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Calatrava's Ground Zero transit hub is a welcome "wow!" -- A financial giant goes green. -- Toronto towers present "sober urban intelligence." -- U.K. commercial market looking up literality and economically. -- Not so in Chicago: Trump's tower cuts office space to add residential views. -- Kansas City copes with its own tower crisis. -- Study says London ready for 2012 Olympics. -- Infill urban home is environmentally sensitive - complete with a rooftop meadow. -- Timeship: a cross between a fortress and a temple, rising out of Tuscan-landscaped gardens" for cryonically preserved bodies. -- An architect as a "Clark Kent" of exhibition design. -- A Seattle treasure disappears into dust. -- "Carmen" takes over Seville.

From Underground, the PATH Station Becomes a Procession of Flight. It is a pleasure to report, for once, that public officials are not overstating the case when they describe a design as breathtaking. By Herbert Muschamp - Santiago Calatrava; DMJM & Harris; STV Group - New York Times

Justin Davidson Finds A Soaring Icon: ...World Trade Center train station...will deliver to New York City a phantasmagoric piece of urban theater. - Santiago Calatrava [link to images/video] - NY Newsday

A PATH Station That Honors 9/11, and Opens Wide, Too. By David W. Dunlap - Santiago Calatrava; DMJM & Harris; STV Group [images] - New York Times

Citigroup adopts corporate policy... to carefully evaluate requests for project financing that could adversely affect the environment. (AP) - Environmental News Network

Building tall and well, despite the controversy: Plans for Yonge-Eglinton condos drew protests, but they're remarkably good - Skidmore Owings & Merrill; E. H. Zeidler - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Five contractors in frame for £45m City office scheme: Speculative HQ building for client Prudential raises hopes that sluggish commercial market is reviving - Hurley Robertson and Associates - Building (UK)

Office glut forces Trump to tweak tower: revised plan will remain 90 stories tall...extra 200 condominium and hotel units will substitute for the lost office space - Skidmore Owings & Merrill [image] - Crain's Chicago Business

Condos proposed north of the Plaza: ...would insert a sharply contemporary look to the district's skyline. - Shears + Leese Architects; Ron Reid Associates [image] - Kansas City Star

London can cope with 2012 Olympics, says Arup: report submitted to the International Olympic Committee - Building (UK)

The house of colour and glass: Infill home: not only shows how a utilitarian city street can be enlivened by imaginative design, but stands as a model of environmentally conscious, sustainable development. - David Fujiwara - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Timeship: House of the temporarily dead: It sounds like science fiction gone mad - a fantastic edifice housing thousands of cryonically preserved bodies awaiting reanimation. - Stephen Valentine - Guardian (UK)

The art of the exhibition: Paul Anderson makes Brigham Young University's museum shows visitor-friendly: ...the Clark Kent of Utah museum-exhibition designers images - Deseret News (Utah)

Queen Anne Hill reels after Wright-style house is torn down - Andrew Willatsen [image] - Seattle Post-Intelligencer

All of Seville will be a stage in this "Carmen": ...using the city's classic architecture to help recreate the story. - Christian Science Monitor


-- Massimiliano Fuksas: Congress Center, EUR District, Rome
-- PTW: National Swimming Centre, 2008 Olympics, Beijing