

## Today's News - Monday, October 15, 2007

ArcSpace brings us an eyeful of Mayne's federal building in San Francisco. – Kamin digs deep into the strengths and shortcomings of Chicago's green agenda. – Glancey says Cullinan's Royal Gold Medal for his history of "brilliant sustainable buildings" was long overdue. – Saffron is hopeful re: Cira South plans for West Philadelphia, but they're not perfect. – Is Bangalore suffering a "me too" syndrome? – Safdie minces no words about cities choosing architectural bling over quality urban design. – To some in Ireland, to some, small is beautiful, for others it's more like "to be against high-rise is to be old-fashioned, backward, out of date." – Will Dublin approve scaled-down "mini-Manhattan" development? – To clarify massive redevelopment in Salt Lake City, a planner launches a Temporary Museum of Permanent Change. – Wilmington, DE, has high hopes for Lower Market district to attract the creative class. – Of starchitects, glassy condos, and the "creation of a culture of good taste" (is it such a good thing?). – Designing the interiors of these "stylish terrariums": are they just "a grimy copy of new Miami or something more lovely." – Silverstein selects Stern for Lower Manhattan project (class with less glass?). – A former Edinburgh hospital site transformed into "some of the best housing in Scotland." – Next up in Dubai: \$11 billion canal for a \$50 billion waterfront city (and lots more at Cityscape Dubai '07 [www.cityscape.ae](http://www.cityscape.ae)). – Next up in Abu Dhabi: a mixed-use project crowned by a 73-story skyscraper. – Campbell gives a rave review to Leers Weinzapfel, modernist designers who honor Harvard's Hasty Pudding tradition. – Those designers are "unafraid to be unglamorous." – A Stuttgart school lets kids be kids. – CNN offers a repeat performance by "architecture's Man in Black."

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[Morphosis: United States Federal Building, San Francisco -- Thom Mayne](#)

[Chicago, My Kind of Green: The Windy City Presents a Snapshot of The Sustainability Movement's Strengths and Shortcomings. By Blair Kamin -- Doug Farr: TVS; Calatrava: Solomon Cordwell Buenz; Murphy/Jahn: OWP/P Architects; Warman Olsen Warman; Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture; Goettsch Partners; Gensler; Ross Barney Architects \[slide show\]- GreenSource Magazine](#)

[A long time coming: Ted Cullinan's brilliant sustainable buildings have finally been recognised with a Royal Gold Medal. Let the listings begin...has lived to shape some of the best-made, most cherished British buildings of the past 50 years... By Jonathan Glancey- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Filling a Philadelphia real estate void: The \\$800 million Cira South will be helpful, but not perfect...one of the biggest, most life-changing private developments here since Liberty Place...and give West Philadelphia its own branded skyline. But can it create a destination neighborhood? By Inga Saffron -- Sasaki Associates; Pelli Clarke Pelli \[images\]- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[Going flat out: Apartment blocks sporting international motifs mean you can have a slice of Venice or Bali...Welcome to the new Bangalore...The problem...is one of a "me too" syndrome...the way infrastructure projects from elsewhere are adopted without properly considering the local situation. -- Chandavarkar and Thacker Architects; K. Jaisim/Indian Institute of Architects; Chitra Vishwanath- The Hindu \(India\)](#)

[In search of the livable city: Moshe Safdie, who created one of Montreal's most enduring landmarks in Habitat 67, now has some critical words for communities that choose splash over function in their building design- Montreal Gazette](#)

[High rise -- but not necessarily high art: Small is beautiful except, it seems, in Ireland: ...there is a lot of really good new architecture now in Dublin, Cork and Belfast, but it does not seem to count in Ulrik Raysse's eyes because it is not Big...To be against high-rise is to be old-fashioned, backward, out of date and it is to refuse to allow Dublin to become part of the contemporary world.- Irish Independent](#)

[26-storey tower planned for site in Dublin 8: ...a scaled down version of the "mini-Manhattan" development...\[that was\] refused permission for last year in Dublin's Digital Hub... -- de Blacam and Meagher- Irish Times](#)

[Viewing Urban Change Through A Different Lens: As Salt Lake City again ventures into a massive redevelopment project, former planning director Stephen Goldsmith wants the community to take a new look at what this change means for the city. And he's created a museum to help them do it. -- Temporary Museum of Permanent Change \[images, link\]- PLANetizen](#)

[Design for growth: Project seeks to bring creative businesses to Lower Market \(LOMA\) district \[in Wilmington\]...a magnet neighborhood for design businesses and the "creative class," from service professionals such as architects and graphic artists to retailers that sell home decor products. -- Hue Architecture- Delaware News Journal](#)

[Condo Cool: Starchitect Branding and the Cost of "Effortless Living" OR Another Episode in the Continuing Quest for Social Status Through Design: ...are starchitect designers collaborating in the creation of a culture of good taste inseparable from social exclusion? -- Hadid; Gehry; Meier; Sejima/SANAA; Herzog & de Meuron; Nouvel; Calatrava; Tschumi; Norten; Johnson; Gwathmey; Foster; Rogers; Graves; Gluckman; de Portzamparc; Starck; Stern; Pawson; Arquitectonica; Denari; Dubbleddam; SHoP; SOM; MVRDV- Harvard Design Magazine](#)

[The Stylish Terrarium: Decorating Under Glass: ...the glass curtain wall has become...a defining element of this decade's streetscape...Whether the result will turn certain swaths of the city into a grimy copy of new Miami or something more lovely and particular remains to be seen. -- Meier; Johnson/Selldorf; Miles Redd; Clodagh; Nouvel; Jessica Shaw; Randy Ridless; Rolston/IAD \[images\]- New York Times](#)

[Silverstein Selects Robert A.M. Stern for 99 Church Street in Lower Manhattan: ...will include a five-star hotel, restaurant, and luxury condominiums.- New York Observer](#)

[A healthy development: Malcolm Fraser Architects' transformation of a former Edinburgh hospital site has arguably produced some of the best housing in Scotland \[images\]- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Developers line up to grab plots in Arabian Canal mega-project: ...\\$11 billion canal which will run along a 75 km U-shaped route from Dubai Waterfront to Palm Jumeirah and a \\$50 billion waterfront 'city'... \[images\]- Gulf News \(UAE\)](#)

[Tameer unveils Dh7b \[\\$1.9 billion\] Abu Dhabi project: ...73-storey skyscraper...a premium mixed-use development... -- Gensler \[image\]- Gulf News \(UAE\)](#)

[A standing ovation for a Harvard stage: Modernist designers honor tradition at New College Theatre ...if the choice of architects was a gamble, Harvard wins this one in spades. By Robert Campbell -- Peabody & Stearns \(1887\); Leers Weinzapfel- Boston Globe](#)

[Unafraid to be unglamorous: A design firm run by women turns unsexy projects into award-winning architecture... "We gravitate toward projects with a public purpose"... -- Leers Weinzapfel- Boston Globe](#)

[Naughty school: Just because these Stuttgart classrooms make the most of light, colour and 'the way children walk' doesn't mean they can't break a few rules -- Aldinger & Aldinger \[images\]- Building \(UK\)](#)

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