

Today's News - Wednesday, August 29, 2007

LA Times offers a series of articles exploring New Orleans's "new spirit of innovation" from the ambitious to the avant-garde to the "slightly nutty." -- A look at where Europe's creative class is really going ("London is passé. Berlin has missed the boat."). -- Stern snags Bush library gig (now they need to decide where to put it). -- Three teams shortlisted for Singapore's new National Art Gallery. -- Hawthorne's hilarious take on architects wanting to be more "Rovian." -- King calls for the banishment of the word "icon" from architectural lexicon: "It is so 2002." -- Glancey finds that "common sense married to bursts of uncommon architectural delight" proves "new art galleries do not have to be bombastic to succeed." -- L.A. is no longer the "architectural desert" it once was. -- No matter what you think of the new ROM, Hume says its new plaza "is poised to become a marvelous addition to the public realm." -- A new Florida community will combine smart growth, new urbanism, and green building (so what if it spells Huckelberry incorrectly). -- A look at some architects' dream houses built for themselves. -- A modest California ranch transformed into a Modernist marvel. -- Yale's 40th First Year Building Project ready for its close-up. -- An international conference looks at the power and potential of urban screens. -- 2007 INDEX Awards for innovative projects designed to improve life are amazing. -- We couldn't resist: an ode to construction cranes.

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[New Orleans: Two Years Later: Old city revels in a new spirit of innovation...The Big Easy is awash in ideas...the new and the ambitious, the au courant and avant-garde, the idealistic and the slightly nutty.](#) -- Elizabeth English: [Global Green USA](#); [Brad Guy](#); [Enrique Norten/TEN Arquitectos](#); [John Knost \[links\]](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Forget London and Paris: An Inside Look at Europe's Coolest Cities: A fierce competition has broken out among Europe's leading cities for a new, creative class of urban professionals...where they are heading...may surprise you.](#) -- Charles Landry; [Richard Florida](#)- Der Spiegel (Germany)

[Bush Library design firm chosen: N.Y.-based architects...are no strangers to high profile and politically sensitive projects.](#) -- [Robert A.M. Stern Architects](#)- Dallas Morning News

[Creating a distinctive identity for Singapore's Arts scene: ...top three winning designs that have been selected...in the design competition...\[for\] the new National Art Gallery...](#) -- [Studio Milou Architecture/CPG Consultants](#); [Ho+ Ho Studio Architects/AEDAS](#); [Chan Sau Yan Associates/Lekker Design](#)- ChannelNewsAsia

[Architects want to move closer to the centers of power: Like others, Karl Rove is called an 'architect' in his field. Building designers wish they had as much influence...They want to be metaphorical architects -- of disaster recovery, of urban rebirth -- and not just the real thing.](#) By [Christopher Hawthorne](#) -- [Mayne](#); [Koolhaas](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Calling a new Transbay tower an icon doesn't make it one: Memo to architects and your enablers: It's time to put "icon" to rest.The word should be banished from the world of design...It is so 2002.](#) By [John King](#) -- [Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners/SMWM](#); [Pelli Clarke Pelli](#); [Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\)](#); [Deyan Sudjic](#); [San Francisco Planning + Urban Research \(SPUR\)](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Just add water: It's not big, brash or bold. But Newlyn's revamped art gallery easily rivals its famous neighbour at St Ives...Common sense has been married to bursts of uncommon architectural delight. These are small yet powerful architectural triumphs...](#) By [Jonathan Glancey](#) -- [James Hicks \(1895\)](#); [MUMA \(McInnes, Usher, McKnight Architects\) \[image\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Dream Teams That Shape L.A.'s Skyline: Los Angeles was known in the past as something of an architectural desert...But all that's changed...Suddenly L.A. is becoming known as a welcoming home for daring architects.](#) -- [Meier](#); [Moneo](#); [Gehry](#); [DeStefano and Partners](#); [Welton Becket](#)- Los Angeles Business Journal

[ROM plaza will bring Bloor St. new life: Though it doesn't have a name...this new \[Royal Ontario Museum\] plaza is poised to become a marvellous addition to the public realm.](#) By [Christopher Hume](#) -- [Daniel Libeskind](#); [Quinn Design Associates](#); [Brown and Storey](#)- Toronto Star

[Smart Growth, New Urbanism, Green Building and Environmental Preservation at Heart of Planned Town of Huckelberry Creek, Florida](#) -- [Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company \(DPZ\)](#)- BusinessWire

[New Houses on an Old Land: Several well-known architects have designed houses for themselves at the far end of the North Fork of Long Island.](#) -- [Hideaki Ariuzumi/Glynis M. Berry/studio a/b](#); [Bill Ryall/Ryall Porter Architects](#); [Richard Gluckman/Gluckman Mayner Architects \[slide show\]](#)- New York Times

[Ranch House Made Over: From Modest to Modernist...Built in 1961...it was an ordinary box amid hundreds of ordinary boxes.](#) By [Fred A. Bernstein](#) -- [Luce et Studio \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Yale School of Architecture 2007 Building Project Is Dedicated: First Year Building Project \(FYBP\) ...Now celebrating its 40th year...A new home in New Haven for a disabled war veteran and her family...](#) -- [Charles Moore \[image\]](#)- Yale University

[Urban Screens Manchester 07: an international conference: The omnipresence of public displays...demands a critical reflection on their impact on the city...offer new](#)

[possibilities for artistic and non-commercial use, for community development and play, October 11-14- Manchester Urban Screens \(UK\)](#)

[2007 INDEX:Award Winners Announced: Innovative projects designed to improve life receive recognition \[images\]- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[Cranes swoop into the capital: A host of gangly invaders is dominating London's skyline - have a look before they move on to stalk another city.- Guardian \(UK\)](#)



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[-- 3XN: Alsjon, Danish University South, Science Park South & Concert Hall, Sonderborg, Denmark](#)

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