EDITOR'S NOTE: Monday, September 6, is Labor Day (U.S.). ANI will not be laboring, but will return Tuesday, September 7. --- Reinventing an Australian town with an Italian accent. -- It's back to the drawing board for affordable housing project in east London. -- Washington, DC's once-abandoned downtown coming back to life. -- A Milwaukee retail transformation - but typical mall retailers have a thing or two to learn about urban identity. -- The Bilbao effect takes hold in Chicago. -- Two thumbs-up for spectacular restoration of Christ Church Spitalfields (at least 30 years in the making), and a neo-classical gem restored in Liverpool. -- The new Australian Architecture Association (inspired by the Chicago Architecture Foundation) kicks of with lecture series on 21st century design. -- University architecture program adds digital media. Readings for a long weekend: Goldberger's take on the politics and architecture of Ground Zero, and Betsky's take on why Dutch design is so good.

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Italian hill town inspires plan for a more amenable Hurstville; ...the next suburban hub to undergo a reinvention that acknowledges a town centre is more than a collection of shops and units. - Sydney Morning Herald

Herzog & de Meuron [first UK] housing scheme hits density hiatus; ...being redesigned after the proposed density of the project was rejected by the local council - BD/Building Design (UK)

Washington Makes Downtown a Destination Again; $275 million Gallery Place ...important milestone...to transform its once-abandoned downtown into a lively shopping and entertainment district. - Arquitectonica; HKS; Kaplan McLaughlin Diaz (KMD)- New York Times

Grand transformation needs urban tinkering; retailers, accustomed to running sprawling suburban stores...still have to learn a thing or two about creating an appealing urban identity. By Whitney Gould - Holabird and Roche (1916); Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Kiku Obata & Co.; Urban Design Group - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Millennium Park - After the Hype; July 16th will be remembered as the day the Bilbao effect took Chicago. By Lynn Becker - Frank Gehry; Anish Kapoor; Jaume Plensa [images/links]- Repeat

Let there be light; Restoration reveals glory of Christ Church (1714-29); After 30 years of campaigning, the full majesty of Nicholas Hawksmoor's Baroque masterpiece in Spitalfields has been restored. - Whitfield Partners; Purcell Miller Tritton - Independent (UK)

God vs the Devil; Through the restored Christ Church Spitalfields, the ghost of Nicholas Hawksmoor is fighting back against 'satanic' 21st century development. - Whitfield Partners; Purcell Miller Tritton - BD/Building Design (UK)

Neo-classical gem on cue for £18m; St George's Hall...hailed as the finest neo-classical building in the world - Charles Cockerell (1854) [image] - Guardian (UK)

Baldwin Bank building historic, empty; "the most charming, classic, historical commercial structure on the island" [by] Hawaii's first and foremost architect - Charles W. Dickey (1931) - The Maui News (Hawaii)

Background for living; On Sunday in Sydney, and next Tuesday in Melbourne, Swiss architect Peter Zumthor will give the first talk in Black - a series on 21st century design presented by the Australian Architecture Association - Australian Financial Review

University at Buffalo blazes academic trail with new program in digital; ...developed because of the ways digital media have transformed the traditional means by which architects design buildings. - University at Buffalo Reporter

Book Review: "UP FROM ZERO: Politics, Architecture and the Rebuilding of New York," by Paul Goldberger. Zero for conduct; Ultimately, politicians, architects, architecture critics and civilians allowed their attention to be diverted by beautiful renderings...shortchanged us all. By Inga Saffron- NY Newsday

Book Review: "False Flat: Why Dutch Design is So Good"; High gloss on Holland; Aaron Betsky's celebration of Dutch design is lacking in depth - BD/Building Design (UK)


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