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Hume hums about Toronto's new "urban beach." – More on ROM: "Art meets architectural genius." – A source of pride - for those who can afford it. – A California museum comes in from the cold. – How high Burj Dubai and possible competition in Bahrain. – Balconies becoming obsolete in luxury high-rises (bigger closets the new big plus). – A look at some contenders for the Hadrian Awards. – Gehry's second NYC project: a playground! – New UCLA hospital "embraces the idea that good architecture is an integral part of the healing process." – Some thoughtful, some amusing memories of visits to the Glass House. – Aspen Design Summit takes a break to re-group. – A good reason to head to Australia's Gold Coast in September. – Hume weighs in on Toronto's Pug Awards. – One we couldn't resist: Predock inspires music for architecture ("architecture is just geology in drag").

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[Reclaiming the lake with new HTO waterfront park: ...Toronto's new "urban beach" is the best thing to happen to the waterfront in decades. By Christopher Hume -- Janet Rosenberg; Claude Cormier; Siamak Hariri](#)- Toronto Star

[Lee Chin Crystal - Art meets architectural genius: Daniel Libeskind has produced is a controversial, bold and daring structure that is sure to spark the imagination. After all, great cities like Toronto must have the capacity to astonish. \[images\]](#)- Jamaica Gleaner

[ROM barriers crystal clear: The \\$262 million glass peaks will be a source of pride, but only for those who can afford the admission...for \\$2.5 million...I will provide an original sketch of the Lee-Chin Crystal on a napkin, this one with its long-lost heart drawn inside. -- Daniel Libeskind](#)- Now Toronto

[The museum that came in from the cold: Once a cast-off, the Museum of Latin American Art \(MoLAA\) casts off its camouflage and celebrates the grand opening of its eye-catching new building -- Manuel Rosen](#)- Press-Telegram (California)

[This will be world's tallest building: ...projected final height of the Burj Dubai is officially being kept a secret due to competition...Another proposed supertall skyscraper, the Murjan Tower in Manama, Bahrain is planned to be 1,022 meters \(3,353 ft\) tall with 200 floors. -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Henning Larsens Tegnesteue](#)- Rediff India

[Glass walls, but no stones: ...in many of the newest luxury high-rises, something is missing: The conventional balcony has left the building... "The word balcony in itself is obsolete"... -- Helmut Jahn; Richard Meier; Jean Nouvel; Hani Rashid/Asymptote; Toshiko Mori; Gruzen Samton \(AP\)](#)- Journal-News (Westchester Co., NY)

[Northern lights: From stone country houses to city blocks, Hazel Davis looks at the contrasting rivals for a big architecture prize...the Hadrian Awards... -- Nothem Architecture; Jane Darbyshire & David Kendall \(JDDK\); Haigh Architects; Dewjo'c; Anthony Snowden; John Moore and Partners \[images\]](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[This Gehry Work to Revolve Around Play, as in Ground: ...set to make his first foray into the world of monkey bars and swings with a new playground at Battery Park...-](#) New York Times

[UCLA Unveils Hospital of the Future: Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center: ...embraces the idea that good architecture is an integral part of the healing process...-- J.M. Pei; C.C. Pei/Pei Partnership Architects; Perkins & Will; RBB Architects](#)- UCLA News


[Behind the Glass Wall: Memories of Life and Death in an Architectural Masterwork: In his Glass House, America's most public architect, Philip Johnson, created an utterly transparent intimacy. \[slide show\]](#)- New York Times

[Design Summit takes a break: For the first time since 1951, the world's leaders in design, architecture and engineering won't be in Aspen for the annual...International Design Conference/Aspen Design Summit...Paepcke-inspired event will return next year](#)- Aspen Times (Colorado)

[International Urban Design Conference: "Waves of Change – Cities at Crossroads" will challenge us all to examine our towns and cities: Gold Coast, Australia, September 6-8](#)- Gold Coast City Council (Australia)

[Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art is belle of the ball: ...may be the smallest of the cultural projects now transforming the city, but so far it's also the best...Torontonians voting in the third annual Pug Awards agreed... By Christopher Hume](#)- Toronto Star

[Loving The Alien: Getting Down to Earth With Tory Z. Starbuck: "People think it's weird to do music for architecture, but architecture is just geology in drag..."...An added influence...was Antoine Predock](#)- Playback:stl (St. Louis)

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