

Today's News - January 22, 2007

ArcSpace takes us to Oregon and South China. – New Orleans (still - or back) in the headlines: Citizens say yes to UNPO. – Perhaps being smaller is better for the Big Easy. – Preservationist vs. private home owner flare-ups in N.O. – China launches multibillion-dollar effort towards greener buildings (let's hope it's for real). – An Australian firm's "China venture in strife" is a cautionary tale. – Belfast's tallest building aims to be green. – Kamin "sees sizzle in skyline" with Calatrava's new take on Chicago spire. – Dunlop has (mostly) high hopes for Gehry's music box in Miami. – He won't be doing "a King Kong show-off thing" in Utah, "But some of it will look strange to you. If it doesn't, I'm not doing my job." – For Hawthorne, new San Diego museum is "impeccably designed," though perhaps a bit "too hushed and well-behaved." – For Jarmusch, it is "an essential piece of the puzzle that makes for a truly great city." – Foster's out to raise cash to expand, not to cash out. – Geuze joins REX in Louisville. – A drive-in condo on Manhattan's horizon. – More on Schwartz vs. Harvard. – Berlin's new train station plagued once again (it's the weather this time). – An impressive list of 2007 AIA Honors for Collaborative Achievement.

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[Citizens say yes to Unified New Orleans Plan \(UNOP\): Recovery director calls for streamlining... Topping the list was the need for a single, simple way to get displaced residents back home... -- Ed Blakely- The Times-Picayune \(New Orleans\)](#)

[New Orleans of Future May Stay Half Its Old Size: ...crippling problems that existed long before Hurricane Katrina are mostly being blamed for the city's failure to thrive..."Maybe the diaspora is a blessing."- New York Times](#)

[New Orleans preservationists protect damaged homes: Owners of Katrina-ruined homes want to rebuild, but activists fight for New Orleans' distinct architecture...The often-contentious relationship between historic preservationists and private homeowners has flared up here in recent weeks... -- SquanderedHeritage.com- Los Angeles Times](#)

[China touts greener buildings to save energy: ...launching a multibillion-dollar effort to cut pollution and soaring coal and oil demand by raising energy efficiency in apartments and office buildings... \(AP\)- MSNBC](#)

[Architect's China venture in strife: Woodhead is going to court in Shanghai...in an attempt to regain the name it built and by which it is known in China.- The Australian](#)

[Belfast's tallest building revealed: ...will be the tallest building in Northern Ireland...a key feature of the \[Aurora\] building would be its energy efficient design. -- HKR Architects \[images\]- BBC News](#)

[New twists for lakefront skyscraper: An exclusive look at the latest Spire drawings... A computer rendering pictures the tower with a tapering, conelike top rather than the blunt summit that was shown in early December and drew a thumbs-down from critics and the public. By Blair Kamin -- Santiago Calatrava \[slide show, video\]- Chicago Tribune](#)

[New plan sees sizzle in skyline: A skyscraper is an unlikely mix of ruthless capitalism and aesthetic idealism...Santiago Calatrava's latest design for the twisting, 2,000-foot Chicago Spire...navigates these conflicting poles far more deftly than a disappointing version of the skyscraper unveiled in early December. By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Our own music box: What counts is on the inside of Frank Gehry's design for the New World Symphony addition...The best hope is that this building, already quite brilliant in its proposed design, will reflect the artistic tension that is the fundamental source for all artistic endeavors... By Beth Dunlop -- Yasuhisa Toyota- Miami Herald](#)

[Architect Gehry views Lehi land as 'canvas': "I know this can't be a King Kong show-off thing...But some of it will look strange to you. If it doesn't, I'm not doing my job."- Salt Lake Tribune \(Utah\)](#)

[Museum lays tracks all across the city: ...the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego \[MCASD\]...a museum that is impeccably designed and highly friendly to the art, but given its context rather too hushed and well-behaved. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Irving Gill \(1916\); Venturi Scott Brown \(1996\); Bakewell & Brown \(1915\); Gluckman Mayner Architects; Wayne Donaldson- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego's expansion adds art, architectural flair to an international intersection: With foresight and daring that many of downtown's overseers and developers lack, the museum has put in place an essential piece of the puzzle that makes for a truly great city. By Ann Jarmusch -- M. Wayne Donaldson; Heritage Architecture & Planning; Gluckman Mayner Architects \[images, slide show\]- San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

[Merging old and new is an art form all its own: Attaching a new structure to a historic building, especially one as romantic and popular as downtown San Diego's 1914 Santa Fe Depot baggage building, can be tricky business. By Ann Jarmusch -- David Marshall/Heritage Architecture & Planning; Gluckman Mayner Architects- San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

[Lord Foster ponders diluting his stake to raise cash for expansion: ...no intention of "cashing in and heading out"...looking to expand from 13 offices around the world to](#)

[between 20 and 30... -- Foster + Partners- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Adriaan Geuze joins Museum Plaza design team -- West 8; Joshua Prince-Ramus/Erez Ella/REX- Courier-Journal \(Louisville, KY\)](#)

[A Paparazzi-Proof Condo: Coming soon to 11th Avenue: an elevator that will allow apartment owners to drive their cars into garages adjoining their high-rise apartments. By Fred A. Bernstein -- Annabelle Selldorf \[images\]- New York Times](#)

[Harvard professor who alleges sexism withdraws resignation: ...but said...the landscape architecture department remains a bastion of sexism without a tenured female professor in its 106 years of existence. -- Martha Schwartz \(AP\)- Boston Globe](#)

[Two-Ton Girder Falls from Berlin's Central Train Station: ...questions remain as to how a major chunk of a modern, newly-built structure could simply fall off...problems have plagued the building from the very beginning. -- Meinhard von Gerkan \[images, links\]- Der Spiegel \(Germany\)](#)

[2007 AIA Honors for Collaborative Achievement -- Association for Preservation Technology International \(APT\); Bryan Bell/Design Corps; Francis D.K. Ching; Directory of African American Architects; U.S. General Services Administration \(GSA\) Office of the Chief Architect; Harvard Design Magazine; Thomas S. Hines; Public Architecture; Rocky Mountain Institute; Witold Rybczynski- AIArchitect](#)

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