

## Today's News - February 23, 2007

History proves that it's time to "recession-proof and hype-proof" the green building movement, says Boddy. – Innovations in green housing design coming from the affordable housing sector in the U.K. – Big promise in small Katrina Cottage and Lift House. – New Urbanism brings urban features to suburban communities (warning: outdoor furniture can't be plastic). – Gehry's large urban projects are really not an "architectural conspiracy." – Not too many tears will be shed if South Street Seaport sheds its mall. – A temporary Olympic facelift planned for L.A. Memorial Coliseum. – Kamin finds a family center is "a textbook lesson in doing more with less." – Corbu's Firminy chapel is "another example of architecture representing ethics, which is a rare thing these days." – Weekend diversions: "Some Assembly Required" assembles in L.A. continues its march to "help overcome institutional and government resistance" to green affordable housing. – "Shanghai Art Deco" tome hopes to "make the Shanghainese look at these buildings in a new way." – Australian Architecture Association launches Chicago-style 2007 archi-tours. – Happy Anniversary to the AIA: today marks its 150th year. – And Happy Anniversary to us: ArchNewsNow launched 5 years ago today!

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[Environmental design needs recession-proofing now: Can the current fashion for green building survive an economic downturn? By Trevor Boddy](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Low-cost Homes: economical eco-options on the rise: Innovative building projects are finally making affordable green housing a reality – Building For Life; Hemingway Design; Living Villages: Conran & Partners \[links\]](#)- Independent (UK)

[Simple cottage seen as big fix for Gulf Coast: Cusato's "Katrina Cottage"...has drawn attention to the critical need for replacement shelter.](#)- Bend Weekly (Oregon)

[Designed to Last, New Lift House Holds Promise for Louisiana -- and Beyond: ...designed in collaboration with architecture students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\), the Terrebonne Readiness and Assistance Coalition \(TRAC\), and Oxfam America.](#)- Reuters Foundation AlertNet.org

[Suburbs import urban features to create sense of community: Dardenne Prairie, MO, isn't the only community seeking to establish a sense of place by designing it. -- Duany Plater-Zyberk & Co. \(AP\)](#)- Contra Costa Times (California)

[Lehi project shares the Gehry 'look': ...sounds like the Atlantic Yards project in Brooklyn, N.Y., and the Grand Avenue project in Los Angeles, Calif., and the King Alfred project in Hove, England...while coincidences among the projects could seem like some kind of architectural conspiracy... project ideas are most connected through their intended impact on their respective communities.](#)- Deseret News (Utah)

[Is it pier pressure? South Street Seaport mall owner to present plans likely to demolish structure in favor of commercial, residential building](#)- NY Newsday

[Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum preps for face-lift: Olympic Games plan leaves the historic portion of stadium untouched -- David Jay Flood \[images\]](#)- Los Angeles Daily News

[Englewood family center an oasis amid desolation: ...a textbook lesson in doing more with less... Combine \[with\] John Ronan's boldly modern Gary Comer Youth Center...and you've got the start of a trend: Some of Chicago's poorest neighborhoods are home to some of its richest new architecture... By Blair Kamin -- Carol Ross Barney](#)- Chicago Tribune

[When is a chapel not a church? In Firminy...The Chapel of Saint-Pierre, one of last century's major buildings designed by Le Corbusier...has just been completed...Jose Oubriere's effort is remarkable, even if it is not purely the work of his master. By Norman Day](#)- The Age (Australia)

[Prefab housing gets 'fab': ...exhibitions such as "Some Assembly Required" -- along with the pressing need for less expensive, green housing -- no doubt will help overcome institutional and government resistance. Or so we hope. By Sam Hall Kaplan -- Marmol Radziner and Associates; Lazor Office/FlatPak House; Michelle Kaufmann/Glidehouse; Ray Kappe](#)- The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles

[Shanghai's Art Deco Riches Revealed: Recording his city's rich architectural heritage has been a demoralizing task for photographer Deke Erh...An awareness of the contribution of Chinese architects may also make the Shanghainese look at these buildings in a new way, for not all were shaped by colonial hands. -- Ladislaus Hudec; Leonard, Veyseyre and Kruze; Benjamin Chih Chen; Shen Chao; Chuin Tung; Allied Architects; Dong Dayu](#)- Time Magazine

[Australian Architecture Association \(AAA\) launches 2007 tour programme exploring Sydney's architecture](#)- Australian Architecture Association

[-- UNStudio: Tea House on bunker, Vreeland, The Netherlands](#)

[-- Gonzalo Mardones Viviani: 18th Fire Station, Vitacura, Santiago, Chile](#)

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