

Today's News - Thursday, May 31, 2007

ROM's Crystal may "pave the way for more beautiful architecture." – For Blum, the Crystal's arrival is "not a moment too soon." – Toronto also to be HQ for World Green Building Council. – Cleveland's EcoVillage designed by a coalition of young, green designers. – A rather scathing take on the new "Colossus of Baghdad" (links to images prove it). – U.K. largest courthouse ready for it's close-up. – Alsop on prison design. – Are "living buildings" a step to agriculture in the skies? – A 19th century warehouse transformed into a contemporary city archive for Antwerp. – Saffron hopes Philadelphia rethinks plans for President's House site. – Building momentum to save Rudolph's dwindling legacy. – Towering battle brewing in the outskirts of Chicago. – The architect behind the new Billy Graham "barn." – Hume revisits Mies's Toronto-Dominion Centre, "the finest example of modern architecture in these parts." – We're very sad to hear that the Minneapolis Star Tribune sacked Mack. – Call for entries: 4th annual LEAF Awards. – OURTOPIAS: The DX National Design Conference coming up. – One we couldn't resist: Gehry gets a giggle from scatological t-shirt.

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[Critics divided over Toronto's ROM Crystal: Toronto architecture has been so mediocre for so long, it may take time for people to accept something besides a traditional box...this building will pave the way for more beautiful architecture. -- Daniel Libeskind- CBC \(Canada\)](#)

[The Dream Life of Toronto: ...what thrills me about the Michael Lee-Chin Crystal at the ROM: more than just a museum of objects, it seems destined to become the leading repository of the dream life of Toronto. And not a moment too soon. By Andrew Blum -- Daniel Libeskind- AndrewBlum.net](#)

[Vaughan a hub for green builders: City wins right to act as international resource for countries trying to change building habits...Toronto – as Vaughan is known in the wider world – has just won the right to house the World Green Building Council \(WGBC\) international secretariat. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star](#)

[City, state provide \\$600,000 to build eco-friendly houses in Cleveland: The new houses will be part of the EcoVillage...built around the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's West 65th Street Rapid station. By Steven Litt -- Emerging Green Designers: Jim Ptacek; Jim LaRue- Cleveland Plain Dealer](#)

[Colossus of Baghdad: We're talking, of course, about the still-uncompleted American embassy, the largest on the planet, being constructed on a 104-acre stretch of land in the heart of Baghdad's embattled Green Zone... -- Berger Devine Yaeger \(BDY\) \[links\]- The Nation](#)

[UK's biggest court opens doors to Lord Chancellor: Lord Falconer praises design of the £113m Manchester Civil Justice Centre by architect Denton Corker Marshall \[images\]- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Can prisoners find the key to a new design for life in jail? Prisons are overcrowded, many with repeat offenders, but is the solution really to give the inmates keys to their own cells? Absolutely. Will Alsop says- Yorkshire Post \(UK\)](#)

[Let's Get Vertical: Are "living buildings" a step to agriculture in the skies? ...the very idea of vertical farming scratches an itch in the imagination of a lot of green-leaning thinkers. But is it even possible?- Common Ground](#)

[St Felix Warehouse becomes Felix Archives of the City of Antwerp: Robbrecht and Daem architects... are currently renovating and redesigning a listed 19th century warehouse into a contemporary city archive. - Arts Flanders \(Belgium\)](#)

[Let's not throw dirt on the city's history: Fortunately, there is time to plan a course correction for the President's House site...But too often Philadelphia prefers to get something done, rather than get it done right. By Inga Saffron -- Kelly/Maiello- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[New Plans Hatched for Saving Rudolph's Legacy: It wasn't a good year for the Paul Rudolph Foundation.- Architectural Record](#)

[Second condo tower proposed for downtown Evanston: A 49-story condominium high-rise...already under scrutiny for its towering height, faces a new challenge: a 37-story condo building planned right next door. -- Daniel P. Coffey & Associates; Booth Hansen Associates \[image\]- Crain's Chicago](#)

[Columbian designs Graham 'barn': Franklin Graham asked Derek Gruner to design a barn. He wanted it big and red — with a giant cross in its side. -- JHS Architecture \[slide show\]- The State \(South Carolina\)](#)

[When Mies's towers scraped the sky: 40 years ago, the Toronto-Dominion Centre's completion signalled that the city had arrived as a global player...remain the finest example of modern architecture in these parts. By Christopher Hume -- Ludwig Mies van der Rohe- Toronto Star](#)

[Minneapolis Architecture Critic Cut: With new buildings by Jean Nouvel and Herzog & de Meuron...the architecture scene in Minneapolis is definitely heating up—but it will no](#)

[longer be receiving consistent review...Minneapolis Star Tribune...is eliminating the position of its architecture critic and reporter, Linda Mack.](#)- Architectural Record

[Call for entries: LEAF Awards 2007: Crossing Borders to honor outstanding contributions to international architecture: deadline: July 31-](#) designbuild-network.com (UK)

[OURTOPIAS: The DX National Design Conference June 14-16 in Toronto...will present both visionary and practical ideas to address issues of creating cities that are effectively functional, sustainable, and enjoyably livable.-- Bruce Kuwabara/KPMB Architects; Kim Herforth Nielsen/3XN; etc.](#)- Canadian Architect

[Sticks and Stones Dept.: Your Name Here: "Somebody sent it to me," Gehry said..."and I thought it must have been the people in Brooklyn who are sort of angry. But then I thought, well, it must be loving, too. So I decided it was funny..."](#)- New Yorker

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