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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 (images) - The Times (UK)

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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

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