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• Lewis says the new Office of Urban Affairs "has its work cut out for it," but with wise leadership from the White House, it can proactively help manage and shape metropolitan growth.
• A new approach to urban malls in NYC: will it make them "at least palatable"? (depends on who you ask).
• Becker minces no words about the architectural component of the Burnham centennial tribute: "A band of devoted Europhiles would have us believe that the glory of Chicago architecture is delusional bunk."
• Kamin on the Burnham Memorial: "Design stirs spirits, but location stirs questions - a classic case of top-down planning."
• West 8 replaces Gehry for park design on his New World Symphony's campus.
• Moore reports from Moscow: "Why have real history when you can have a glamorous make-believe version of the past?"
• A new green building at Ithaca College occupants "are warming up to the idea of working in an environment that requires a little interaction." -- Frank Gehry
• Will the 3D printer be the production-manufacturing model of the future? [images]
• 2009 Best Firms To Work For.
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Building on the shoulders of a giant: New hotel...has created a buzz in architectural circles because listed as architect is none other than the iconic Vann Molyvann, recognised as Cambodia’s most remarkable modern architect and engineer of an enlightened national social development policy...Few examples of the influential architect’s work remain in Siem Reap. -- Darryl Collins [images]- Phnom Penh Post (Cambodia)

Chilean architect awarded Marcus Prize for Architecture: ...recognizes emerging global talents...chosen because of “his remarkable commitment to a socially driven agenda combined with an almost lyrical appreciation of architectural craft and form. There was unanimous agreement that Alejandro is on a trajectory to greatness...” -- Alejandro Aravena/Elemental S.A. [images]; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM)

The Desktop Manufacturing Revolution: The end of the current production-manufacturing economic model may be on the horizon. But what if nothing’s ready to replace it? “3D Printing” (the older name, “rapid prototyping”)...While the process has been around since the mid-1980s, the cost of 3D printers has been dropping quickly... - Fast Company

2009 Best Firms To Work For -- JMZ Architects and Planners; TAYLOR; TowerPinkster; etc. - ZweigWhite

Record Numbers Registering for American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Meeting in Chicago September 18-21: Pace one-third ahead of 2008 meeting, could set all-time record- BusinessWire

Noodle cart 2.0: Bangkok’s legendary street food gets a makeover. Thailand Creative & Design Center...is analyzing the ingenuity of street vendors and attempting to redesign the iconic noodle cart. - GlobalPost

Market Research Strategies in Uncertain Times #2: Finding Leads that one can act on right away is a difficult task, especially during tough economic times, but these strategies can help. By Frances Gretes - ArchNewsNow

-- Bernard Tschumi Architects: New Acropolis Museum, Athens, Greece
-- Competition winner: Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA)/Urbanus: Shenzhen Creative Center, Crystal Island, Shenzhen, China