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Ouroussoff sees clear through Toledo's new Glass Pavilion - and likes what he sees. -- Blum brings us Mayne vs. government geeks: "a saga of form and function, symbolism and science." -- Duany brings new urbanism to Scotland "causing apoplexy to some planners, councillors, residents" (will a charrette appease the apoplexy?). -- Is Miami's Aqua "country-club urbanism" or "proof that New Urbanists are not doctrinaire"? -- Pundits are turning into builders in the U.K. -- Cul-de-sacs becoming an endangered species. -- The rest is mostly history: In Manila, a lesson in how new and old can live in "May-December harmony." -- Is it wrong to build a new Wright? -- Building in the shadow of a Wright is no job for amateurs. -- A seldom-seen Gropius/Breuer gem hopes to open its doors. -- Central Floridians in a hot romance with their mid-century modern treasures. -- The mid-century developer who made a difference (he hired architects!). -- Three takes (mostly positive) on change-of-plans for a Sullivan jewel in Chicago. -- A "freewheeling chat" with RIBA's president-elect: Prasad has big plans.

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[A Crystal Showcase Reflects a City's Glass Legacy: Standing in front of the new Glass Pavilion at the Toledo Museum of Art can reawaken that belief in the power of glass to enchant...That Sanaa could make all of this look so effortless is a sign of its mastery, and an illusion of course. By Nicolai Ouroussoff -- Kazuyo Sejima/Ryue Nishizawa \[images\]-](#) New York Times

[Storm Center: Designing a new home for NOAA -- the satellite guys -- set off a hurricane-force fight between the geeks and the government's star architect...a saga of form and function, symbolism and science. By Andrew Blum -- Thom Mayne/Morphosis \[images\]-](#) Wired

[Miami vision has designs on Inverness: ...Andres Duany is developing proposals for a new settlement at Tornagrain, called provisionally Castle Stuart...will house 10,000 people eventually...''If we can persuade people in Scotland to live in villages, rather than sprawl...then something great will have been achieved.''' -- Duany Plater-Zyberk \(DPZ\)-](#) This is North Scotland

[Aqua's vista: New Urbanist meets modernist in unique Miami Beach community: ...proof that New Urbanists are not doctrinaire, that traditional urban planning can accommodate modern architecture. -- Duany Plater-Zyberk \(DPZ\) \[images\]-](#) Miami Herald

[McCloud builds his own grand designs: TV presenter 'puts his money where his mouth is' to create 100 homes...''I want to prove to developers that it is possible to make affordable, sustainable housing to exemplary architectural standards...''-](#) Observer (UK)

[Why Some Towns Place Roadblocks on Cul-de-Sacs: ...across the country, this staple of suburban development is drawing criticism from a growing number of planners and government officials, who say it should become an endangered species.-](#) New York Times

[Spanish Heritage In The Heart Of Manila: Who said constructing a new building beside an old one is not good design? May-December harmony is the lesson to be learned from Instituto Cervantes and the Casino Espanol who show Manila how to be good neighbours. By Augusto Villalon -- Jose Ma. Zaragoza \(1951\); Javier Galván-](#) Philippine Daily Inquirer

['This is his finest work': Shame he's not around to see it. Steve Rose reports on the posthumous Frank Lloyd Wright home that has the architect's fans up in arms. -- Thomas Heinz-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Wise additions could befit Wright's legacy: While building in the shadow of Wright is no job for amateurs, I think that, in the right hands, it can be done sympathetically...So does Paul Byard... By Whitney Gould -- Kubala Washatko Architects; Griskelis Young Harrell; 4240 Architecture; Hammond, Beeby and Babka; Behnisch Architects-](#) Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Owner wants to make architecturally significant Frank House a museum: Some day, if the preservation stars align properly, devotees of design will travel here to tour a seldom-seen triumph of modern architecture -- the largest private mansion ever designed by partners Walter Gropius...and Marcel Breuer... \[images\]-](#) Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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