

Today's News - September 24, 2004

Too many checklists: is good architecture losing out to more than just bean counters? – A peaceful Belfast brings its own architecture center: PLACE (planning, landscape, architecture, community and environment). – A Bangalore architect calls for less glass, more nature. – A San Francisco architect designs hurricane-proof buildings (next challenge: avalanche zone in Alaska). – Local boy (Pelli) favored for Connecticut science center. – A quiet (read press-not-invited) groundbreaking ceremony for futuristic Koolhaas tower in Beijing. – Car-free day causes traffic jams in Europe, but slow to catch on in car-obsessed U.S. – Traffic jam solution: a "flying car" being developed by NASA and Boeing (poor birds!). – Alsop Architects tightens its belt (but has big plans on the horizon). – Miralles's children can be proud of Holyrood. – WHR offers fellowship opportunities. – Upcoming conference explores how to deal with outmoded codes and zoning. – A symposium looks at the American home of the future. – Danes take center stage in Toronto. – Lebbeus Wood takes center stage in Pittsburgh.

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[INSIGHT: Ticking the Right Boxes: In today's quest to add value at all costs, are we not losing sight of the most important aspect of all - the architecture itself? By Austin Williams](#)- ArchNewsNow

[North's building design gets PLACE of its own: Continuing peace means that Belfast can turn its attention to the quality of its buildings....a centre dedicated to promoting better design has just opened.](#) - Todd Architects- Irish Times

[Those living in glass houses...: Bangalore-based architect Anil Bhaskaran believes in minimal use of glass. Tune in to Nature, he says, and bring back those verandahs, pandals and courtyards.](#) [image]- The Hindu (India)

[Houses that defy hurricanes: "dome home" on the Florida Panhandle survived the full brunt of the deadly storm with barely a scratch.](#) - Jonathan Zimmerman [image, link]- Christian Science Monitor

[Panel Favors Pelli For Science Center Design: Architect's Diving Board-Like Building Is Leader Of Four Finalists For Adriaen's Landing Site - Safdie, Hadid, Behnisch](#) [link to images]- Hartford Courant (Connecticut)

[Work on CCTV's controversial HQ gets low-key start - Rem Koolhaas/Ole Scheeren/Office for Metropolitan Architecture \(South China Morning Post\)](#)- AsiaMedia/UCLA Asia Institute

[Car-free day creates traffic jams in European capitals \(Agence France-Presse\)](#)- TerraDaily

[Organizers of car-free day say everybody auto do it: ...the idea has been slow to catch on in this car-obsessed country.](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Flying cars swoop to the rescue: As motorways become more and more clogged up with traffic, a new generation of flying cars will be needed to ferry people along skyways.](#) [image]- BBC News

[Architect forced to cut staff numbers: During the summer 25 people left Alsop Architects, 14 going in the last week...hopes to announce commissions in Canada, China and Singapore soon.](#)- Guardian (UK)

["My children will realise how important this building is": The children of Enric Miralles will see the results of their late father's labours at Holyrood for the first time next month...](#)- The Herald (UK)

[Watkins Hamilton Ross Architects \(WHR\) Tradewell Fellowship Program call for applications; deadline: January 31, 2005](#)- WHR

[SmartCode Workshop: Live, Work, Play Grapples with the Inflexibility of Conventional Zoning in Fort Worth, TX, October 27-30. Planners and developers convene to discuss promising new solutions](#) - Andres Duany- PlaceMakers

[Hanley Wood Launches Symposium: Reinvention 2004: The Next American House, in Los Angeles, December 6-8.](#)- Market Wire

[Super Danish: Forget Hans Christian Andersen, there is a new face to Denmark and we get to see it over next two months. By Christopher Hume](#) - PLOT; NORD; Mau- Toronto Star

[Big, brainy blue-skying: The newly minted SuperDanish would seem to be a contradiction in terms.](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Lebbeus Woods's fascinating work at the Heinz Architectural Center at the Carnegie Museum of Art](#) [images]- Carnegie Pulse

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