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Age-old materials and a straightforward design fulfill a growing congregation's vision of a sacred place. -- British firm wins Cyprus Cultural Centre competition. -- Abu Dhabi first ever eco report and plans to beat its bad eco reputation as the "worst environmental footprint per person in the world." -- Large wind turbines for Bahrain World Trade Center set to be an environmental/architectural first. -- Pearman's insightful take on London's skyscraper boom. -- Sliver buildings back in Manhattan fashion - but not all are pleased. -- Planned revamp of Edinburgh's Old Town has preservationists concerned. -- A call to establish a "zipper zone" in Memphis "to promote smarter, more sustainable growth." -- Preservationists and developers at odds of Ft. Lauderdale beach future. -- Will Utzon's failing vision impair Opera House improvements? -- New hospitality trend: abandoned jails - and some great architecture - reborn as hotels. -- Oberlin College celebrates the 30th anniversary of its museum that "helped launch post-Modernist design" ("Ironic Column" included). -- Chicago's coolest office interiors offer the hottest in creature comforts. -- Glancey's take on Britain's "Indiana Jones" of architecture, the star of new V&A show. -- Aalto via Ban is an "inspiring example of the big, friendly Modernist giant." -- Call for entries: Schemium: young architects' drawing portfolios. -- One we couldn't resist: Indianapolis architect announces run for governor.

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[Sacred Simplicity: Park East Synagogue, Pepper Pike, Ohio: Age-old materials and a straightforward design fulfill a growing congregation's vision of a sacred place. -- Centerbrook Architects and Planners \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[British firm wins Cyprus Cultural Centre bid in Nicosia. -- Hopkins Architects; Virdas and Patsalosavis; Ove Arup and Partners; Kirkegaard Associates; Carr and Angier-](#) Cyprus Mail

[Abu Dhabi eco report unveiled: State of Environment Report - the first of its kind in the UAE - is being launched in an effort to highlight eco trends and problems in the emirates...government has responded to the bad eco reputation by getting behind more environmentally-friendly measures...](#)- ArabianBusiness.com

[Atkins propels development of Bahrain forward: ...a pioneering stride for environmental architecture, the first building in the world to incorporate large scale integrated wind turbines...tests indicate will generate 11-15% of the energy requirements of the two Manama's Bahrain World Trade Center towers.](#)- AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

[London's skyscraper boom: soon Foster's "gherkin" will be dwarfed. They say that London is taking over from New York as the world's pre-eminent financial centre...And if there's one thing a pre-eminent financial centre loves, it's talk of new skyscrapers. By Hugh Pearman -- Pelli; Rogers; KPF; Piano; Vinoly \[images\]](#)- HughPearman.com (UK)

[Tall and Thin, Back in Fashion: The sliver building is making a comeback in Midtown Manhattan. -- Ismael Leyva \[image\]](#)- New York Times

[Old Town revamp makes the grade: ... plans drawn up by Edinburgh University...would see 330 new homes built...designed to turn the Holyrood area into a bustling neighbourhood. -- John Hope](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[Architect believes 'zipper zone' concept will expedite growth along Poplar corridor \[Memphis\]: Special design and zoning guidelines...should be established to promote smarter, more sustainable growth in the zipper zone... -- Frank Ricks/Looney Ricks Kiss](#)- Commercial Appeal (Memphis)

[Preservationists debate Fort Lauderdale beach's future: ...want to see Fort Lauderdale beach's past in its tourism future; developers balk](#)- South Florida Sun-Sentinel

[Will failing vision impair Opera House improvements? Joern Utzon is losing his eyesight. So how authentic is the work being carried out in his name, wonders Philip Drew -- Jan Utzon; Richard Johnson/Johnson Pilton Walker](#)- The Australian

[A Room for the Night \(Not 40 to Life\): A growing number of abandoned jails are being converted to hotels. -- Cambridge Seven Associates; Ann Beha Architects](#)- New York Times

[Oberlin celebrates addition that launched a design: ...Allen Memorial Art Museum... With its cheerful, checkerboard facade, outside windows and so-called "Ironic Column"...the building helped launch post-Modernist design. By Steven Litt -- Cass Gilbert \(1917\); Venturi Scott Brown \(1977\)](#)- Cleveland Plain Dealer

[Creature comforts: From swanky kitchens to hot showers, design takes center stage in Chicago's coolest offices. -- DeStefano & Partners; Goettsch Partners; Gensler; Powell/Kleinschmidt; OWP/P; Skidmore Owings & Merrill; Comerstone Architects \[links, images\]](#)- Crain's Chicago Business

[Greece is the word: He was the Indiana Jones of his day, dodging murderers to pull off astounding architectural coups. Jonathan Glancey on the life and fast times of James 'Athenian' Stuart...the star of a new show at London's V&A...- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Designs that grew out of nature: Dominic Bradbury reviews Alvar Aalto: Through the Eyes of Shigeru Ban at the Barbican...Aalto offers the inspiring example of the big, friendly Modernist giant. \[slide show\]](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[Call for entries: Schedium: AIA NY Chapter's Emerging New York Architects \(ENYA\) celebrate the drawing abilities of today's emerging architects; international practitioners are welcome; registration deadline: June 1- AIA New York](#)

[Indianapolis architect announces run for governor: ...has designs on the state's top office. -- Jim Schellinger/CSO Architects- Northwest Indiana Times](#)



[-- Mecanoo architects: La Lotja Theatre and Congress Center, Lleida, Spain](#)

[-- Michael Maltzan Architecture: Rainbow Apartments, Skid Row Housing, Los Angeles](#)

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