

Today's News - November 22, 2006

EDITOR'S NOTE: ANN will be taking a Thanksgiving break...we'll be back Monday, November 27. — An in-depth look at the Big Apple's green core. — Big plans in Jerusalem have urban planners and environmentalists not at all happy. — Decoding the chaos of Lagos: "it is hard to maintain Koolhaas's intellectual excitement." — Museum titans in race for Abu Dhabi. — A costly oops-we-didn't-include-that in London's 2012 Olympics budget (and big bucks for project management to hold down costs). — More big bucks lost on abandoned Turner Contemporary in Margate. — Safdie returns to his Montreal alma mater as part of an impressive Quebec/U.S. team. — SHCA takes on downtown Moscow. — Denver appoints a talented panel to oversee courthouse project. — Parking garages we can actually call architecture. — Modular home designs challenge and reward small firms. — Architects disdainful of value engineering. — Eco-design taking root in hospitality design. — MoMA's new research center ready for its closeup. — King's picks his favorites in new architecture books.

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[How Green Is the Big Apple? New York City ranks among the country's most sustainable cities, owing primarily to its density and...public transportation. But how green is it really? And how much greener can it be? — FXFowle Architects; BSK Architects; Rafael Viñoly Architects \[images\]](#)- The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

[Eternal City or Concrete Jungle? The city westward has infuriated environmentalists and ordinary citizens, who say it will turn the pristine forests on the outskirts of town into a concrete jungle...The Safdie Plan...aims to develop the city on more than 16 square miles \(26 kilometers\) of natural woodlands that help define the beauty of Jerusalem.](#)- Israel Today

[The megacity: Decoding the chaos of Lagos: As a picture of the urban future, Lagos is fascinating only if you're able to leave it. After just a few days in the city's slums, it is hard to maintain Koolhaas's intellectual excitement. By George Packer-](#) Vanguard (Nigeria)

[The race for art island: Louvre and Guggenheim battle it out: Big 'brands' compete to be first in Abu Dhabi's £14.5bn cultural quarter — Gehry; Nouvel; Pei-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Cost of 2012 Olympics rises by £900m as Jowell is forced to rework sums: ...creative accounting by civil servants has resulted in a figure of £1bn-plus for regeneration of the Thames Gateway no longer being included in the overall Games figure...original bid figure did not include the £400m cost of hiring the international project management consortium CLM.](#)- Independent (UK)

[Abandoned gallery 'waste of £7m': ...taxpayer's money has been written off after plans to build an art gallery \[Turner Contemporary\] in the sea off Margate were abandoned. — David Chipperfield-](#) BBC News

[Moshe Safdie returns to the city of his alma mater to draw the master plan for the McGill University Health Centre's Glen Campus...will join a consortium of elite Quebec and U.S. architects in working on the \\$1.579-billion redevelopment project. — Lemay et associates; Jodoin Lamarre Pratte et associates architects; Andre Ibghy Architects; and Menkes Shoener Dagenais Letourneau; Perkins + Will-](#) Yahoo News

[Swanke Hayden Connell Lands Moscow Project: ...SLAVA, a 5,170,000-square-foot mixed-use complex that with span three city blocks...](#) [image]- Interior Design Newswire

[Panel named to review new courthouse: "We are prepared to do it right" By Mary Voelz Chandler — klipp Architecture; Steven Holl; Bruce Kuwabara/Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg; John Ellis/Solomon E.T.C.; Laurie Olin/Olin Partnership; Lee Becker/Hartman Cox; David Owen Tryba; Ranko Ruizic/AR7 Hoover Desmond-](#) Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[Let's go visit the car park! Must a multi-storey be an architectural disaster? Not if we learn from Germany...Perhaps if architects considered car parks more, we'd get more car parks we could call architecture. By Steve Rose — Owen Luder \(1969\); Zaha Hadid; Ingenhoven Overdiek & Partners; Peter Haimerl; FAT \(Fashion Architecture Taste\) \[image\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Fresh From the Factory: ...smaller design firms putting out modular homes that not only have an eye toward a modern aesthetic but use materials...that are seen as environmentally sensitive. The challenge for these designers, however, is to get their plans into production. — Resolution: 4 Architecture; Alchemy Architects-](#) New York Times

[Hey, It Looks Just Like the Picture: Among some architects, there is a disdain for builders who engage in wholesale substitution of materials that are cheaper than what was in the original design...wear the look of cost cutting like bargain-basement suits. — Dean Marchetto Architects; NK Architects; DeWitt Tishman Architects \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Ecological design trend helps hotels get back to nature — Gensler; John Portman & Associates; Hirsch Bedner Associates; Leo A Daly \[images\]](#)- Hotel & Motel Management

[New research center spotlights history of MoMA's legendary works: A rich trove of background on all the legendary works in the Museum of Modern Art will become more accessible to the public when the museum's new education and research building opens Nov. 28. — Yoshio Taniguchi \(AP\)-](#) New York Newsday

[Holiday Goodies Between the Covers: John King picks of the best architecture books of the season for the readers on your list: David Adjaye Making Public Buildings; Little Boxes: The Architecture of a Classic Midcentury Suburb; Fresh Morphosis By Thom Mayne; Design Like You Give a Damn/Architecture for Humanity; etc.](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[EPA 2006 National Awards for Smart Growth Achievement: Winners offer lessons for us all \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[National Underground Railroad Freedom Center: In Cincinnati, A riverfront museum embodies the geography of escape. By John Meadows, AIA -- Blackburn Architects; BOORA Architects \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow



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