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A massive healthcare facility in Utah gives form to a parallel shift in medicine that emphasizes the art of healing. — Hales looks at views vs. development near the National Mall. — Louisvile gets a look at park plans for Museum Plaza. — NYC residential developers getting a new (and less expensive) tool for green certification. — Dubai developers better be green by January. — That mandate announced at opening of region’s first LEED Platinum building (lots of articles, but we couldn’t find one mention of architect!). — Hume finds Zeidler “hasn’t given up the struggle for urban enlightenment.” — Is the A/E/C industry finally starting to take light pollution seriously? (we hope so). — Rybczynski is walking on air in an ode to footbridges. — Heathcote’s encounter with Chipperfield as his Hepworth museum gets ready to break ground. — The public gets vociferous re: Parry’s Holburne Museum expansion. — The 2007 RAIA National Architecture Awards urban enlightenment.” — Is the A/E/C industry finally starting to take light pollution seriously? (we hope so). — Rybczynski is walking on air in an ode to footbridges. — Heathcote’s encounter with Chipperfield as his Hepworth museum gets ready to break ground. — The public gets vociferous re: Parry’s Holburne Museum expansion. — The 2007 RAIA National Architecture Awards

Modern Focus on the Patient: Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah, gives form to a parallel shift in medicine that emphasizes the art of healing rather than the mere administration of scientific procedures. — Anshen+Allen [images]- ArchNewsNow

The Price of Capitalism: Washington, D.C. debates whether preserving the views from the Mall is worth stifling development...if Rosslyn Central Place were anywhere else, the design by Beyer Blinder Belle might generate applause for fostering smart growth. By Linda Hales [images]- Metropolis Magazine

Museum Plaza developers unveil plans for a park: A 27-foot-high ramp...studded with two sculptures filled with water — one calm and one turbulent to echo the moods of the Ohio River, and lead to a promenade laced with trees and park benches beneath a trio of skyscraper towers. — Rosyton Haramoto Alley & Ayey, REX Architectural Partners [slide show]- Courier-Journal (Louisville, KY)

New Tool on Tap For 'Green Developers': New York State Energy Research and Development Authority [NYSERDA] and the EPA are finalizing a set of standards to certify high-rises..."Energy Star is a heck of a lot easier to obtain than LEED."

Dubai to turn green in 2008: All buildings in Dubai will have to be constructed as per environment-friendly "green building" standards... — Gulf News (UAE)

'Best Intelligent Building in the World': Pacific Control Systems...inaugurated its headquarters in Techno Park, Dubai...the first LEED Platinum rated green building...in the Middle East and sixteenth in the world... — AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

Boldness needed along Allen Rd. corridor: Eb Zeidler would be the first to point out: Toronto has come a long way since he moved here in 1951. But, he quickly adds, we’re not there yet...hasn’t given up the struggle for urban enlightenment. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

Blinded by the lights: As earthly plane worsens, hiding the stars from sight, towns are acting to take back the dark. Light pollution...is increasing at a rate of 5 to 10 percent a year in the U.S. and Europe. Builders, engineers, and architectural firms are learning that improved lighting is the way to go. — Dark-Sky Association; Ronald Boretti/Cubelli- Boston Globe

Walking on Air: The joy of footbridges...allow architects and engineers to show off their ingenuity...Bridges may sometimes be artful, but they should never try to bearty. By Willyd Rybczynski — Foster + Partners/Anthony Caro; Calatrava; Grimshaw/Atkins; Biny Thomast/Fast & Epp; Arup/Wilkinson Eyre; Frank Gehry; Siah Armajani; Robert Maillart; Cecil Balmond/Arup;António Adão da Fonseca/AFAssociados [slide show]- Slate

Stirring work, britischer Architekt!: Somehow it’s hard to reconcile David Chipperfield with the figure portrayed in the press recently, the international architect’s architect spurned by a British establishment not ready to appreciate his skill. That portrayal has long been nonsense. By Edwin Heathcote- Financial Times (UK)

David Chipperfield’s Hepworth Wakefield museum on site next month: Art museum will form part of £100m regeneration of Wakefield’s waterfront [images]- Building (UK)

Packed Meeting Quizzes Boss at the Holburne Museum: “...why can’t the architects be more modest?...” — Eric Parry, Martin Farrell- Bath Chronicle (UK)

Brisbane pips Melbourne for architectural award: But the fortunes of Melbourne’s traditional competitor, Sydney, were notably dire. For the first time in a decade, no NSW building was deemed good enough. the "hero" or "ego" architect was a beast of the past. — Paul Morgan; Grimshaw Jackson JV, Fender Katsalidis; Denton Corker Marshall; Donovan Hill- The Age (Australia)

Poor state of design as architecture awards go elsewhere: Compromise was a national issue for architects...exhausted from having to make the best out of almost impossible situations, with all their efforts directed toward preventing problems instead

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of achieving success. -- Brian Zulaikha; Paul Morgan; Donovan Hill; Peddle Thorp; Keith Cottier; Tom Heneghan -- Sydney Morning Herald

2007 RAIA National Architecture Awards Announced: Victory for Australia's Civic and Public Realms -- Donovan Hill Peddle Thorp; Architectus; Lyons; Donovan Hill; Wood Marsh; Grimshaw Jackson JV; Cox Rayner; Denton Corker Marshall; LAB architecture studio; SBE/Six Degrees; Fender Katsalidis; Harry Seidler; ARM, Block B, etc. -- Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA)

'Little Zoo' seeks zoning for new site: Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo took another step toward relocating to high and dry land...family decided to donate the tract after seeing the zoo's hurricane-related struggles. -- Ace Torre/Torre Design Consortium -- Press-Register (Alabama)

Frank Lloyd Wright vision comes to life: Water Dome was the first project designed for Florida Southern College. Tonight, after a restoration costing more than $1 million, the world will see what Wright never did: the Water Dome in operation. [images] -- Orlando Sentinel

Church Moved to Make Way for Coal Mine: Engineers are transporting a 750-year-old, 660-ton German church 12 kilometers by truck to save it from destruction. Its home village is set to be swallowed up by an expanding coal pit. [slide show] -- Der Spiegel (Germany)

Forum Istanbul to focus on regeneration: “From Sinan the Architect to an Olympic City” November 12-13 -- Forum Istanbul

-- wHY Architecture: Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, Michigan
-- Riding the LA Metro -- Tanzmann Associates; Siegel Diamond Architecture; Dworsky Associates; Miralles Associates; Escudero-Fribourg Architects; Diedrich Architects; Ellerbe-Becket; Anil Verma Associates; Arquitectonica

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