

Today's News - Thursday, October 18, 2007

Newark on course for a major rebound after decades of decline. – Litt has high hopes for Cleveland's first urban project to be designed by "star-quality architects." – Landscape architecture students team with Wisconsin's American Indian tribes to bring "affordable" and "green" a little closer together. – BMW Welt megastore opens in Munich (not much text, but lots of pix!). – Nobel's reappraisal of Kahn: he's "reminded that works of architecture realized in honest concert with gravity cannot be matched by any Disney Hall." – Fatima's new church accommodates huge throngs. – Perhaps it will be a hot topic at Yale's "What Makes a Space Sacred?" conference next week. – Another performing arts center for L.A. almost ready for its close-up. – Hume ruminates on the three shortlisted designs for University of Toronto law school. – Jacobs digs deep into the sad state of America's infrastructure. – A special report on office interiors (lots of eye candy). – Some familiar names nominated for Prince Philip Designers Prize. – Alsop's "most audacious career move to date." – Czech architect has a golden touch in restoring Prague's cityscape. – Top 10 from London Design Festival. – Call for entries: 3rd Urban Revision competition: Re:Store; and 2008 Dulux Colour Awards. – Deadline reminder: City of the Future deadline looms. – How could we resist: world's first toilet house will be in Korea (only \$50,000/night!).

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[Delirious Newark: Mayor Cory Booker is determined to exploit planning strategies and the real estate market and to help the long-struggling city rebuild after decades of decline. Developers, businesses, and, most importantly, potential residents are paying attention. By Jeff Byles -- Toni Griffin; Max Bond/Davis Brody Bond; Regional Plan Association \(RPA\); SMWM; Phillips Preiss Shapiro Associates; Justice and Sustainability Associates; Chan Krieger Sieniewicz; Mies van der Rohe; Barton Myers \[images\]](#)- The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

[It's official: Developers for the new Triangle project in Cleveland's University Circle neighborhood are the first in the city's history to hire star-quality architects to design a major urban residential project. By Steven Litt -- Saitowitz Natoma Architects; de Leon/Tehrani/Office dA; City Architecture; Moussavi/FOA Architects; Maas/MVRDV](#)- Cleveland Plain Dealer

[UW offers more 'green' for less: UW-Madison landscape architecture department, professional advisors and Wisconsin's American Indian tribes make local reservations energy-efficient...bring "affordable" and "green" a little closer together.](#)- The Daily Cardinal (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

[BMW Welt \(World\) megastore opens in Munich: ...described as a "car delivery and experience center." -- Coop Himmelb\(l\)au \[images\]](#)- Motor Authority

[Between Noise and Light: The Yale University Art Gallery triggers a reappraisal of Louis Kahn's message. ...there's a more lasting satisfaction in being reminded that works of architecture realized in honest concert with gravity...cannot be matched by any Disney Hall. By Philip Nobel -- Polshek Partnership; Joel Sanders](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[Fatima's giant church is hiding no secrets: ...€80 million \(£54 million\)...new Church of the Holy Trinity can accommodate nearly 9,000 worshippers. -- Alexandros Tombazis \[image\]](#)- The Times (UK)

["What Makes a Space Sacred?" to Be Pondered at Three-Day Yale Event October 25-27: "Architecture for Worship in the 21st Century" and "Constructing the Ineffable: Contemporary Sacred Architecture" -- Safdie; Tigerman; Eisenman; Scully; Beeby; Moneo; Meir; Holl; Hadid; etc.](#)- Yale School of Architecture/Yale Institute of Sacred Music/Yale Divinity School

[The Westside of L.A. gets another star: A new performing arts complex at Santa Monica College's satellite campus nears completion. -- Renzo Zecchetto; Jaffe Holden Acoustics](#)- Los Angeles Times

[A law school site to 'make spirit soar': ...University of Toronto law faculty will get what it wants, not just what it needs. By Christopher Hume -- Harii Pontarini; Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg \(KPMB\); Saucier + Perrotte](#)- Toronto Star

[Without Redundancy: As the interstate highway system ages, are other failures inevitable? Maybe the problem that caused the I-35W bridge to fall isn't just a bad gusset plate, or the effect of 40 years of road salt...but the result of a grand infrastructural undertaking launched at the exact moment when we stopped building things to last. By Karrie Jacobs](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[Special Report: Office Interiors: Enabling Innovation Through Office Design: High-Tech Interiors; Do You Work in a Zoo? etc. -- Design Alliance; Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle; TPG Architecture; Studios Architecture; Gensler; VOA Associates; HOK; etc. \[images, slide shows\]](#)- BusinessWeek

[Runners announced for Prince Philip Designers Prize: -- David Chipperfield, David Gentleman \(graphic design\); Robin Levien \(product design\); Jonathan Ive \(Apple\); Ron Arad \(furniture design\); Shelley Fox \(fashion\)](#)- Design Week (UK)

[Goldschmied to bail out Alsop from SMC: Troubled practice in jeopardy as it faces loss of star designer to ex-RRP \[Richard Rogers Partnership\] partner...most audacious career move to date.](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Ladislav Lábus' golden touch: Czech architect has made a career out of restoring Prague's cityscape...finds "a good border between what's old and what's new" in all his projects.](#) - The Prague Post

[Specs and the city: Marble tables, lavish loos, a spectacle chandelier ... the London Design Festival crackled with talk of pricey one-offs and eco-friendly products. Ian Tucker picks the 10 entries with the most vision-](#) Observer (UK)

[Call for entries: Re:Store: How can all trade be fair trade? How can we find healthier ways to make exchanges in urban settings? 3rd in a series of six competitions designed to inspire ideas for a sustainable city block; registration deadline: January 15, 2008-](#) Urban Revision

[Deadline reminder: City of the Future: A Design and Engineering Challenge; submissions due November 9-](#) The History Channel

[Call for entries: 2008 Dulux Colour Awards; deadline \(projects must be in Australia\): February 28, 2008-](#) Dulux Australia

[World's first toilet house to be built in Korea: Guests will be able to rent the pan-shaped house to raise money for the Korea Toilet Association -- Sim Jae Duck \[images\]-](#) Building (UK)



[Morphosis: United States Federal Building, San Francisco -- Thom Mayne](#)

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