Palais de Justice de Paris Design Competition shortlist announced -- Fuses i Viader, Spain; 3 Box (P. Bommier, J. Bruter, France; F. Donis and K. Betschinger, Netherlands [in English, French, Spanish]; Etablissement Public du Palais de Justice de Paris (EPPJP)

A mixed verdict on Mayne's courthouse: An Oregon building hints at the difficulty of finding architectural middle ground... It is indeed the most humane and accessible public building of Mayne's career... his first unreservedly great building. By Christopher Hawthorne...

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Hidden spaces: Some recent expansions of historic structures have led planners underground for creative architectural solutions... -- GWWO; Lance Brown; RTKL; Gehry;

Olin Partnership; Atkin Ollehr Lawson-Bell Architects; Wilford Rybczynski; Davis Buckley; Hagy Belzberg; William McDonough + Partners; Polshek Partnership; Baltimore Sun

Vitra Campus Extension, in Weil am Rhein, Germany... an exhibition building designed by Herzog & de Meuron... and a factory designed by SANAA... -- Grimshaw; Gehry; Hadid; Ando; Siza; Easier.com (UK)

The State of American Cities: while the U.S. and England are marked by significant cultural and political differences in their views on cities, the two nations are undergoing similar economic and demographic transitions that pave the way for a useful comparative policy dialogue on urban areas. -- Brookings Institution

Now, that's a bright idea: Artist James Turrell... tells how he plans to animate a downtown Toronto high-rise... the biggest urban public-art project of his career... -- Carl Blanchaser/WZMH Architects; Globe and Mail (Canada)

Prefabs: Still Rolling Off The Assembly Line: "Some Assembly Required" [at Yale], ulterior message that prefab is enjoying a newfound interest is not quite right. Prefab never went away. It was the architects who lost interest... It's new again. It is also part of the current retro rage... -- Michael J. Crosbie-- Hartford Courant (Connecticut)

Call for Entries: 2007 ULI Awards for Excellence: The Americas; Europe; Asia Pacific; deadline: February 9, 2007; Urban Land Institute (ULI)

Call for Entries: Young Architects Competition; Theme: "Proof"; deadline: February 12, 2007 (open to residents of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico only); Architectural League of New York
Call for entries: Young Architects’ Design Competition for Cotton Bay Estates & Villas, Bahamas; cash prizes; deadline: March 1, 2007 (open to qualified architects under 40 years old); Cotton Bay Estates & Villas

Call for proposals: ASLA education sessions for Annual Meeting October 5-9, 2007, in San Francisco; theme: Designing with Nature: the Art of Balance; deadline: January 10, 2007; American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

-- Competition winner: Morphosis: Phare Tower, La Défense, France
-- Book: Architecture Tours L.A. Guidebooks by Laura Massino

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