This week on ArcSpace: Lab architecture in Beijing, and Mau's "Massive Change" in Vancouver (we forgot to link yesterday). -- Another RFP from LMDC for WTC site work. -- We'll get the vitriol over with first: Family doesn't mince words about a new development down under: "dead-flesh developer-plastic...a poetic opportunity dramatically and deliberately missed." -- In the U.K., "towering egos" instead of experts for CABE? -- Kerry mayor blames architects for bad planning. -- But ugly buildings may be a thing of the past in Northern Ireland's future. -- What master think should be done with Edinburgh's St. James Centre (the building everyone loves to hate). -- Study shows there's a big future for iconic architecture (and "zoomorphic" architecture will become passé). -- Designing for security is hurting the livability factor of American cities. -- A workshop about creating livable neighborhoods. -- Christmas comes early to NYC: $1 billion grant to include a City Hall designed by Frank Gehry and an opera house by Jean Nouvel. - [link to full report]

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Mediocrity spoils another view: A major development [Honeysuckle] fails to do Newcastle justice. We've always known Sydney couldn't plan its way out of a paper bag...if the architecture were other than regulation dead-flesh developer-plastic...a poetic opportunity dramatically and deliberately missed. By Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald

Towering egos: It's a disgrace that none of the candidates to run architecture's watchdog has any real knowledge of the subject, argues Devan Sudic - Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (Cabe)- Observer (UK)

Kerry's mayor attacks architects: ...defended the role of local councillors in the planning process. "Architects have an awful lot to answer for", many of the worst aspects of planning are attributed to architects and their designs. - Unison (Ireland)

Beauty to be in the eye of the planner: Ugly buildings may become a less common feature of Northern Ireland in future...- Belfast Telegraph (Ireland)

A new vision for the capital's carbuncle: We asked leading architects and others about what they think could be done with the building the capital loves to hate [Edinburgh's St James Centre]. - Allan Murray, Terry Farrell, David MacDonald/Cockburn Association, Peter Wilson/Manifesto Foundation for Architecture, Malcolm Fraser- The Scotsman (UK)

Future sees return of iconic: Crystal-ball-gazing study predicts 5 million new homes, a London 'megapolis' and 24-hour cities in 20 years...purveyors of iconic design can rest easy in the knowledge that cities all over Britain will show a "renewed vigour" for iconic buildings. - Observer (UK)


How to Turn a Place Around workshop: Creating Great Neighborhood Spaces - October 28-29, New York City: course shows step-by-step approach to revitalization- Project for Public Spaces

New York to Win Record $1 Billion Grant For Affordable Housing: Enterprise Foundation...donation is aimed at helping the mayor with his $3 billion New Housing- New York Sun

Z marks the spot for transport museum's journey into the future: Zaha Hadid has been chosen to mastermind one of Scotland's most prestigious museum projects, Glasgow's...bracing itself for the arrival of one of Hadid's avant-garde designs...- The Herald (UK)

Taiwan moves a step closer to its Guggenheim Taichung:...would be part of a new district to include a City Hall designed by Frank Gehry and an opera house by Jean Nouvel. - Zaha Hadid- The Art Newspaper

Big architects, big art, big buzz at Leeum, Samsung Museum of Art: Despite all of the hype and hoopla...it's modest and tastefully subdued... - Mario Botta, Jean Nouvel, Rem Koelhaas- Korea Herald

Taming the zoo: Unexciting, say the done, but two calm buildings by Allies & Morrison restore sanity to Cambridge. "...surely after the anti-social posturings of Stirling and Foster that is a virtue," - Observer (UK)

Firm pays premium to be on green fringe: SAS Institute opts to stay downtown and build its own 'green' head office, on the fringe of downtown Toronto - NORR; Giffels Design-Build- Globe and Mail (Canada)
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