Sad news day (to us, anyway): It looks like Rudolph's Riverview High is destined to be paved over for parking (a most pathetic fate).

A grumpy news day: Architects pit against architects re: Piano's plan for Corbu's Rochechamp chapel ("I'm not new to this sort of battle," he says).

Russell has some good things to say (and a few disappointments) re: Piano's Whitney project on the High Line.

Tom Wolfe is displeased with Foster's revised plan for Parke-Bernet addition (why are we not surprised?).

Dyckhoff can't say enough about Beijing's Bird's Nest, but the rest of the Beijing Olympics buildings are a total "flop."

A new documentary about the H&deM stadium is "thought-provoking discourse on the nature of urban architecture," but "light on visual human drama."

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Jeanne Gang does "what young architects rarely and female architects almost never have done."

Robert A.M. Stern's "festival marketplace" to morph as well.

Norten's Brooklyn library to morph into mixed-use project.

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Piano Designs $435 Million Tugboat for Downtown Whitney Museum: looks poised to steam purposefully toward the nearby Hudson River...design seems poised between warehouse rawness and Piano's usual bespoke elegance. Its ambivalence reflects a vagueness in the Whitney's sense of place in the New York museum ecosystem. By James S. Russell -- Renzo Piano Building Workshop/Cooper, Robertson & Partners [images]

The first images of Herzog & de Meuron's redesign of the proposed new 36,000-seat stadium for Portsmouth Football Club...new waterfront home...will form the centrepiece of an "urban park"...facing a long line of low-carbon waterside residential developments. [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

Mile-high tower wars: How tall is too tall? The Burj Dubai will soar 800m above the Arabian desert, but a new mile-high tower is set to dwarf it. "You don't need a lot of technology to create it. Just a lot of money." -- George Efstathiou/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM); Hyder Consulting; Magnusson Klemencic; David Scott/Arup/Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitats (CTBUH)- Independent (UK)

Suburbs a Mile Too Far for Some: Demographic Changes, High Gasoline Prices May Hasten Demand for Urban Living:...a boon to New Urbanism and other "smart-growth" planning concepts, in practice such mixed-use projects often are harder to execute...challenges for cities are considerable.-- Wall Street Journal

Mixed-Use Facility Planned For Brooklyn Cultural District:...originally slated to be an Enrique Norten-designed public library will be developed instead...as a mixed-use facility.-- TEN Arquitectos-- New York Sun

New Look Planned for Pier at South Street Seaport: Conceding the failure of the...pier as a "festival marketplace", its owners plan to replace it with a mixed-use project including an apartment and hotel tower.-- Greg Pasquarelli/SubP Architects [image]- New York Times

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Bridge over troubled water: Zaha Hadid's latest architectural creation: a graceful and dynamic wonder that spans a political controversy...270m-long Bridge Pavilion across the Ebro river [for Expo Zaragoza] in Spain...[theme: "Water for Life"], metaphorically as liquid form...a bundle of trajectories that are pure virtuosity. By Jay Merrick [image, links]- Independent (UK)

Bronx Zoo Lion House Goes Green as Cockroaches, Crocs Move In: "Madagascar!"...retains its ornate charms...while incorporating some very 21st-century ideas for green design. -- Heins & La Farge (1903); FXFowle Architects [images]- Bloomberg News

Jeanne Gang: The Art of Nesting: Whether it's a condo tower or community center, her approach to materials and construction remains bold and ingenious...making a leap to what young architects rarely and female architects almost never have done—building on a scale that will have a major impact on their city. [images, videos]- Metropolis Magazine

Castles in the Sand: RISD's [Rhode Island School of Design] outgoing president prepares to build a new breed of cultural institutions in Qatar...Roger Mandle talks about the new job, identifying young architects, and the role of museums. By Martin C. Pedersen- Metropolis Magazine

How Green Is Your Brand?...sure, there was a little greenwashing going on at SB08...But what I came away with after hearing about these companies' myriad sustainable missions, goals and platforms is: (1) Finally! Glad they are paying attention. (2) Wow. The green envelope needs to be pushed further. By Allison Arieff- New York Times

ASLA 2008 Professional Awards Winners Announced -- Gustafson Guthrie Nichol; Michael Van Valkenburgh; Flor Associates/Weddle Gilmore; Van Atta; MSIDesign; Andrea Cochran; Grupo De Diseño Urbano; Olm Partnership; Michael Vergason; Mossop + Michaels; SWA Group; Ken Smith/Mia Lehrer; Hargreaves Associates; ahbe landscape architects; SCAPE; Peter Walker; etc. [images, links]- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Prefab Shelter Disappoints at Auction: Artek Pavilion...by Shigeru Ban...sold for a disappointing $602,500 on Saturday, well short of Sotheby's low estimate of $800,000.- New York Sun

-- Ground broken: Arquitectonica: Trinity Place, San Francisco
-- Under construction: Reiser + Umemoto: O-14, Dubai.