

Today's News - May 22, 2006

ArcSpace brings us two hot L.A. projects. – A Frenchman in Spain takes International High-Rise Prize (commendations not too shabby either). – NYT Sunday Magazine totally devoted to architecture (plan to spend some time with this one!). – Farrelly not just a bit suspicious of two new books extolling the virtues of suburbanism. – Thumbs-up and thumbs-down on New Urbanist communities (visiting local "villages" is a "great deal less expensive than visiting movie studios in Los Angeles" is one way to look at them). – Does "quirky" architecture make a town tacky or welcoming? – Big plans for U.K.'s Cowgate (make that the much more hip "SoCo"). – Some out-of-the-box thinking for a green Olympics could give Chicago the edge. – Foster wins big with school contracts – but not everyone is convinced it's the right way to go. – A piece of "fleshy, juicy fruit" of a new store for Apple is drawing the crowds. – Vision for Orange County Great Park is complex with a simple intention. – Montréal is first city in North America to be designated part of UNESCO's Creative Cities Network. – Some "fantastically futuristic hotel designs" await visitors to the World Cup in Germany. – Demand for Ando everywhere. – Barbican exhibit of futuristic cities imagined between 1956-2006, but truly radical visions are found in films. – Fuller/Noguchi show "explores their rapport." – Three winners in AIA/HUD Housing and Design Awards. – Once we couldn't resist: a report on Libeskind's 60th birthday bash (be sure to check out NYT Mag to find out why he wears those glasses). – EDITOR'S NOTE: We are on the road, and hoping to have Internet access for a couple more days. If not, we'll be back Tuesday, May 30.

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-- Under construction: Coop Himmelb(l)au: High School for the Visual and Performing Arts, Los Angeles

-- Redevelopment: Gehry Partners: Grand Avenue Phase One, Los Angeles

[So Tall: International High-Rise Prize 2006 Goes to Barcelona's Torre Agbar by Jean Nouvel -- Commendations to: Calatrava; Delugan Meissl Architects; mecanoo architecten; and Riken Yamamoto & Field Shop \[images\]](#) - ArchNewsNow

[Architecture 2006: Engineering Conflict: What are we really arguing about when we argue about architecture?](#) By Deyan Sudjic; [Socially Conscious Construction: Q&A with Richard Rogers](#); [Middle-East Pieces: In Beirut, Bernard Khoury's architecture neither removes nor conceals the scars of Lebanon's civil war.](#) By Nicolai Ouroussoff; [Expanding on Jefferson: Battle for Biloxi: New Urbanists thought they had just the plan for remaking the Mississippi Gulf Coast city after Hurricane Katrina.](#); etc. [images, slide shows] - New York Times Magazine

[More reason than ever to fight for human cities: Brendan Gleeson's "Australian Heartlands: Making Space for Hope in the Suburbs" and "The Big Picture," by demographer Bernard Salt...The cloak may be humanist but the subtext is unreconstructed suburban fight-back. More suspicious still, both books appeared within weeks of the April death of Jane Jacobs...](#) By Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald

[It takes a village: New planned communities are designed so that people can live and work with everything they need nearby...survey...reveals that one-third of respondents have a strong preference for New Urbanism housing options...Why are the architects of today unable to promote an architecture that is about the present and future, not the past?](#)- Indianapolis Star

[Tacky Town? Do buildings whose exterior decor is really out there say to visitors. "Welcome to tacky Gainesville?" Or do they say that you've come to a community that embraces architectural diversity and celebrates its quirky, individual character?](#) [images]- Gainesville Sun (Florida)

[Cowgate rising from the ashes: A new hotel, arts centre, homes and offices are all planned for the Cowgate fire site, which is being touted as the home for a new cultural quarter in the city...£60m development, which is to be called SoCo.](#) -- Allan Murray- Edinburgh Evening News

[Planting a green seed for Olympics bid: Chicago could set smart example for energy-mad world...several intriguing, out-of-the-box ideas for a green Olympics...](#) By Blair Kamin – Phil Enquist/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill- Chicago Tribune

[Blair schools hand windfall to Foster: ...landing contracts to design nine new schools worth a total of £290m.](#) - The Times (UK)

[Apple Opens Big Apple Core Store: ...hope the Pit becomes...a fleshy, juicy fruit drawing hordes of consumers into the transparent, 32-foot-square cube jutting up from the GM Building's beautifully transformed plaza... -- Bohlen Cywinski Jackson \[images\]](#) - The Slatin Report

[Group hears \[Orange County\] Great Park designer's vision: Complex plans convey simple intention: for people to 'love the park.'](#) Ken Smith says.- Orange County Register (California)

[Montréal designated as a city of design by UNESCO: A first in North America...as part of the Creative Cities Network-](#) City of Montreal

[Architects make room for dedicated lovers of style: A building frenzy ahead of the World Cup has produced some fantastically futuristic hotel designs...five of the latest and most radical openings. -- Graft Architects; Jordan Mozer; Oana Rose; John Seifer/Matteo Thun/Adam Tihany; 3Meta-](#) Observer (UK)

[Buildings made of light and air: Tadao Ando is in demand around the world. As projects in Venice and Tokyo are unveiled, he talks to Benjamin Secher.](#) [images]- Telegraph (UK)

[Tomorrow's worlds: In the 1960s, architects thought their designs for future cities were pretty far out. But for truly radical visions, look to film directors..."Future City: Experiment and Utopia 1956-2006" at the Barbican in London... By Jonathan Glancey -- Archigram; Hadid; Ban; Superstudio; Harry Lange; Lawrence G Paull; Eugen Schüfftan- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Hanging Out With Bucky, Thinking Big: For 54 years Isamu Noguchi and Buckminster Fuller were the "Best of Friends," the apt title of an exhibition at the Noguchi Museum that explores their rapport.](#) - New York Times

[AIA Announces Three Recipients of 2006 AIA/HUD Housing and Design Awards: honor exemplary models of residential, community, and accessible design -- William Wilson Architects; Humphries Poli Architects; Koning Eizenberg Architecture \[images\]](#)- AIArchitect

[Surprise party a tall order: Daniel Libeskind and 400 of his closest friends gathered...to celebrate his 60th birthday. By Christopher Hume](#)- Toronto Star

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