

Today's News - Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Rochon's eloquent report on her pilgrimage to Kahn's National Assembly in Bangladesh. – Kamin gives two thumbs-up to Grand Rapids Art Museum: "a temple of green" that goes "beyond the visually overheated structures that sought to duplicate the Bilbao effect," and a slide show to prove it. – U.K.'s greenest building yet doesn't use "green bling." – Cullinan is the first Brit to take the Royal Gold Medal since 2002. – Dyckhoff spends time with the "angry winner" of the Stirling Prize: "Chipperfield's architecture perhaps wears its angsty gravitas and subtlety too pointedly on its sleeve, but it's a blessed relief to encounter in this dumbed-down age." – Meanwhile, conservationists are not at all pleased with his plans near Leaning Tower of Pisa. – Hadid's "radical plan" for Bilbao x 2 (one item has details, one has images). – King says it's bad news for California unless the state is prepared to change the way it grows. – A Dubai icon takes issue with hotel plan in Plymouth, U.K. – Private offices on their way out (though some would like to be able to close a door now and then). – Research shows daylight makes workers more productive. – "Elegant simplicity or uninspired slab?" Debate and litigation over pick for design of Minneapolis's I-35W bridge. – Tomorrow Baltimore Architecture Week begins (actually Arch Week-and-a-half).

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[Tribute: When Herbert Muschamp died on October 3, at the age of 59, it was as though a planet dropped out of our architectural constellation...His great achievement as a writer was to put the "I" into criticism... By Joseph Giovannini- Architectural Record](#)

[Tribute: O. M. Ungers: Influential architect whose drive for clarity produced strong, simple forms that seem to reduce architecture to its essence \[images\]- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[For Soviet-Era Architecture, a White Russian Knight Emerges: To save Soviet design classics, Sergey Gordeev bought them...the pell-mell nature of development in Russia makes its architectural legacy particularly vulnerable. For this reason alone, his journey is worth watching. By Nicolai Ouroussoff -- Melnikov; Ginzburg; Dushkin; Miliutin- New York Times](#)

[My pilgrimage to a modern masterpiece: In a country ground down by poverty, newly ravaged by floods, and living under military rule, Louis Kahn's masterwork, the National Assembly of Bangladesh, remains a monumental meditation on humanity, with the power to move both body and mind. By Lisa Rochon- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[A temple of green blooms in Michigan: Grand Rapids Art Museum...energy-saving features are deftly layered into the building rather than crudely glommed onto it. Elegance and environmentalism, it reveals, are not incompatible. By Blair Kamin -- Kulapat Yantrasast/wHY Architecture: Design Plus- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Grand Rapids Museum of Art: A green temple of art goes beyond spectacle \[slide show\]- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Greenest building has Welsh foundation: £5.5m Innovate Property office on the outskirts of Leeds...is the UK's first commercially-developed sustainable office and pushes the boundaries of environmental design...without addition of traditional "green bling"... -- Rio architects; King Shaw Associates- icWales](#)

[Edward Cullinan wins the Royal Gold Medal: ...the first British architect to be awarded the honour since Archigram in 2002, and only the fourth in the past 20 years.- Builder & Engineer \(UK\)](#)

[The shame of British architecture: We have become a nation of glorified property developers, the angry winner of the Stirling Prize tells Tom Dyckhoff..."Britain gets the architecture it deserves. We don't value architecture, we don't take it seriously, we don't want to pay for it and the architect isn't trusted." -- David Chipperfield- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[Conservationists lean on British architect: ...have launched a campaign to halt a multimillion-pound British-designed building development next to the Leaning Tower of Pisa... -- David Chipperfield- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[A new island: Hadid unveils radical plan for Bilbao: Billion pound project will cut off peninsula from city. Neglected area to get new housing and businesses- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Zaha Hadid's radical plans for Bilbao: ...project will focus on the redevelopment of the neglected Zorrozaurre peninsula, which she plans to turn into an island. \[images\]- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Bad news: Unless the experts are wrong, California suburbs will continue to sprawl beyond the horizon...Am I being cynical? No. I'm passing along the verdict of 150 professional planners after they watched six of their peers debate whether or not our state is prepared to change the way it grows. By John King- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[World's Top Hotel Fears City Rival: Worried bosses at the world's most lavish hotel \[Burj Al Arab\] have launched a legal battle to stop their customers being lured away - to Millbay, in Plymouth...claim concept designs for iconic new tower resemble too closely their sail-shaped Dubai landmark. -- RTKL \[images\]- This is Plymouth \(UK\)](#)

[Private offices fading: A new survey...finds that workplace privacy may soon be going, going, gone at an office near you...but managers who used to have those offices sure do miss the chance to close an office door from time to time. -- Hixson Architecture-Cincinnati Enquirer](#)

[Daylight makes workers brighter: As the country embraces "green" building design...daylight has become a premium...research shows that workers with access to natural light are more productive...helping architects convince developers that such green features are good for business -- Hawley, Peterson and Snyder, KMD Architects; Reel Grobman & Associates- Mercury News \(California\)](#)

[Debate begins: Elegant simplicity or uninspired slab? As Minnesotans got acquainted with the design of the new I-35W bridge, opinions were all over the map. The design could still evolve as suggestions and criticism come in. -- Figg Engineering \[image\]- Minneapolis Star Tribune](#)

[MnDOT unveils design of I-35W bridge: ..."high-tech, high-performance, smart bridge that is energy efficient will be a model for other bridges in America"...But one factor could hold up the construction, a possible lawsuit by two of the teams that didn't win the bid. -- Figg Bridge Engineers \[slide show\]- Minnesota Public Radio](#)

[A week designed to inform: Baltimore Architecture Week, which starts Thursday...spans 11 days, making it Architecture Week and a Half. By Edward Gunts -- Design Collective; Cho Benn Holback + Associates; H. Chambers & Co.; Charles Richter; Paul Marks; Robert Campbell; Chase Rynd- Baltimore Sun](#)

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