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 grousing 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...). — 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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David Chipperfield slams 'secretive' Stirling Prize judging - The Architects' Journal (UK)

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)


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 Strank; Brams and Smith; Design Group Architects [images] - Salt Lake Tribune

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