

Today's News - Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Hume is optimistic (with some reservations) about rustlings of something really happening on Toronto's waterfront. -- Two more takes on NYC's Hudson Yards massive plans: it all boils down to dollars (and what we see will most likely not be what we get). -- An eye-ful of proposed Paris towers (opposed by most Parisians). -- But the city gives a thumbs-up to Les Halles redesign. -- Davidson on NYT HQ: life may be pleasant on the inside, but it's a glowering presence on the street. -- Kaplický once again defends his octopus of a library in Prague. -- At least it was a good week for architecture in Sarasota and St. Petersburg, Florida. -- Coop Himmelb(l)au wins big in Spain. -- Henning Larsen and Martha Schwartz hit the road for Damascus. -- U.K.'s People's £50 million Lottery Giveaway: a good idea gone awry? -- London mayor builds green on Trafalgar Square. -- A Chicago gem saved from demolition. -- Lots of deadlines: proposals for National Preservation Conference; AIA COTE Top Ten Green Projects and CAE Educational Facility Design Awards; and an Iraqi Memorial commemorating civilian deaths. -- Winners of "Self-sufficient Housing: The Self-Fab House" competition.

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[Rustlings of redesign reaching waterfront: ...expects the project will start in 2009..."It will become the Ramblas of Toronto".... By Christopher Hume -- Adriaan Geuze/West 8; DTAH; Janet Rosenberg; Claude Cormier; Daoust Lestage; Michael Van Valkenburgh; Field Operations](#)- Toronto Star

[Dollars and Dreams on the West Side: Design is the big draw for the proposals at Hudson Yards. But the decision will be all about the dollars...without the requisite care...the Hudson Yards that rises from the undeveloped urban wasteland of today could become an even more unappealing developed urban wasteland. -- FXFowle/Pelli Clarke Pelli; Helmut Jahn/Peter Walker; Kohn Pedersen Fox/Robert A.M. Stern/Arquitectonica; Skidmore Owings & Merrill \(SOM\)/Thomas Phifer & Partners/SHoP/Diller Scofidio + Renfro/Sejima + Nishizawa/SANAA/Handel Architects; Steven Holl Architects \[images\]](#)- The Slatin Report

[West World: Who stands to make a killing as a new midtown goes up: Five rough drafts for developing 24 million square feet—and why none of them will be built; How a new Madison Square Garden, a new Penn Station, and a new shopping mall could be squeezed into the Farley Post Office. -- Stephen Holl; Pelli Clarke Pelli/FXFowle; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Foster + Partners \[images\]](#)- New York Magazine

[Vive la revolution! ...first images of a controversial plan to construct a number of skyscrapers across Paris...opposed by most Parisians. -- Brenac et Gonzalez; Eric Lapierre; Abalos & Herreros; Sauerbruch Hutton; Feichtinger Architectes \[images\]](#)- Building (UK)

[Paris Approves Revamped Les Halles: ...plans for a glowing shell-like structure...that will contain cultural facilities. -- Patrick Berger & Jacques Anziutti; David Mangin \[images\]](#)- Architectural Record

[Get Me Rebuild: The new Times headquarters has all the visual appeal of a column of newsprint. ...details make life pleasant for the building's denizens, but they do little to animate the tower's stifled elegance, or to lighten the glower on its public face. By Justin Davidson -- Renzo Piano; FXFowle; Gensler](#)- New York Magazine

[Praguescape: The octopus's garden: Whether or not Jan Kaplický's otherworldly structure...will actually materialise is still in the stars...Most critics praised the bold plan...some have suggested that the building's undulating exterior looks silly and cartoonish... -- Future Systems \[images\]](#)- Prague Daily Monitor

[Designs are bold, inventive: It was a very good week for architecture in the region: ...a forward-thinking rendering for a new baseball stadium was unveiled in St. Petersburg. And...the proposal for the reuse of the Paul Rudolph-designed buildings at Riverview High School in Sarasota. -- RMJM Hillier/Diane Lewis Architect/Beckelman+Capalino/Seibert Architects; HOK Sport](#)- Herald- Tribune (Florida)

[Coop Himmelb\(l\)au Commissioned for Zarautz Scenic Arts Center in Zarautz, Spain. \[images\]](#)- Interior Design Newswire

[Henning Larsen and Martha Schwartz on the road to Damascus: ...have revealed these images for a children's discovery centre in the Syrian capital... \[images\]](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[People's £50 million Lottery Giveaway hit by double whammy: ...has been thrown into turmoil days before a winner is due to be announced on TV...Four projects are vying for the prize money -- Grimshaw; Make; Moxon Architects/Knight Architects; Sustans](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Nelson's new neighbour in Trafalgar Square: ...London Mayor has built a two-bedroom house to showcase energy saving devices \[images\]](#)- Building (UK)

[Deal saves Lake Shore Athletic Club from demolition: ...plans to build 139 senior residential units and save "the vast majority" of the building's exterior...It also will preserve historic common areas... By Blair Kamin -- Jarvis Hunt \(1927\); Booth-Hansen](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Call for proposals: for an education session for the National Preservation Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 21 – 25, 2008; deadline: January 11, 2008](#)- National Trust for Historic Preservation

[Call for entries: 2008 COTE Top Ten Green Projects Awards; deadline: January 31, 2008](#)- AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE)

[Call for entries: CAE Educational Facility Design Awards; deadline: December 14](#)- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[Call for entries: Iraqi Memorial commemorating civilian deaths in the war in Iraq; first jurors' review of proposals: March 19, 2008](#)- Iraqi Memorial.org

[2nd Advanced Architecture Contest: "Self-sufficient Housing: The Self-Fab House" Final Verdict -- Ming Tang/Dihua Yang; Luis Aguirre Manso; Hinya Okuda/Kung Yick Ho Alvin/Lam Yan Yu lan \[images\]](#)- Institute for Advanced Architecture of Catalonia (Spain)

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