

Today's News - November 14, 2006

Forget the creative class - for cities to prosper, focus on the information age and a media economy. -- Build racial harmony with people-friendly neighborhoods instead of "glorious showcases to political egos." -- Glancey is peeved about proposed tax on taste. -- Starchitect bake-offs for New Orleans waterfront and NYC's Penn/Farley/Moynihan Station. -- Piano to go to new heights as only one team bids for - and gets - Boston tower project. -- Dietsch is slightly disappointed with new Marine Corps museum and bemoans "alarming trend" of building underground. -- The museum through the architect's eyes. -- Stadium stress in Auckland (check out the video link!) and San Francisco. -- A call to preserve Chandigarh's modern urbanism. -- A "prickly bunch" of FLW purists protest a new house based on Wright design. -- The slanting walls of 1973 Seventy Degrees Hotel in Wales set to meet the wrecking ball. -- The changing face of hospitality design in India. -- Gucci hits Ginza. -- A green roof for Denver. -- Campbell finds a new Boston eatery "the most delightful, most inventive space of its kind we've seen in years." -- Ryerson University to launch MArch degree.

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[Op-Ed: How Cities Compete In The Media Economy: American cities suffer from outdated infrastructure that inhibits the local economy and quality of life. Those cities that can evolve to meet the needs of the information age will be the ones to prosper immensely in the next 10-20 years. By Neil Takemoto and Mike Lydon- PLANetizen](#)

[Building racial harmony: ...we should be building people-friendly neighbourhoods rather than glorious showcases to political egos. By Prof Dr M. Tajuddin M. Rasdi- The Star \(Malaysia\)](#)

[A peevish tax on taste: A proposal to levy rates based on the aesthetic qualities of your home is dim and disturbing. By Jonathan Glancey- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Starchitects Invited to New Orleans Waterfront: New Orleans Building Corporation...announced five finalist teams...will select a winning team on November 29. -- Zaha Hadid/Trahan Architects; Reiser + Umemoto/Studio Matrixx; Frank Gehry, FAIA; TEN Arquitectos/Eskew+Dumez+Ripple; Studio Daniel Libeskind/Mathes Brieere Architects- Architectural Record](#)

[Lord Foster, Others Propose Massive Plan to Supplant Garden: The architectural bake-off...signifies that the developers are moving forward even though...the official status of both Moynihan Station...newer Plan B are uncertain...is at once a dream for commuters, a nightmare for preservationists and the commission of a lifetime for the winning architect. -- Norman Foster; Cesar Pelli; Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates; David Childs/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill- New York Observer](#)

[One bidder for Mayor's tower: Menino's dream for a tower is in the hands of one businessman -- Steven Belkin -- and world-renowned Italian architect Renzo Piano..."Today's proposal, a 1,000 foot tower...promises everything we asked for."- Boston Business Journal](#)

[Heroism goes underground: Its gleaming, slanted pinnacle juts over the trees...This bold glass-and-metal crown turns out to be the most memorable part of the National Museum of the Marine Corps...This bunker is more evidence of an alarming trend in the design of Washington cultural institutions: forcing the public underground. By Deborah K. Dietsch -- Fentress Bradburn Architects- Washington Times](#)

[National Museum of the Marine Corps: Through the Architect's Eyes -- Curtis Worth Fentress/ Fentress Bradburn \[audio slide show\]- Potomac News](#)

[Stadium decision: Double rebuff for wharf plan: Auckland's proposed waterfront Rugby World Cup 2011 stadium has been dealt a double blow by city architectural guardians and hundreds of residents. \[links to video, other articles\]- New Zealand Herald](#)

[Bay Area Teams on the Move? Deciding where 49ers are headed. Lure of the Burbs: Like families, franchises can't resist spreading out, starting over...Predictably, there's been anguish and outrage on both sides of the bay about the franchises' willingness to cut ties with the hometown. By John King \[images\]- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

["Chandigarh embodies a rich heritage of modern urbanism": Speakers suggest setting up of Urban Arts Commission in the city...would be responsible for preserving the uniqueness of the city's architecture and help meet the changing requirements. -- Le Corbusier; Surinder Bahga; S.S. Bharti- Express India](#)

[Controversial 'Frank Lloyd Wright' Home Rises; Purists Protest- Bloomberg News](#)

[Slanting walls of the Seventy Degrees Hotel are about to come crashing in: ...hotel with a stunning view of Welsh coastline will be demolished to build plush new apartments...said by some to be a masterpiece of 20th-century architecture. -- Bill Davies;t Stewart Powell Bowen \(1973\)- icWales](#)

[Architecting the future: With new concepts like boutique hotels, ecotels and budget hotels, taking India by storm, architecture has assumed renewed significance. -- Dave Keller \(1970s\); Chandu Chadda \(1980s\); FAB Interiors; Intense Designs; Ponnim Concessao; TID International- Express Hospitality \(India\)](#)

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[Civitas and Denver Botanic Gardens Team Up for Green Roof: With pro bono help...will install a 2,000-square-foot demonstration green roof suited to the Rocky Mountain climate.- LAND Online \(ASLA\)](#)

[Light touch works wonders at Diva Lounge: Husband-and-wife team stresses illumination in inventive restaurant interior. By Robert Campbell -- Hansy Barraza/Anthony](#)

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[Starting Fall 2007, Ryerson University \(Toronto\) will offer a professional Master of Architecture degree- Ryerson University](#)

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