stretch of Riverfront: ...two competing, and largely incompatible, proposals for developing the city-owned property](#)- New York Times

[Levittown, an icon of the American suburb, turns 50 \(AP\) \[images\]](#)- CNN

[Local architects' Design Awards program recognizes a surprising range of excellence \[images\]](#)- Union-Tribune (San Diego)

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[Trading up to life in a chicken coop: With adaptive reuse structures star in new roles as apartments, offices](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Revised fire code will save time, money: Fire-safety laws for buildings relaxed to reflect new technology, more flexibility for architects now](#)- The Straits Times (Singapore)

[New water plant triumph of community involvement: bleeding-edge technology housed in what looks like an oversized 19th-century cottage - Urban Design Associates](#)- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[Japanese Home Standards Changing: In Nation Famous for 'Rabbit Hutches,' Japanese Growing Choosier About Homes](#)- ABC News

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