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Press May Ignore Architects, but So Does (Almost) Everyone Else: Why don't architects get credit more often in the press? And does it matter? By Roger K. Lewis - Graham Gund; Douglas Cardinal; Polshek Partnership; GBQC; SmithGroup; Jones & Jones; EDAW - Washington Post

Lifestyles of the Rich (Buyers) and Famous (Architects): ...are "designer buildings" adding quality to New York's urban fabric or just padding developers' pockets? ...it's a little of both. - Meier; Calatrava; Starck; Tadao & McKown; Dubbeldam/Arch-Tectonics; Gwathmey Siegel; Michael Graves [images] - The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

Town splashes out to reclaim the Mersey: £500m facelift aims to turn 'crap' Stockport into a jewel: planners who oversaw Stockport's last major makeover in the 1960s...hid the Mersey under a shopping centre built on concrete stilts. - Building Design Partnership (BDP) - Guardian (UK)

River Plan Rolls Along: Efforts to revitalize L.A.'s concrete-lined waterway will get a boost as city leaders begin a search for a design consultant. - Los Angeles Times

Beaver County river towns succeed in planning, funding development projects: doing well with their Main Street programs. - Klavon Design Associates - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Old London stirs: KPF and the battle for Smithfield...where a £150m office development is planned...Fear not, the famous meat market is safe. For now. By Hugh Pearman - Sir Horace Jones (1995) [images] - HughPearman.com (UK)

Codes are 'eco timebomb': BedZed architect warns 'rigid' design codes will create Poundbury mark II and environmental catastrophe - Bill Dunster; Proctor & Matthews - BD/Building Design (UK)

(Re)Defining the Edge: Design and architecture schools can be at the forefront of practicing environmental sustainability and social equity. By Susan S. Szenasy - Metropolis Magazine

Changing Skyline: A dorm helping to doom avenue: ...five-story, two-block-long structure...is one mean, uncongenial work of architecture...all the charm of a highway sound barrier. By Inga Saffron - Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates [image] - Philadelphia Inquirer

Glass cancer hits Foster's City Hall: Investigators called in after several panels crack...The problem has arisen on many buildings. - BD/Building Design (UK)

Despite months of protests, Wal-Mart-owned store opens near Mexico's pyramids: The dispute in Teotihuacan...has illustrated how the allure of low prices and U.S. lifestyles often wins out in Mexico. (AP) - San Diego Union-Tribune

Day care threatens shrine to skyscraper hero...the late Fazlur Khan, the engineering mastermind of Sears Tower and the John Hancock Center. By Blair Kamin - Chicago Tribune

Sketching the mother of all moms: ...architectural illustrators are not to blame for the fact that so many buildings designed today are not worthy of their talent. By David Brussat - American Society of Architectural Illustrators; A.G. Rizzoli; Chester B. Price - Providence Journal

November 13: Robert Geddes to be honored as Princeton University's first dean of architecture. - Stan Allen; Lance Jay Brown; Michael Graves; Mary McLeod - Princeton Packet


Second Look: George Washington Bridge Bus Station / Pier Luigi Nervi, 1963: One of Nervi's few completed projects outside Italy is a superb example of the poetry he wrought from ferro-concrete. By Fred A. Bernstein - ArchNewsNow


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