

Today's News - Friday, October 5, 2007

EDITOR'S NOTE: A short news day...in travel mode and the technology gods are not happy. ANN may or may not appear in your mailbox Monday and Tuesday...but we'll definitely be back on Wednesday, October 10. — We lose a German master of museum architecture. — Glancey picks the best modern architecture around the globe and why the Empire State Building leads the way (though he did omit its architects). — APA issues 10 each of America's greatest streets and neighborhoods. — Hopefully, that list will grow as Maurice Cox takes the helm as NEA's Director of Design. — Kazakhstan is in the midst of creating quite an architectural pedigree. — "Car-itecture" comes into its own. — Historic Scotland chooses "a very 21st-century" addition (it beat pastiche). — Goethe would be pleased with the restoration of Weimar's historic Anna Amalia Library. — The battle heats up over Neutra's Cyclorama at Gettysburg. — A new book celebrates the architectural legacy of the city's forgotten early masters. — In NYC, a temporary installation will illuminate the stories of Roosevelt Island's 19th-century East River nights. — Plans to add a roof zoo "to put pizzazz into Harrods." — Another installment of the Architectural League's Young Architects 2007. — Peaman on a British designer whose heroes are Steve Jobs and Ben & Jerry is ready to take on the Moss SoHo crowd of "America's design-conscious elite." — Call for entries: Benjamin Moore 3rd Annual HUE Awards, and Berkeley Prize 2007 International Essay Competition. — How could we resist (we've had to bump this for weeks): Beethoven's hair turned into £500k diamond to help kids.

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[Obituary: O.M. Ungers, 81, Architect Restoring Berlin's Pergamon...the biggest of the five museums on war-damaged Museum Island...](#)- Bloomberg News

[Herbert Muschamp's writing, like the buildings he favored, reflected a tug of war between reason and desire....He asserted that architects could be "qualitatively ranked." Those aren't popular notions these days, but real criticism is impossible if you believe otherwise. By Christopher Hawthorne-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Building sights: ...the best modern architecture around the globe. Jonathan Glancey explains how the list was put together - and why the Empire State Building leads the way. -- Shreve, Lamb and Harmon; Utzon; Gehry; Le Corbusier; Libeskind; Wright; Foster; Gaudi; Grimshaw; Hadid; Charles Holden-](#) Guardian (UK)

[APA Announces the 2007 Great Places in America: 10 Great Streets and 10 Great Neighborhoods ...defined by good design, functionality, sustainability, and community involvement. \[links, images\]-](#) American Planning Association (APA)

[NEA Announces Maurice Cox as Director of Design: ...will supervise the panel selection and grant making process in design, oversee the Mayors' Institute on City Design, Governors' Institute on Community Design, and Your Town programs...](#)- National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

[New Kids on the Bloc: The Kazakh cities Almaty and Astana don't have much in the way of an architectural pedigree, but a handful of firms...are in the process of creating one. -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Foster + Partners; Audrey Matlock; Robert A.M. Stern; Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum \(HOK\); Arup; Koolhaas/Office of Metropolitan Architecture \(OMA\) \[images\]-](#) The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

[Car-itecture: New Museums Enshrine the Brand: Auto Showplaces Market Status, Style: On Stage at BMW World -- Coop Himmelb\(l\)au; UNStudio; Delugan Meissl; Zaha Hadid; Grimshaw; Foster; Giacomo Mattè Trucco \(1929s\); Piano; Frei Otto-](#) Wall Street Journal

[Weimar's Anna Amalia Library Re-Opens: Three years after a fire...At €12.8 million \(\\$18 million\), the restoration and modernization of the historic library was not an inexpensive affair...looks much the same as it did in the days of Johann Wolfgang Goethe. "It smells of old books again" -- Walter Grunwald \[slide show\]-](#) Der Spiegel (Germany)

[Will the Edinburgh Castle be rocked by a very 21st-century first line of defence? So why did Historic Scotland hire the rising Scottish architect Gareth Hoskins to design, a, er... ticket office?-](#) The Scotsman (UK)

[Battle Rages Over Neutra's Cyclorama Center at the Gettysburg National Military Park has dragged on for 10 years—and now, with the park poised to raze the building, it has shifted to the federal courts. "Their claims about the authenticity of the battlefield are myopic," says Dion Neutra...](#)- Architectural Record

[Architectural legacy -- Yes, L.A. has one: In 'Houses of Los Angeles,' Sam Watters traces the city's design history and pays tribute to forgotten early masters...a dazzling two-volume pictorial history... -- Richard Neutra; R.M. Schindler; Myron Hunt; Elmer Grey; Irving Gill; Gordon Kaufmann; Roland Coate; Reginald D. Johnson; etc. \[images\]-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Traveling Light: Thom Sokoloski's temporary installation will illuminate the stories of Roosevelt Island's 19th-century residents and the East River night. ..."The Encampment" \[image\]-](#) The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

[Roof zoo plan to put pizzazz into Harrods: ...the brainchild of Harrods creative director Bill Mitchell...commissions for Harrods include...the store's kitsch Egyptian Room-](#) Observer (UK)

[Young Architects 2007: Proof -- Ivan Hernandez Quintela/Ludens; Chaewon Kim/Beat Schenk/UNI; Carlos Bedoya/Wonne Ickx/Victor Jaime/Abel Perles/Productora;](#)

[Dominic Leong/Jonathan Lott/Brian Price/PARA: Jinhee Park/SINGLE speed DESIGN \[video podcasts\]](#)- Architectural League of New York

[Alasdair Willis brings Brit design to New York. Can Established and Sons crack America? It's very simple: if you convince Murray Moss, then you convince America's design-conscious elite. By Hugh Pearman \[images\]](#)- HughPearman.com (UK)

[Call for entries: Benjamin Moore 3rd Annual HUE Awards for exceptional use of color in architecture or interior design; deadline: October 26](#)- Benjamin Moore

[Call for entries: Berkeley Prize 2007 International Essay Competition: Stage 1 proposals due November 1-December 10](#)- Berkeley Prize

[Beethoven's hair turned into £500k diamond: ...the rock is expected to sell for £500,000...."The proceeds of this historical diamond will give us the opportunity to help a great number of children."](#)- Telegraph (UK)



-- [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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