

Today's News - Friday, February 29, 2008

In Vancouver, higher density doesn't necessarily mean taller buildings, says Geller. – Hawthorne evaluates L.A. mayor's efforts to become a "super-city" on the global stage: he hasn't quite made it into the "Dynamic Mayors Club." – The U.K. re-evaluates BREEAM to give it a more global footing. – FEMA testing alternatives (this time, it will only take another 42 months - groan). – An eyeful of grand plans for Dublin's City Markets. – Chandigarh is finally waking up to its loss of Corbu treasures landing on auction blocks in New York and Paris. – Preserving Brooklyn's Dumbo DNA. – Big plans for British seacoast town: renaissance or carbuncle? – Russell ruminates on Krens' departure from Guggenheim: he'll be a hard act to follow (all the way to Abu Dhabi). – Call for entries: Bombay Sapphire Designer Glass Competition. – Weekend diversions: "The Endless City" is a "doorstop that emits the unmistakable odor of vanity publishing." – "Architect and Engineer: A Study in Sibling Rivalry" is an "extraordinary tour de force." – On view: futuristic school design at the Lighthouse, Glasgow. – Campbell visits two photo shows focusing on notable buildings (it's good to be "Stollerized"). – If you missed it in L.A., "Birth of the Cool" has landed in Andover, MA. – "Urban Housing Atlas" launches today. – And just for Leap Year: 11 Neighbors from Hell: Thank god for zoning laws, covenants and deed restrictions (and our neighbor who has only 2 gnomes).

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[We're beginning to get the 'Eco' -- but what's Density? Depends how it's measured: it doesn't have to mean taller...we can create more affordable housing choices and livable neighbourhoods without altering the character of most single-family neighbourhood streets in Vancouver... By Michael Geller-](#) Vancouver Sun

[Antonio Villaraigosa: The Gridlock Kid: Can the mayor find his way out of a jam and lead Los Angeles to global glory? ...he has fallen into the politically expedient trap of pushing for wider freeways and streamlined traffic...Among planners and architects, a sharp sense of disappointment...has become both widespread and impossible to ignore...three most pressing issues...That's easy: Transit, transit and transit. By Christopher Hawthorne-](#) Los Angeles Times Magazine

[Tougher standards for green offices: BRE Global and the UK Green Building Council \(UKGBC\) are setting up a committee for BREEAM...will look at procedures used by green building councils around the world to see what could be incorporated.-](#) Building (UK)

[FEMA Testing Alternatives to Problematic Trailers: As the fallout continues, federal and state agencies are weighing new approaches to emergency shelter...NAHB and Abt Associates studies began last fall and will run for 42 months.-](#) Architectural Record

[HKR, Make and Gehl to redesign Dublin's City Markets \[images\]-](#) Archiseek (Ireland)

[Avant-garde city of Chandigarh, India, loses overlooked treasure: The process by which the avant-garde furniture left the city's offices and made its way to New York and Paris reflects a broader ambivalence among the public toward Le Corbusier's heritage...and widespread official neglect of his work.-](#) International Herald Tribune

[Looking at Dumbo's DNA: Preservation group presents its plans for rezoning historic neighborhood ...stitches together Dumbo and three surrounding landmark districts into a cohesive development plan for the area surrounding the Manhattan Bridge. -- Paul Graziano/Associated Cultural Resource Consultants \[images, links\]-](#) The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

[Will Tropicana help Weston-super-Mare's renaissance, or is it just a carbuncle on the coast? ...seaside town is now attracting the likes of Urban Splash and even Foster + Partners to help with its regeneration...one development has crashed the party...plans to build a £30 million leisure centre on the site of a 1938 Art Deco lido...hasn't been welcomed with open arms. -- Mountford Piggot; Acanthus Ferguson Mann \[images\]-](#) The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Guggenheim Loses Krens as His Splashy Style Thrives Worldwide: Now that his numerous critics have gotten their way, what will become of the Guggenheim? His high-wire act will be an extremely hard one to follow. By James S. Russell -- Frank Gehry-](#) Bloomberg News

[Call for entries: Bombay Sapphire Gin Designer Glass Competition; cash prizes; U.S. deadline: April 7 \(deadlines for other countries to follow\)-](#) Bombay Sapphire Foundation

[Book review: Cities of dreams: ...considering the urban future is important. We need more than platitudes...cities are irremediable and terminal - but they won't die, because there is always a new generation of the hopeful \(or deluded\) eager to devise novel means of repeating the old mistakes..."The Endless City" is a](#)

[doorstop that emits the unmistakable odour of vanity publishing...](#)-
New Statesman (UK)

[Book review: Building up to a battle of wills: "Architect and Engineer: A Study in Sibling Rivalry" by Andrew Saint...an extraordinary tour de force...shines light from a new angle on a whole range of topics in the history of architecture, technology and the professions. -- Jørn Utzon; Ove Arup; Brunel; Frantz Jourdain; Le Corbusier-](#) Telegraph (UK)

[A design for life... and for learning in classes of future: A futuristic exhibition of school design has sparked a new blueprint for how education institutions, and other public-service buildings, should be built in future..."Senses of Place: Building Excellence" at the Lighthouse, Glasgow-](#) The Scotsman (UK)

[Constructing a vision with a viewfinder: Two photography exhibits put the focus on notable buildings..."Stollerized" \[Ezra Stoller\] and "All Shook Up: Thomas Kellner Photographs the Boston Athenaeum"... By Robert Campbell-](#) Boston Globe

[It's cool like that: Crisp lines, hip attitude: "Birth of the Cool" captures California's midcentury style, from art and architecture to jazz...at Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA-](#) Boston Globe

[Exhibition and book launch: "Urban Housing Atlas": multi-family housing projects by Utile at pinkcommagallery, Boston, February 29 - March 14-](#) pinkcommagallery

[11 Neighbors from Hell: Thank god for zoning laws, covenants and deed restrictions.-](#) The MishMash.com

[INSIGHT: Art in Learning: Bringing the Tradition of Sculpture in Architecture to Education: Art incorporated into school architecture can enliven the educational process in unexpected ways. By Barry Svigals, FAIA \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow



[-- Serero Architects: Concrete Canopy Auditorium and Movie Theater, Saint Cyprien, France](#)

[-- Call for entries: Design for an Eco-friendly Community on arcSPACE Island, Second Life; registration deadline: March 7](#)

[-- Book: Ecodesign: A Manual for Ecological Design, by Ken Yeang](#)

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