

Today's News - Wednesday, January 16, 2008

"Famous female" (a.k.a. Hadid) wins big in Michigan (we couldn't resist link to fly-through). – The Hyperstructure Concept: is building big - and up - really a solution? – First city in City of the Future competition offers "mostly bleak projections" for D.C. – A stroll through and assessment of the "avalanche of building" going on in the Capital of Culture, Liverpool (once the "feelbad capital of Britain"). – New Orleans riverfront plan gets a green light. – It's sort of a he-said-he-said re: Edinburgh waterfront plans. – LEED on the hot seat in Wisconsin and Tacoma (why spend so much - why not build green without certification cost?). – Trump Soho is a sad site. – Demolition delayed (for now) of Philip Johnson house (\$3 million and it can be yours!). – Chicago details 2016 Olympic costs - and promises no white elephants (where have we heard that before?). – A "down-to-earth brand of tropical Modernism" in Mexico. – A portfolio of notable civic projects. – EOI and RFQ for two intriguing U.K. projects. – A look at Eliasson's NYC waterfalls. – We couldn't resist SPACKLE (start a chapter in your town!).

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[MSU goes with famous female: Michigan State University has chosen...Zaha Hadid to design its new \\$26-million to design its new \\$26-million Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum in East Lansing. By John Gallagher \[images\]- Detroit Free Press](#)

[Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum: Building a world-class museum at MSU – Zaha Hadid \[images, video fly-through\]- Michigan State University \(MSU\)](#)

[Cities of the Future. Part 1: The Hyperstructure Concept: Building huge cities and hyperstructures that can house hundreds of thousands of people is once again seen as a good shot – perhaps our best shot – at preventing or overcoming ecological disasters of our own making...is building up really our way of getting out? – Paolo Soleri/Arcosanti; Herman J. Jessor/Co-op City \(1971\); Arup/Dongtan- TechNewsWorld](#)

[Visions of a Brave New Washington: D.C. of 2108 Salvaging Decay For New Modes of Harnessing Water, Food, Energy...City of the Future teams...come up with visions of Washington 100 years hence... – Beyer Blinder Belle \(winner\); Christian Zapatka Architect; C U P; GROW/DC; istudio/envision; Maryland Urban Research Studio; OBRA Architects; Sorg and Associates- Washington Post](#)

[‘It’s a free for all’: Although much of Liverpool is being transformed by immense projects, they don’t always fit well with the city’s social and architectural history. Martin Spring joins Ken Martin, architect and local guru to find out why. – Terry Davenport/Building Design Partnership \(BDP\); Ian Simpson; Atherden Fuller Leng; Allford Hall Monaghan Morris; Will Alsop; 3XN; Donald Insall Associates; Austin-Smith:Lord; Piers Gough/CZWG \[images\]- Building \(UK\)](#)

[NOLA Riverfront Plan Gets Green Light: A plan for redeveloping large sections of the riverfront in New Orleans...redevelopment zone runs for 4.5 miles along the east bank of the Mississippi River... – Chan Krieger Sieniewicz; Hargreaves Associates; TEN Arquitectos;d Eskew+Dumez+Ripple- Architectural Record](#)

[Farrell blasts Edinburgh waterfront: Design champion calls on council to grasp waterfront opportunities...Art in Architecture described the RMJM scheme for Forth Ports...as a “shining example of what not to do”...RMJM said: “This outline application is a broad development framework and a foundation to help shape the future for Leith Docks...” \[image\]- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Sauk County to spend \\$70,000 to get certified: ...to make sure the county's architect has included green building features in the design for a \\$16 million county-run nursing home...dissenting supervisors said the county could build green without getting the certification. – Horty Elving & Associates- Baraboo News Republic \(Wisconsin\)](#)

[Op-Ed: A prudent second look at ‘platinum’ laboratory: Will the cost of Urban Waters laboratory “platinum” design make it harder to sell any kind of environmentally conscious building to the public in the future? ...no one knows how much less “silver” or “certified” building would run: such cost comparisons have never been done. – Perkins + Will- The News Tribune \(Tacoma, Washington\)](#)

[One Worker Killed, Three Injured in Collapse at Trump Soho: The project has been troubled since 2006, even before construction began, with local preservationists, community groups, and manufacturing advocates challenging the use and scale of the project. \[images, links\]- The Architect's Newspaper \(NYC\)](#)

[Demolition delay: Officials mull it over: ...the clock ticks on the final](#)

[days of the Alice Ball house...a Philip Johnson modern \[1953\]...Owner Cristina Ross filed for a demolition permit November 1, after the Environmental Commission rejected her plans to erect a 7,200-square foot home on the property and convert the Alice Ball house into a pool house... \[image\]- New Canaan Advertiser \(Connecticut\)](#)

[Chicago details Olympic costs, hopes for 2016: ...\\$2 billion to house and provide a place for athletes to compete..."There's no white elephants"...](#) - Crain's Chicago Business

[Low-Tech Green: Two young architects bring a down-to-earth brand of tropical Modernism to the balmy Mexican coast. By Paul Makovsky -- Cadaval & Solà-Morales \[images\]- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[2008 Notable Projects: Civic -- Morphosis; Richard Meier; Höweler + Yoon; Rafael Viñoly; Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg \(KPMB\); Bassetti Architects/Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; Antoine Predock; Mack Scogin Merrill Elam \[images\]- Archtype](#)

[Call for expression of interest \(EOI\): new vista entrance for the Wallace Collection grade II listed building in Manchester Square, U.K.; deadline: January 31 \[pdf\]- Malcolm Reading Consultants](#)

[Request for qualifications \(RFQ\): Designers sought to conserve Da Vinci Code church: Rosslyn Chapel, the Scottish church...is seeking architects to improve visitor access and provide 'comprehensive conservation of the chapel'; deadline: February 22- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Making a Splash: Four manmade waterfalls, 90 to 120 feet high, will be installed under and around the Brooklyn Bridge this summer in one of the city's most audacious art undertakings...highest is expected to be as tall as the Statue of Liberty. -- Olafur Eliasson \[images\]- New York Post](#)

[Readers rate the best and ugliest Seattle buildings: SPACKLE/Society of Philistine Architecture Critics, Kvetchers and Laymen Esthetes \(Credo: We may not know much about architecture, but we know what we don't like\)...gives a voice to people who actually have to live in, work in and look at buildings old and new... - Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#)

[INSIGHT: Mod Mods: Manufacturing Markets for Modularity: With market forces finally putting wind in the sails of pre-fab, the promise of sales should finally save industrial production of housing from the utopia to which it has been consigned. By John Newman, AIA- ArchNewsNow](#)



[-- Zaha Hadid Architects: Nordpark Cable Railway, Innsbruck, Austria](#)  
[-- Hotel Burnham/Reliance Building, Chicago -- Burnham and Root \(1891\); Antunovich Associates; Harboe Architects/McClier, Susan Caruso](#)

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