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Chicago HQ re-do creates "organic collaboration." -- Judge rules against Calatrava suit in Bilbao. -- One of the best takes we've found re: China's pollution problem. -- Rybczynski is (mostly) rapturous about parking garages. -- A new garage in Delray Beach is positively "Floribbean" (too bad the architect isn't mentioned). -- Futuristic storm shelters on the boards in Mississippi. -- Barnsley, U.K.'s new Digital Media Center (great sunset views included). -- Haddad heads to Hong Kong. -- Radical solution for Egremont Castle site wins big. -- Malta's magnificent military architecture fading fast. -- Allies & Morrison iconology: "designs that people take to their hearts." -- Two homes that are worth a look. -- Boston's pinkcomma gallery is a showcase for innovative architects. -- The lighting guru of Paris.

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Welcome to the Neighborhoods: Jones Lang LaSalle Americas Headquarters...addresses corporate agility through space planning... -- IA Interior Architects [images] - ArchNewsNow

Judge Rules Against Calatrava in Bilbao Suit...challenging Arata Isozaki's addition to his 1997 footbridge over the Nervión River...ruling raises questions about the application of Spain's 1996 Law of Intellectual Property to works of architecture and engineering.- Architectural Record

The Last Empire: China's Pollution Problem Goes Global: Can the world survive China's headlong rush to emulate the American way of life? The grander astonishment is the most massive and rapid redistribution of the earth's resources in human history.- Mother Jones

Garage Mahals: Architects turn their attention to the problem of parking...with some interesting results. By Witold Rybczynski -- Paul Rudolph Wolf Architecture; Enrique Norten/TEN Arquitectos; Wood + Zapata; Architectenbureau Paul de Ruiter; Steven Holl; Günther Henn Architekten; Arquitectonica; Moore Ruble Yudell [slide show essay]- Slate

Old School Square exemplifies new, aesthetic type of parking garage...pale peach- and-sky-blue building with a "Floribbean" architecture finesse...giving the building a familiar Delray Beach look — as if it had always stood there. [image]- South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Berm-Style Storm Shelters To Be Built In Hancock County: "It's a futuristic architectural design that borrows from the past" -- Alison Anderson/Unabridged Architecture Firm-WLOX (Biloxi, MS)

Yorkshire fast forward: Bauman Lyons has delivered the showpiece of the Remaking Barnsley masterplan, with a nod to the county's heritage and even a flavour of Tuscany [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

Zaha Hadid reveals Hong Kong design school: Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolU) 'Innovation Tower' [images]- Building (UK)

Egremont Castle winner unveiled: Swiss practice Décosterd-Cotting Architects has won the international competition to design a new performance pavilion in Egremont Castle, Cumbria. [images]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

Military architecture in Valletta, Floriana falling apart...rarely put under the spotlight as another magnet for tourists to these shores. The network of fortifications has, to a large extent, been abandoned to the ravages of erosion and decay.- Times of Malta

Public artists: Allies & Morrison speaks for a quieter, considerate architecture, but its recent public buildings have started conversations that will last for decades [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

Architect's former home reflects his spirit: Modernist Conrad Buff was drawn to difficult sites, and the Rapor house he designed for his family showed how he had evolved since the Case Study years. [slide show]- Los Angeles Times


An evolution, punctuated: pinkcomma gallery aims to showcase innovative architectural and design ideas...the first gallery of its kind in Boston. — over,under; Howeler + Yoon Architecture- Boston Globe

The lighting guru of Notre Dame: In Paris, one of the world's foremost urban lighting experts took on one last lofty assignment before retiring, responsible for lighting 300 of the city's monuments. In the City of Light, he's the man at the switch. — François Jousse- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Call for nominations: 2008 National Preservation Awards; deadline: March 1, 2008-
National Trust for Historic Preservation

- Krueck + Sexton Architects: Spertus, Chicago
- Construction Start: OMA/Office for Metropolitan Architecture: Shenzhen Stock Exchange, Shenzhen, China
- Mecanoo: Palace of Justice, Córdoba, Spain

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