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Big projects in Beirut are emerging unscathed. – Ouroussoff on Abu Dhabi's new city of culture (we'll have lots of images tomorrow). – Alsop's fantasy prison includes innovative input from inmates. – Estonian architect regaining respect. – A new photo gallery for Ryerson University. – Mayne rethinks "the culture of a workplace" in new home for Caltech's astrophysicists. – Tampa museum on a difficult site will sport a "striking structure." – Grand plans for Chazen Museum. – Mau's own massive change. – A mega-mall for bookworms in India. – Morrone on Moses shows: "a balanced appraisal that only the passage of time could make possible." – A salute to Moses as the antihero. – Call for entries: BSA Sustainable Design Awards open to all.

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In Beirut, the Show Pauses, then Goes On: ...forthcoming architecture projects in the capital city have emerged unscathed from the recent tension between Lebanon and Israel. — Solidere; Steven Holl; L.E.FT; Gustafson-Porter; Jean Nouvel; Vincent James Associates Architects (VJAA); Zaha Hadid; Hashim Sarkis- Architectural Record

A Vision in the Desert: Abu Dhabi has an unlikely proposal for the Middle East. It involves \$27 billion, the world's top architects and a brand-new city of culture. By Nicolai Ouroussoff -- Gehry; Nouvle; Hadid; Ando [images]- New York Times

Gild your own cage: Asking inmates to design their fantasy prison has produced some innovative results..."The Creative Prison" at the Architecture Foundation, London -- Will Alsop- New Statesman (UK)

Tallinn rediscovers Karp legacy: There's nothing neutral about Raine Karp's architecture. He is, at equal times, the most loved and loathed architect in Estonia...Lately, though, the chorus of praise has begun to grow louder than the calls for the wrecking balls.- The Baltic Times

Ryerson chooses Diamond + Schmitt to design home for photo collection: ...new gallery and research centre...house [the univerisity's] Black Star Photography Collection.- CBC (Canada)

Into the Cosmos: Cahill Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics...will house all the university's astrophysicists..."we're trying to establish and rethink the culture of a workplace"...will also be Caltech's first LEED-certified building... -- Thom Mayne/Morphosis- Pasadena Star News

New Tampa Museum of Art a tough task: The architect agrees it's a difficult site, but thinks a striking structure can rise. — Stanley Saitowitz- St. Petersburg Times (Florida)

Architect has grand designs for Chazen: What he sees in his architectural dreams will determine the shape of the museum's new expansion. -- Harry Weese (1966); Machado and Silvetti- The Capital Times (Wisconsin)

Construction of Asia's biggest Book Mall begins in Kolkata: ...state-of-the-art design, ambience and facilities for the bookworms...blend of Indo-Saracenic and Colonial architecture with that of modern times.- Hindustan Times (India)

Mau has designs on Chicago: Toronto's design guru is planning a massive change of a more personal nature. — Bruce Mau Design-Toronto Star

The Mighty City: All great cities are combinations of Jane Jacobs and Robert Moses..."Robert Moses and the Modern City" doesn't set out to reverse [Robert Caro's "The Power Broker"]. But it does seek to present a balanced appraisal of Moses that only the passage of time could make possible. By Francis Morrone- New York Sun

Opinion: Saluting Robert Moses: Considering the benefits of so much of his work, I cannot help standing in awe of Moses as an antihero... By John McWhorter- New York Sun

<u>Call for entries: 2007 Sustainable Design Awards (international); deadline: February 20-Boston Society of Architects/AIA</u>

Curtain Up: Billy Wilder Theater at UCLA Hammer Museum: Los Angeles has a new cultural "living room." -- Michael Maltzan Architecture [images]- ArchNewsNow

Exhibition: Museums in the 21st Century: Concepts Projects Buildings, Lentos Kunstmuseum Linz, Linz, Austria -- Diller Scofidio + Renfro; Spacelab Peter Cook/Colin Fournier; Anamorphosis Architects; Fumihiko Maki; Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture; Zaha Hadid; Shigeru Ban/Jean de Gastines; Gehry Partners; Rafael Viñoly; Jun Aoki; Renzo Piano; Tadao Ando; Mario Botta; etc.

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