

Today's News - Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Accusations of plagiarism continue to haunt competitions. – Bono's £100million plan for Dublin still under fire: "a Fosteresque 21st-century rock star bubble." – £1.5 billion phase 2 of Titanic Quarter in Belfast gets the go-ahead. – A new TOD in L.A. is "a textbook example of a dilemma Hawthorne calls the "Density Paradox." – Oh to be an architect: London's Vincent Square "gives a new meaning to the word pastiche." – Davidson breaks bread with the Libeskind: he "thinks of himself as a perpetual outsider in the clannish world of contemporary architecture." – Leaks are the least of the problems at Toronto's ROM. – EOIs invited for U.K.'s second zero carbon community. – Restoration of Mies' Tugendhat Villa finally underway. – A Wright house from Illinois finds its way to Western Pennsylvania. – Chicago architects have big ideas for striking homes. – Toronto architects' own homes are the future face of infill housing. – Australia chooses team for next Venice Biennale. – At 82, John Portman's "children" line city skylines everywhere. – EPA's Lifecycle Building Challenge winners are very green. – A|L Light & Architecture Design Awards are illuminating. – Two we couldn't resist: perhaps it's time to bring back the Heineken WOBO brick. – Mapping Manhattan.

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[Sincere Flattery or Something Worse? Accusations of plagiarism continue to haunt competitions... -- Whitefield McQueen Architects; Eero Saarinen; Le Corbusier; Maya Lin; Lisa Austin; Paul Murdoch; Della Valle Bernheimer; Herzog & de Meuron; Lee Skolnick](#)- Architectural Record

[Bono's hotel plan angers Dublin traditionalists: ...scheme would undoubtedly provide Dublin with an eye-catching new signature building...involves a radical redesign and expansion of the Clarence Hotel..."a Fosteresque 21st-century rock star bubble."](#) -- Foster + Partners- Independent (UK)

[£1.5bn Titanic Quarter plan boost: Phase two...will see the creation of 2,000 residential units and a mix of buildings earmarked for employment, leisure and cultural tourism uses.](#) -- CivicArts/Eric R. Kuhne & Associates [images]- Belfast Telegraph (Ireland)

[Up close, the romance is gone: The new Wilshire Vermont Station complex in Koreatown appears dramatic from a distance. But a walk in its courtyard exposes its flaws...fundamentally a stucco box trying to avoid looking like a stucco box...a textbook example of a growing dilemma for planners and designers in this city. Call it the Density Paradox. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Arquitectonica](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Monumental triumphs: Great architecture shapes and reflects the spirit of its age - which is why I wish I had practised it...would rather have spent my life applying for planning permission to install dormer windows than admit responsibility for...redevelopment in Vincent Square...a complex of "luxury apartments" that gives a new meaning to the word pastiche. By Roy Hattersley](#)- Guardian (UK)

[The Liberation of Daniel Libeskind: The architect who lost the battle over the Freedom Tower \(though not, in his opinion, the war\) may now build Manhattan's tallest residential building. And he's built a whole new career for himself by carefully mining the line between idealism and concession. By Justin Davidson \[images\]](#)- New York Magazine

[Leaks, woes a smudge on Crystal's sparkle: Far more daunting are the problems of mounting exhibits in the strange new spaces...and budgeting for the new reality..."Daniel didn't design this building based on the collections...We had to design the collections to go with the building."](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Expressions of interest \(EOI\) invited to build 450 state-of-the-art eco homes in Peterborough...to be the country's second zero carbon community in English Partnerships' Carbon Challenge; South Bank Phase One deadline: November 9](#)- English Partnerships (UK)

[Less is More to Restore at Mies' Tugendhat Villa: After three years of contentious negotiations, the Czech Republic city of Brno has agreed to restore...a landmark of early Modernism designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and completed in 1930. \[slide show\]](#)- Architectural Record

[New Frank Lloyd Wright house in Western Pennsylvania completes trinity of work: ...ong been home to...Kentuck Knob and Fallingwater...Duncan House has been moved here from Lisle, Ill... \[images, links\]](#)- USA Today

[Residential Real Estate: The Architects: Big ideas become striking homes. Top architects design arts centers, concert halls — and hall closets. — Larry Booth/Booth Hansen; John Ronan; Wheeler Kearns; Elva Rubio/Bruce Mau Design; Valerio Dewalt Train; Brininstool + Lynch; Doug Garofalo; Dirk Lohan \[links, images\]](#)- Crain's Chicago Business

[The future face of infill housing: In designing their own homes, these architects emphasized flexibility, light and sustainability -- Drew Mandel; Meg Graham/Andre D'Elia/superkül Inc. Architect; Levitt Goodman Architects](#)- Toronto Star

[Architecture team chosen for the 'other' Venice Biennale: ...winning group's proposal stood out because it aimed to bring the diversity of Australian architectural practice to a world audience. — Kerstin Thompson, Neil Durbach, Vince Frost, Gary Warner, Wendy Lewin](#)- The Age (Australia)

[Architect's 'children' line cities' skylines: Man behind the Westin has new uptown project...John Portman, 82, has altered the skylines of cities on three continents over five decades...](#)- Charlotte Observer

[Lifecycle Building Challenge Winners: Innovative Green Building Competition -- Miller/Hull Partnership; Michael Berk/GreenMobile; Texas A&M University 2007 Solar Decathlon Team/groHome; Rockhill + Associates/Studio 804; Saida + Sullivan Design Partners; etc. \[images, links\]](#)- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

[All Light & Architecture Design Awards 4: 11 winning projects represent work that...strives for design excellence no matter the project brief or budget. -- Cline Bettridge Bernstein Lighting Design; Arup Lighting; Morris Sato Studios; Tillotson Design Associates; Sachs Morgan Studio; Behnisch Architekten; Lightteam; Horton Lees Brogden Lighting Design; Boora Architects \[links\]](#)- Architectural Lighting magazine

[The Heineken WOBO \(World Bottle\): Seems like Heineken was about 50 years too early with the World Bottle concept of brick-shaped bottles that could be upcycled as building materials..."a brick that holds beer." -- John Habraken; Rinus van den Berg \[images\]](#)- Archinect

[Mapping Mannahatta: Eric Sanderson, a landscape ecologist at the Wildlife Conservation Society who is trying to determine exactly how Manhattan...looked before the arrival of Europeans. \[slide show\]](#)- New Yorker



[-- kk Letter: Three days in Barcelona: Miralles/Tagliabue/EMBT; Arata Isozaki; Jean Nouvel; Herzog & de Meuron; Gaudi](#)  
[-- Design Hotel: Hotel Omm, Barcelona -- Juli Capella; Sandra Tarruella/Isabel López; Beth Figueras](#)

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