The first thrilling words for Walker Art Center expansion: "...subtle design details that make curators swoon..." (there will be more for sure next week). -- Spain honors Miralles for Holyrood. -- Toronto's ugly Pugly Award winners announced: blame them on lax planning rules and lazy developers. -- U.K. mid-century Modernist houses making the grade. -- Stern news: Quilt Study Center in Nebraska has some people in stitches (one report has image and politics, the other actually talks about the design); School of Business design has Ithaca College feeling like it's "ready for prime time." -- Life inside Yale's Art and Architecture building. -- Ellerbe Becket regroups after defections. -- NYC High Line goes high profile at MoMA, and intense textiles get extreme showing at the Cooper-Hewitt.

An Expansion Gives New Life to an Old Box: The Walker Art Center's new home is a masterly example of how exhausted motifs can acquire new meaning when reworked in a fresh setting. By Nicolai Ouroussoff

Spain honours Miralles Holyrood vision: Manuel de la Dehesa Premio de Arquitectura is recognised as Spain's equivalent of the Royal Incorporation of British Architects' Stirling Prize. -- EMBT- The Herald (UK)

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