

Today's News - Tuesday, October 16, 2007

More on Libya's Green Mountain carbon-neutral green-development zone. – Not all are pleased with plans to pave an Israeli paradise (but there will be a winding waterway for gondolas!). – Big plans for an undiscovered paradise on the Caspian Sea in Kazakhstan. – A plan to create more land in the Hudson River in Lower Manhattan is a hard sell (but there's always the Harlem River). – On a smaller scale, Holyrood may pave over Miralles' ponds (people reading text messages have fallen in - heaven forbid!) – Hume mourns Toronto's need to depend on the kindness of strangers. – King finds Mayne an intriguing tour guide in his San Francisco Federal Building. – Boddy on "startling alternatives to the status-quo" of "interchangeable and instantly forgettable tower-on-podium condo complexes. – In the U.K., RICS data shows putting sustainable measures into homes may take a lot longer to repay costs. – Kansas City's newest museum (no, not the Nelson-Atkins) is "a container of calm." – Ventura County museum has a grand vision. – Adjaye's Stephen Lawrence Centre opens its doors. – A burned-out mill rises from the ashes. – Pearman manages not to fall into Tate Modern's crack in the floor. – A hotel model to crown Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth. – We'll keep our eye out for upcoming competition to design a new Abbey Theatre in Dublin. – Call for submissions: "1000x Architecture of the Americas" book (no fee!). – A good reason to head to Eindhoven: Dutch Design Week coming up.

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[A Green Resort Is Planned to Preserve Ruins and Coastal Waters: ...in remote eastern region of Libya...Green Mountain Sustainable Development Area is the latest in a spate of recently announced projects that form a sort of environmental coming-out party for this former pariah country. -- Foster + Partners- New York Times](#)

[Pave paradise and put up a hotel complex: The Timna Valley...is one of the most breathtakingly beautiful places in Israel...Yet the silence may soon be shattered...Four hotels are reportedly planned for the site, all linked by a winding waterway for boats and gondolas. -- Joab Igra- Jerusalem Post](#)

[Saraya and Kazemir Aktau announce Saraya Aktau Project in Kazakhstan: ...new destination in Aktau City along the Caspian Sea...will transform this unique and undiscovered location into a world-class tourist destination.- AME Info \(United Arab Emirates\)](#)

[Man's Vision to Carve Prime Real Estate From Hudson River Proves a Tough Sell: A plan to create 40 or 50 acres of downtown real estate by filling in part of the Hudson River is attracting attention from those who had previously dismissed it.- New York Times](#)

[Scottish Parliament water 'hazards' face removal: ...features were part of architect Eric Miralles' original vision...But after several incidents where people were injured by falling into the ponds, they could now be converted into a sunken garden or paved over altogether.- Edinburgh Evening News](#)

[The puck finally drops on sad decline of Toronto: It's official: Toronto is now dependent upon the kindness of strangers...Canada's relationship with its urban centres has emerged as one of the most tortuous problems facing the country. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star](#)

[Sustainability and aesthetics in one building? If the San Francisco Federal Building is any indication, Mayne sees that place as one that fuses style and substance - with a dash of swagger..."When buildings are really working, you're changing" how people see and use the world around them..."If you aren't changing behavior, you're cake decorating." By John King -- Morphosis- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[Some startling alternatives to the status-quo: ...interchangeable and instantly forgettable concrete and glass condo complexes...emphasis...on the tower-on-podium formula...A forthright group of young intern architects and urbanists wants to change all this..."Poto:type" competition... By Trevor Boddy- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[Saving energy at home could take 200 years to repay its cost...according to Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors...RICS data shows that putting in all eight \[Home Information Packs\] measures...would knock only £486 off fuel bills and would take 48 years to recoup.- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[Architect Kyu Sung Woo's design nestles nicely into campus: Johnson County Community College Nerman Museum of Art...is a quietly elegant, beautifully conceived vessel for navigating the impressive, bold collection of art within its walls...a container of calm. By Steve Paul -- Gould Evans \[video link\]- Kansas City Star](#)

[Museum of Ventura County looks to bigger future: Ground broken for expansion...grand vision to add about 18,000 square feet of space, with galleries and a grand hall, to the existing museum... -- David C. Martin/A.C. Martin- Ventura County Star \(California\)](#)

[Stephen Lawrence Centre opens its doors to first students: ...will provide educational and training routes out of poverty into sustainable careers in urban design. -- Adjaye Associates \[images\]- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Rising out of the ashes: Burned Clipper Mill building's reuse wins architecture award...reborn as one of Baltimore's trendiest communities, with condominiums, apartments, offices, artisans' studios and a "green" restaurant. By Edward Gunts -- Cho, Benn Holback + Associates; Castro/Arts- Baltimore Sun](#)

The crack in the floor of the world: Doris Salcedo at Tate Modern, London: "Shibboleth"

[is a crack snaking across the concrete floor of the turbine hall, getting wide and deep enough in places to twist your ankle in...It is a fault-line in society, of course, a crude symbol, but its scale and daring raises it above that banal concept. By Hugh Pearman \[images\]- HughPearman.com \(UK\)](#)

[Building model revealed for Trafalgar Square Fourth Plinth: "Model for a Hotel 2007" by Thomas Schütte...is an architectural model of a 21-storey building, which will collect and reflect the light. \[image\]- Building \(UK\)](#)

[International Competition to design new Abbey Theatre: will be held over the coming months to select a design for the new National Theatre \(the Abbey\) to be built in the Dublin Dockland's...- Archiseek \(Ireland\)](#)

[Call for submissions: "1000x Architecture of the Americas": book to feature 1000 projects by 1000 Architects from Alaska to Chile, including the Caribbean \(free\); deadline: November 5- fusion publishing](#)

[Dutch Design Week in Eindhoven -- October 20 - 28- Dutch Design Week](#)



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

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