

Today's News - Thursday, October 9, 2008

- Calatrava's bird-like WTC transit hub "molting before our eyes": is new design "a successful accommodation or an unhappy compromise"? (hard to tell from the pix)
- Rose on H&deM's Paris Triangle: can the "shade-less ziggurat appease the naysayers?"
- Parks, parks, and more parks: An eye-full of 5 designs by stellar teams vying for NYC's Hudson Park and Boulevard.
- Terry Farrell unveils his Thames Gateway parkland master plan (with hopes of better leadership to see it gets done).
- Vertical food gardens sprout in L.A. (perhaps a nationwide "chain" of edible walls to follow?).
- Danes from the Copenhagen parks department visit NYC and "come down with a case of park envy."
- Shigeru Ban tapped by new eco-friendly developer to design Dubai-based projects.
- In Paris, Starck sparks a new trend: a "post-boutique hotel" (is it "a lay monastery or a modern kibbutz?").
- Heathcote is hot for Saatchi's new "perfect" gallery: "a formless parasite inhabiting the husk of a historical hulk."
- Israel's most beautiful synagogues, parts 1 and 2.
- Glassy new Ottawa Congress Centre is "meant to resemble a tulip lying on its side."
- Glancey waxes poetic about Siza: "He should make anyone proud to be, or want to be, an architect."
- A tribute to Cuban architect and urban planner Lin Arroyo.
- An impressive shortlist for Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award.
- 2008 Green Building Competition for New York City winners also excelled at good urbanism.
- A children's hospital with the "right touch of gaiety" takes U.K.'s 2008 Prime Minister's Better Public Building Award.

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**A Twisted Path for a Curve-Filled Terminal:** Calatrava has likened his design for the World Trade Center Transportation Hub to a bird. If so, it has been molting before our eyes...it is hard...to say whether the new design is a successful accommodation or an unhappy compromise. [images, links]- [New York Times](#)

**Paris Triangle: beyond the shadows of doubt:** Many Parisians would like to see the city's skyscraper ban reinstated, but can Herzog & de Meuron's shade-less ziggurat appease the naysayers? ...building will still have an almighty silhouette on the skyline – unless they've found a way around that too. The world's first invisible building, anyone? By [Steve Rose](#)- [Guardian](#) (UK)

**Five Designs for Hudson Park Revealed:** ...project will cover 4 acres on Manhattan's West Side... -- [WORK Architecture Company/Balmori Associates](#); [West 8/Mathews Nielsen/Weisz + Yoes](#); [Michael Van Valkenburgh/Toshiko Mori](#); [Hargreaves Associates/TEN Arquitectos/James Carpenter](#); [Gustafson Guthrie Nichol/Allied Works Architecture](#) [slide show]- [Architectural Record](#)

**Terry Farrell launches Thames Gateway Parklands masterplan:** ...overarching vision of 64km stretch of bioregional riverside parklands...One of the things lacking until recently was a sense of leadership, he said... [images]- [Building](#) (UK)

**Vertical Food Gardens Sprout in L.A.'s Skid Row:** If sedum and other non-edible plants thrive on green roofs and walls, why not tomatoes, peppers, and onions? -- [Taja Sevelle/Urban Farming](#); [Elmslie Osler Architect](#); [George Irwin/Green Living Technologies](#) [images]- [Architectural Record](#)

**Danes Come Down With a Case of Park Envy:** That Copenhagen could have dirtier parks than New York seems to subvert the natural order of things...- [New York Times](#)

**Arcology appoints a globally distinguished architect to design its Dubai based projects:** ...newly established real estate company aims to develop eco-friendly real estate in the UAE and the Middle East. -- [Shigeru Ban](#)- [AME Info](#) (United Arab Emirates)

**Far from the Eiffel Tower, a hip new hotel:** Mama Shelter...a fresh and welcoming mix of the hyper-modern and the cozy...a lay monastery or a modern kibbutz...might be considered a post-boutique hotel. -- [Philippe Starck](#)- [International Herald Tribune](#)

**Classical frame for Saatchi's brand-new look:** The architecture here is all in the organisation, the volume and the route; there is virtually nothing else...It is, in a way, a perfect gallery, a formless parasite inhabiting the husk of a historical hulk. By [Edwin Heathcote](#) -- [Max Gordon](#) (1985); [AHMM](#)- [Financial Times](#) (UK)

**Israel's most beautiful synagogues – part 1: 10 leading architects select...** -- [Mario Botta](#); [David Cassuto](#); [David Resnick/Heinz Rau](#); [Ilan Pivko](#); [Knafo Klimor](#) [images]- [Ynetnews](#) (Israel)

**Israel's most beautiful synagogues – part 2: 10 leading architects select...** -- [Aharon Kashtan](#); [Knafo Klimor](#); [Pinhas Nit](#); [Israel Gudovich](#); [Ram Karmi](#); [Yaakov Sa'ar](#); [Nahum Zolotov](#); [Zvi Efrat](#); [Richard Michel/Alexander Brewald/Yehuda Megidovich/Ze'ev Rechter/Ariel Hanani](#); [Ami Ran](#) [images]- [Ynetnews](#) (Israel)

**Tulip-styled Ottawa Congress Centre design unveiled:** ...new \$159-million structure wrapped with curved glass surfaces...to be about 200,000 square feet, or triple the size of the congress centre it is replacing... -- [Brisbin Brook Beynon Architects](#) [image]- [CBC](#) (Canada)

**A Gold Medal for Siza?** About time: [Álvaro Siza](#)'s timeless, elemental buildings secure his place as one of the world's finest architects, so why does he remain largely unknown in Britain? He should make anyone proud to be, or want to be, an architect. By [Jonathan Glancey](#) [links to images]- [Guardian](#) (UK)

**Tribute: Lin Arroyo: Cuban architect and urban planner:** ...was one of a number of young architects emerging in the 1940s who were determined to champion the purist, pared-down Modernist form with its clean lines and perfect proportions.- [The Times](#) (UK)

**Shortlist unveiled for the biggest cash prize in UK architecture:** 11 schemes shortlisted for the £25,000 Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award -- [Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland \(RIAS\)](#); [Simpson and Brown](#); [Gray Marshall](#); [Foster + Partners](#); [Elder and Cannon](#); [Oliver Chapman](#); [Gareth Hoskins](#); [Page/Park](#); [Bennetts Associates](#); [Gordon Murray + Alan Dunlop](#); [Studio KAP](#)- [The Architects' Journal](#) (UK)

**NYC Honors Her Greenest: 2008 Green Building Competition for New York City...**not only environmentally sustainable...winners have also excelled at good urbanism... -- [Pelli Clarke Pelli](#); [Dattner Architects](#); [FLANK Architects](#); [AQC Architects](#); [Foster + Partners](#) [images, links]- [Metropolis Magazine](#)

**2008 Prime Minister's Better Public Building Award:** [Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital](#), Brighton, East Sussex -- [Building](#)

[Design Partnership/BDP \[links\]](#)- CABA (Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment).

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