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Arthur Erickson's 80th a cause for civic celebration. – You, too, can buy a St. Petersburg palace - and have money left over for restoration. – Where the big bucks for big projects come from these days. – Another New Jersey land initiative: sprawl or smart growth, depending on whom you talk to. – Timely questions raised re: Kennedy Center expansion and plans for a Manhattan stadium. – In China: A Scottish firm wins big in Beijing, and protesting too much "novelty architecture" and "squandered state assets on quirky notions of modern grandeur." – Two cases of possible conflicts of interest in the U.K. – Culture by committee at Ground Zero. – Four proposals to bring Les Halles back to life. – Huxtable waxes poetic about Nervi's Manhattan bus station. – Alsop would rather you either love or hate (and eventually learn to love) his buildings. – Interview with editor of the new book that celebrates African-American architects. – AIA selects 2006 president.

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