

Today's News - October 17, 2002

The Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Architects honors local talent for projects around the world. – Folks are grouching about Stirling Prize methods (and this year's winner). – A planned cultural center in Alaska seeks an architect, as does a new waterfront development in the UK. – An editorial claims "a great deal of the activity that travels under the banner of delivering sustainability is really sustaining the unsustainable." – An architect designs a home for the homeless, but then the land is taken away. – Praise for new designs for Habitat for Humanity in Detroit (maybe Anchorage should look into it...last week the organization's work there was called "ugly"). – Copycat condos called on the carpet. – There are lots of reports about the new library in Alexandria - BBC has the most pictures. – Florence, Italy, will have a new subterranean station in Florence, Italy, designed with a British accent (the shortlist is an international Who's Who). – A makeover for Toronto's retail avenue to rival Chicago's Magnificent Mile shopping district. – An exhibition of Viennese design sheds "colorful light on the historical context of the modern struggle with material values." – Princeton recently announced its new architectural projects will be part of its "branding" - Harvard hears the call. – A national monument visitors' center blends with the land.

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[Site proposed for cultural center: seeking an architect to sharpen the building's design-](#) Fairbanks Daily News-Miner (Alaska)

[Urban Splash launches international competition for Walsall waterfront: Expressions of interest are welcome from all architectural practices...due November 11-](#) The Architects' Journal (UK)

[The Sustainment: ...Another example closer to the concerns of architects is, that we constantly design and construct buildings that should never exist... By Tony Fry-](#) Archizine (Australia)

[After Tent City: Marty and April have an architect-designed home. But they're still on the streets - Architect's Alliance-](#) National Post (Canada)

[New designs enhance Habitat for Humanity: include elements of New Urbanism - Gunn-Levine Associates-](#) Detroit News

[Builders sue over copied designs: They claim rival firms duplicated copyrighted plans - Progressive Associates; Ronald E. Mayotte & Associates-](#) Detroit News

[Library reopens 1,700 years on: Bibliotheca Alexandrina - Snohetta/Hamza Consortium \[images\]-](#) BBC

[Foster and Partners, with Arup, clinches major international competition for £160 million Florence station \[image\]-](#) The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Some PFI \[private finance initiative\] buildings "have been designed badly...little better than agricultural sheds with windows"-](#) Financial Times

[Bloor's \\$30M makeover: Merchants envision world-class shopping district for "typical, crappy Toronto street." - Architects Alliance-](#) The Star (Toronto)

[Viennese Revival: A Riot of Flowers: a case study in the use of material objects to effect cultural reform. By Herbert Muschamp - Dagobert Peche \[images\]-](#) New York Times

[Housing Heads Western: Apartment tower rises as gateway to new campus - Machado and Silvetti Associates-](#) The Harvard Crimson

[At Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Centers Blend with the Land - Bryce Lloyd; Gilles Stransky Brams and Smith; Design Group Architects \[image\]-](#) Salt Lake Tribune

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