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- Weinstein's Words That Build Tip #16: How to balance high-speed communication with in-depth communication.
- Preservation vs. progress: Edinburgh World Heritage Site plans halted by Unesco (will it follow Dresden's example?).
- Indian historic architecture under pressure from builders and politicians, but a call to "change the mindset that heritage is not a liability."
- UVA struggles with what to do with Thomas Jefferson's Rotunda: 95% of it is not his work: "We have a genuine Stanford White and destroying that for a fake Jefferson is just plain wrong."
- New survey suggests that around 80% of residents want Robin Hood Gardens saved, and a new exhibition to keep up the pressure.
- For a historic Dallas high school, a dispute entangles the past and future.
- On a brighter note, BBB heads to Budapest to restore the once-grand 1905 Exchange Palace.
- Cannell on Gehry's Rx for New Orleans: "the master goes traditional" with "his most modest plan in memory, a humble shotgun house."
- Benetton announces winners in competition to design its outpost in Tehran: it "appears to be a very savvy bit of cultural diplomacy."
- An "intriguing shortlist" in Oxfordshire chapel competition.
- Discussions of Korean architecture would be incomplete without the Space Group.
- A new vision for Toronto's Gardiner Expressway (a Canadian High Line!).
- Is the pedestrian mall on Times Square "shoddy, sedentary and unworthy of New York" or an oasis of calm (quite amusing).
- RIBA names new chief executive.
- A good reason to head to Firenze next week: Beyond Media 9th International Festival for Architecture and Media.
- Deadline extended for Architect Magazine's 1st Annual Design Review.
- We couldn't resist: a "visual feast of some of the craziest, most ambitious ideas for buildings in the world" that will probably not be built" (in Dubai, of course).

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WORDS THAT BUILD: Faster! Deeper! Broader! Tip #16: How to balance high-speed communication with in-depth communication. By Norman Weinstein- ArchNewsNow

Edinburgh World Heritage Site plans halted by Unesco: Two schemes...face a two-year delay after Unesco passes strongly-worded resolutions..."The lack of accountability exhibited by this organisation is much more insidious than any Royal hand...I should have thought us more than capable of assessing the value for our own past and our future." -- Gordon Murray/GM+AD; Richard Murphy Architects- The Architects' Journal (UK)

Indian heritage architecture is 'nobody's baby': Laws exist to protect historic buildings, but like much in India, they are either not enforced, liable to pressure from builders and politicians or disregarded in the battle for space in the country's rapidly growing cities..."We need to change the mindset that heritage is not a liability" -- Abha Narain Lambah; Urban Design Research Institute [images]- AFP

The Rotunda: What the devil to do with it? As University of Virginia prepares to restore the Lawn, just how much Thomas Jefferson to put back into it appears to be a matter of intense discussion..."We have a genuine Stanford White and destroying that for a fake Jefferson is just plain wrong." -- Frederick D. Nichols (1970s); Calder Loth; Richard Guy Wilson- The Hook (Virginia)

New Robin Hood Gardens residents survey challenges demolition: ...suggests that around 80% in fact want Robin Hood Gardens retained and refurbished...."Robin Hood Gardens Re-Visions" exhibition keeps up the pressure...will run from July 4 till August 26 [at RIBA HQ]... -- Twentieth Century Society- BD/Building Design (UK)

Preservationists fight plan for replacing Adamson High School building in north Oak Cliff: A dispute entangling the past and future is present again. -- William B. Ittner (1916); Corgan Associates- Dallas Morning News

Beyer Blinder Belle to Restore Budapest's Exchange Palace: ...ravages of the twentieth century—World Wars, the Depression, and Soviet occupation—all took their toll on the once grand structure... -- Ignacz Alpar (1905)- Architectural Record

Frank Gehry's Rx for New Orleans: Bilbao effect for the Big Easy? Fresh from his Brooklyn setback, the master goes traditional...his most modest plan in memory, a humble shotgun house to be built in the sixth ward... By Michael Cannell -- Robert Tannen [images, links]- Fast Company

Benetton Wants to Bring Avant-Garde Architecture to...Tehran?! The ever-daring fashion house just announced winners in its competition to design its outpost in Iran...appears to be a very savvy bit of cultural diplomacy. -- Grzegorz Witold Woronowicz; Yana Radeva/Alexander Shinolov [images, links]- Fast Company

Fukasas and Ushida Findlay among finalists for Oxfordshire chapel: An intriguing shortlist includes Niall McLaughlin ...Terry Pawson Architects and Sarah Hare Architects. - The Architects' Journal (UK)

50 years of beautifying spaces in Korea: Discussions of Korean architecture would be incomplete without the Space Group, which has designed buildings that have become symbolic of modern architecture in Korea. [images]- JoongAng Daily (Korea)

[Gardening the Gardiner: Les Klein of Quadrangle Architects wants to give Toronto's Gardiner Expressway a green roof. \[images\]- Azure magazine \(Canada\)](#)

[A Times Square for Our Time, Pedestrian in More Ways Than One: The pedestrian areas of Broadway in Times Square are viewed by some as shoddy, sedentary and unworthy of New York, while others see them as oases of calm.- New York Times](#)

[RIBA announces new chief executive: Harry Rich, former deputy chief executive of the Design Council, takes on executive leadership of Institute- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Beyond Media. Visions: 9th International Festival for Architecture and Media, Florence, Italy; July 9-17- Image Media](#)

[Deadline extended: Call for entries: Architect Magazine's 1st Annual Design Review: open to architects and other design professionals practicing in the United States or non-U.S. firms entering projects built in the U.S.; new deadlines: July 7, \(standard\), July 17 \(late\)- Architect Magazine](#)

[Seven designs that were never built: Some of these were just ideas and others, despite their unlikelihood, were honestly being considered during the boom times...a visual feast of some of the craziest, most ambitious ideas for buildings in the world. -- Fort-Brescia/Arquitectonica; Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill; Joachim Hauser; George Katodrytis/Studionova Architects; Eytan Kaufman \[images, links\]- The National \(UAE\)](#)

[A City's Artful Heart: In St. Louis, two formerly vacant downtown blocks on the Gateway Mall have been given new life as Citygarden, a serene urban oasis in the heart of the city. -- Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects; studio|durham architects \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)

["Avenue of Light" as Urbanism: Soaring, illuminated sculptures by Cliff Garten Studio anchor major redevelopment efforts in the Ft. Worth's historic district \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)



[-- Studio Pei-Zhu: Xixi Wetland Art Museum, Hangzhou, China](#)
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