EDITOR'S NOTE: We're shuffling off to Buffalo early this morning (there may—or may not—be a newsletter tomorrow). —Glancey finds a housing scheme where design quality and liveability are given proper weight. —A stellar team for Penn Station. —Architecture making the British seashore sexy again. —New life for a Chicago Burnham beauty. —Manchester’s new, “flamboyant” justice center. —Kahn’s FDR memorial back on track—maybe. —Gehry’s fado fantasy to take center stage. —NYC Art Commission Design Award winners. —Can there be too much green space? —Paris takes to bikes. —Profiles: an eco-architect in Israel, two rising stars in Miami, and one of our favorite critics. —On view: Hadid in London show (no twiddling of thumbs). —CCA gives Rudofsky his due. —A tribute to Pugin. —Move over Pitt: DiCaprio goes green for Eco-Town.

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Is this what you mean, Gordon? Jonathan Glancey on a housing project that could be just what the new PM wants. New Islington Project is showing what can be achieved if design quality and liveability are given proper weight. —dMFK (de Metz Forbes Knight); Will Alsop; FAT (Fashion Architecture and Taste); Stephenson Bell; Guardian (UK)

SOM, Foster, and KPF to remake Penn Station:...includes the existing Penn Station, Madison Square Garden, and two office towers, One and Two Penn Plazas.—Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM); Foster + Partners; Kohn Pedersen Fox—Architectural Record

How the seaside got sexy: The British seaside resort is enjoying a revival and, as Tom Dyckhoff discovers, it is architecture that is leading the way —Thomas Heatherwick; Mendelsohn/Chermayeff (1930s); John McAslan; Ian McChesney [images]—The Times (UK)

The Reserve??!! Why not the Grand Pacific? One of Daniel Burnham’s last buildings, set to be converted into a hotel, rises on the site of what was once one of the world’s great hotels. By Lynn Becker —Lucien Lagrange [images]—Repeat (Chicago)

Top drawer: Talk about a cabinet reshuffle - Denton Corker Marshall's flamboyant design for Manchester’s Civil Justice Centre has brought dynamism to the heart of the legal establishment. [images]—Building (UK)

Is Louis Kahn’s FDR Memorial Back on Track? Great monuments often take years to complete, but...now feeling pressure from a competing scheme pegged for the same site, decisions regarding the remaining portion of Southpoint will depend on fund-raising—and the Roosevelt Memorial’s fate. —Mitchell/Giurgola (1974); Mark K, Morrison (2003); WRT [images]—Architectural Record

Gehry builds fantasy with fado singer: All Mariza had to do was sing...has moved Gehry to turn the stage of the Walt Disney Concert Hall...into a cozy tavern...will last a single night, October 28. (Reuters)—Washington Post

Awards From a Better-Designed City: Projects honored in the New York City Art Commission’s 2007 Design Awards —Choi Ropiha; Perkins Eastman; William Fellows; Marble Fairbanks; Toshiko Mori; Mathews Nielsen; Polshek Partners; DeanWolff; Grimshaw; etc.—New York Times

Region’s Parks Are a Source of Pride, but Can Ther Be There Too Much Green?...not every public park works well. Labeling “green space” on a plan is no guarantee that it will yield an attractive, functioning park. By Roger K. Lewis—Washington Post

A New French Revolution’s Creed: Let Them Ride Bikes: Paris is trying to reduce traffic congestion by launching an ambitious bicycle program.—New York Times

Eco-architect from Israel builds environment-friendly homes for the future: Isaac Meir’s specialty, passive low-energy architecture (PLEA), is an internationally recognized form of development.—ISRAEL21c.org

Chad Oppenheim’s world: simple, complex structures...buildings are complex, in that they venture into new ground for Miami, but their complexity derives (to invoke a kind of oxymoron) from their simplicity —buildings driven by a singular idea. By Beth Dunlop [images]—Miami Herald

Allan Shulman blends the old and the new...has emerged as a deft creator of a kind of hybrid tropical architecture taking shape around Miami. Islide show—Miami Herald

Thoroughly Modern Whitney: Loved, hated and feared, Journal Sentinel architecture critic Whitney Gould has had a huge impact on the city’s sense of design. But the fiercely private person is an enigma.—Milwaukee Magazine

Hadid, Queen of Curvy Design, Has Life’s Work on View in London: While her designs were not being built during the 1980s and early ’90s, Zaha Hadid wasn’t twiddling her thumbs.—Bloomberg News
Railing against the tyranny of expertise: In life, Bernard Rudofsky fought a losing battle versus modernism. In death, he’s being vindicated. As far as he was concerned, architecture was too important to leave to architects...exhibition at the Canadian Centre for Architecture...examines in depth the career of a man who hoped to change the world. By Christopher Hume - Toronto Star

Lost in time: Without AWN Pugin - the architect who designed Big Ben - Britain would look utterly different today. Yet he remains strangely obscure...the life and death of a wayward genius..."leader and ... most able pioneer" of Victorian architecture...- Guardian (UK)

Leonardo DiCaprio, Discovery Channel team up for Eco-Town: ...a reality TV series chronicling the eco-friendly rebuilding of Greensburg, a Kansas town destroyed by a tornado...on new cable network Planet Green - CBC (Canada)

Water Walls: Digital Water Pavilion: A building made of water that will flow at Expo Zaragoza in Spain next year. -- MIT; carlorattiassociati [images]: ArchNewsNow

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