

## Today's News - July 10, 2006

We lose a visionary San Franciscan. – An international ideas competition for a new Paris Courthouse. – Another take on Dubai's "Ali Baba-meets-the-Jetsons" aesthetics. – A few different takes on Gehry's Guggenheim for Abu Dhabi. – Kaplan gets a comeback from developer on Grand Avenue comments. – What Melbourne needs now to be the world's most livable city again. – On Friday, Nobel said Goodbye, Columbus, Indiana; today, King is most kind. – Minneapolis takes its place as mid-west design capital; cost-benefit analysis still to come. – In Luxembourg, Pei's new museum awaits a collection. – Chichester's new Pallant House Gallery is remarkable for any number of reasons. – Taniguchi to work his minimalist magic in Houston. – Renovation instead of restoration of Aalto's poetry reading room at Harvard draws some big-name ire. – Irish architects get London photography gallery gig. – Johnson's Glass House to open to the public. – English Heritage gets behind naming Brunel's Great Western Railway a world heritage site.

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[Obituary: Mario Ciampi, 99 -- visionary, award-winning architect. By John King](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[International ideas competition for master-planning the new Paris Courthouse: 3 €40,000 professional prizes, 5 €10,000 student prizes; deadline: October 16 \[in French, English, Spanish\]](#)- Établissement Public du Palais de Justice de Paris (EPPJP)

[Desert emirate of Dubai sprouts Vegas-like buildings: ...by turns jaw-dropping, horrifying, comical and impressive...applying specific architectural traditions to modern building types is tricky business...especially evident in skyscrapers with an Ali Baba-meets-the-Jetsons aesthetic.](#)- Star-Telegram (Dallas/Ft. Worth)

[Guggenheim to build museum in Abu Dhabi: Frank Gehry to design 300,000 sq ft building. Modern art shows will be sensitive to local culture](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Frank Gehry wonders whether he can top Bilbao: ...Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, or GAD, would be the most expensive yet...museum's building site now sits under water...to undergo a US\\$27 billion makeover to become the Emirates' cultural epicenter.](#) (AP)- China Post

[Abu Dhabi To Build Gehry-Designed Guggenheim Museum \(GAD\): ...will be built in the Cultural District of Saadiyat Island...which is being transformed into an international tourism destination.](#)- Property World Middle East (Dubai)

[Jewish architect builds Guggenheim's largest museum in booming Abu Dhabi: The project brought striking cultural juxtapositions: A museum named for a major Jewish-American family and designed by a Jewish-American architect would rise in the capital of an Arab country that refuses diplomatic ties with Israel. -- Frank Gehry \(AP\)](#)- Israel Insider

[Grand Objections: A Developer Takes Exception To a Column: ...an email response to what he felt was my putdown of his Related Cos. preliminary plans for the Grand Avenue project...as being styled by an enterprising Frank Gehry...](#) By Sam Hall Kaplan- LA Downtown News

[My kind of Melbourne: ...what the world's former 'most liveable city' needs now. The Sunday Age asked a group of prominent Melburnians - architects, artists, urban planners, developers, designers, the head of a health body, historians - for their thoughts.](#)- The Age (Australia)

[Columbus, Indiana, is just another bucolic Midwestern town...Quite unexpectedly, it also happens to have one of the country's most prized collections of buildings by modern masters. By John King -- Deborah Berke; Roche; Saarinen; Venturi; Meier; Polshek; Bassett/Skidmore Owings & Merrill; Pelli; Pei \[images\]](#)- Dwell

[The making of a design Capital: New architectural icons that opened within the past eight weeks already look lived in...Minneapolis is now enjoying the fruit of past investment in the arts...still lacks a cost-benefit analysis of what type of arts investment is most effective... -- Jean Nouvel; Herzog & de Meuron; Cesar Pelli; Architectural Alliance; Michael Graves-](#) Minneapolis Downtown Journal

[Luxembourg Opens Grand Duke Jean Museum of Modern Art: The size and sober grandeur of I.M. Pei's new building in Luxembourg suggests a museum awaiting a collection -- but at least the museum exists, something that at times seemed less than certain. \[images\]](#)- New York Times


[What, no books? Chichester now has its own miniature version of the British Library. But it's what's inside that makes it special...Pallant House Gallery...a remarkable gallery: old-fashioned in terms of craftsmanship, pioneering in terms of environmental engineering, a good neighbour to an important historic house...](#) By Jonathan Glancey -- Colin St John Wilson/Long & Kentish; Arup; Christopher Bradley-Hole- Guardian (UK)

[Simplicity is the key to Asia House: Yoshio Taniguchi...is set to work his minimalist magic in Houston. \[image\]](#)- Houston Chronicle

[Renovations to a Study Room by Aalto Splits Harvard Faculty: A renovation of a...poetry reading room designed by the Finnish architect...has drawn heated objections from architects and preservationists. -- David N. Fixel; Einhorn Yaffee Prescott; Toshiko Mori; Frederic Schwartz; Kenneth Frampton \[image\]](#)- New York Times

[O'Donnell + Tuomey to design new photography gallery in London](#)- Archiseek (Ireland)

[Resident under glass: Famed architect's home likely to open next spring: Philip Johnson's iconic Glass House will soon add a new feature -- a welcome mat...to open the home along with its extensive modern art collection to the public next spring.](#)- Stamford Advocate (Connecticut)



[God's Wonderful Railway on track to be world heritage site: Vital backing for bid to mark Brunel achievement. Great Western Railway London to Bristol line 'a breathtaking monument'](#)- Guardian (UK)

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