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Cities everywhere are attaching culture to urban renewal. — Some guidelines for "safe" architecture. — Goldberger gets good vibes from Gehry's musical pleasure palace. — Sydney Opera House finally gets interior Utzon intended. — Bath's spa an "impressive bathing machine." — Tales of two convention centers: one breathes green, the other too big for the neighborhood. — Austin's tallest building garners both praise and a few "snarky comments." — Workplace design based on the people who work there (what a concept!). — NYC's very first Architecture Week launches in October with a bevy of bright voices. — An architectural renaissance in Chicago includes emerging talent (with not a little griping). — Two rotting piers on the Hudson River: beauties or eyesores. — Chipperfield goes north to Alaska. — Architectura as animal at V&A show. — An Art Deco exhibit in Toronto - and highlights of the city's own deco treasures. — Tooting our own hom a bit: ArchNewsNow makes Top 50 list (again!). — A fresh look for young voices.

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Making a fine art of urban renewal: Cultural institutions have become a force in city redevelopment- Sydney Morning Herald

Safe architecture: "The security people usually don't have anything to do with the architecture." - Enav Planning Group and Associates- Jerusalem Post

Good Vibrations: Frank Gehry's Disney Hall is a musical pleasure palace. By Paul Goldberger- New Yorker

Encore by phantom of the Opera: Sydney Opera House will soon have its first interior designed by Joern Utzon - Richard Johnson-Sydney Morning Herald

In hot water: Hi-tech tricks have turned Bath's Roman spa into an impressive bathing machine, says Jonathan Glancey - Nicholas Grimshaw and Partners; Donald Insall Associates- Guardian (UK)

Convene in the green: Downtown convention center is a model for environmentally friendly architecture - Rafael Vinoly; Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Bigger not necessarily better: Colorado Convention Center expansion...hardly the stuff of urban planning dreams. - Fentress Bradburn Architects- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

Frost Bank Tower is now Austin's tallest building. No one could miss it, but not eveyone loves it. By Jeanne Claire van Ryzin - Duda/Paine Architects- Austin American-Statesman

Office design lets the sun back in: ...bank's Australian headquarters, draws on international research into how workplace design affects people's behaviour. - Bligh Voller Nield- Sydney Morning Herald

New York City's first annual Architecture Week, October 7-12, launches new Center for Architecture: includes 16-hour Design-In Marathon and many notable speakers- AIA New York Chapter

Chicago's architectural revival is new stars' chance to shine: ...provoked by bigname architects and followed by those you've probably never heard of.- Chicago Sun-Times

Artists Without Pier: ...two rotting piers...[among] the worst eyesores in the city...a few sophisticates — mainly architects — who find a sublime beauty in this piece of dreck.- Tech Central Station

Imagining a museum: Expansion architect returns to Anchorage to gather ideas...for \$86 million expansion project - David Chipperfield- Anchorage Daily News

"Zoomorphic" at London's Victoria and Albert Museum: so what if buildings look like animals? By Hugh Pearman - Michael Sorkin; Eugene Tsui; Laurie Chetwood; Norman Foster; Santiago Calatrava; Wilkinson Eyre; Birds Portchmouth Russum [images]- HughPearman.com (UK)

Toronto's deco days: Visit the ROM, then head outside, where glorious architecture lurks in unlikely places. By Christopher Hume-Toronto Star

PLANetizen Names Top 50 Websites for Urban Planning and Development: ArchNewsNow.com included!- PLANetizen

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- Inauguration: Frank O. Gehry: Maggie's Centre, Dundee, Scotland
- Construction start: Diller + Scofido: Quadrant House, Phoenix, Arizona
- The Camera: Photo Essay by Gerald Zugmann: The Brion Tomb by Carlo Scarna
- Exhibition: Schindler's Paradise: Architectural Resistance, MAK Center, Los Angeles

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