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New Urbanism is making its mark on the Gulf Coast, but where are the other leading architectural leaders? – A Q&A with director of Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment and his take on New Urbanism on both sides of the big pond. – Melbourne's homegrown talent puts the city on the international architectural map. – Atlanta puts a moratorium on McMansions. – New home for San Francisco youth center is architecture at its most ambitious. – A new civic office in Naas, Ireland, is architecture with a capital A. – Modesty does not come easily to Adjaye. – Detroit architects put stylish faces on the city's storefront windows just in time for the Super Bowl. – Winners all: 53rd Annual P/A Awards for unbuilt architecture, and 27th Annual Interiors Designer of the Year.

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New Orleans and the New Urban vision: ... the vacuum of architectural discourse...has cleared the way for New Urbanism...Before we get too carried away with lauding the positive nature of the New Urbanists' intervention, my congratulations are only made in the light of a comparison with the lack of alternatives on offer. By Austin Williams-Future Cities Project (U.K.)

Building Timeless Places: Hank Dittmar on tradition and innovation: Q&A with Director of the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment- Michigan Land Use Institute

Welcome to Melbourne, the world's designer city: ...it is the home-grown architects who have put their distinctive mark on the city, creating a metropolis that is being lauded internationally for its innovative design... -- Ashton Raggatt McDougall; Wood Marsh; Edmund and Corrigan; Kerstin Thompson; Sean Godsell; Greg Burgess; John Wardle; Peter Elliott and Allan Powell; Denton Corker Marshall- The Age (Australia)

Moratorium on McMansions: Atlanta's mayor halts tide of starter mansions recasting landscape of older intown neighborhoods- Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Youth center began as a Safeway. Now it's a window on the world for East Oakland kids...new home of Youth UpRising shows that even the most functional structures from other eras can be infused with life. All architecture should be as ambitious. By John King—Carlton Smith/Michael Willis Architects [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

Council's new civic offices go full tilt in Naas: Heneghan Peng's Aras Chill Dara, which has sloping glass walls, is architecture with a capital A. By Frank McDonald — Arthur Gibney and Partners- Irish Times

Rising star with a store of ideas: Modesty does not come easily to Adjaye, but he has the endearing habit of occasionally remembering the need for its diplomatic deployment...-Financial Times (UK)

Detroit Architects Enliven 20 Woodward Avenue Storefront Windows with Creative Designs in Time for Super Bowl and Other Winter Activities [images]- AIA Detroit

53rd Annual P/A Award winners for unbuilt architecture. -- Anderson Anderson Architecture; Suisman Urban Design; Peter Lynch/Harry Giles; Jeannette Kuo; Michael Maltzan Architecture; VJAA [links to images]- Architecture Magazine

27th Annual Interiors Awards: 2006 Designer of the Year is Mark Harbick/Huntsman Architectural Group; 2006 Legend is Niels Diffrient- Contract magazine

<u>Under construction: Eisenman Architects: City of Culture of Galicia, Santiago de Compostela, Spain</u>

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