Today's News - Tuesday, April 14, 2009

- One on One: Kengo Kuma takes the spotlight in the first in a new ArchNewsNow series of interviews by architect, writer, and curator Vladimir Belogolovsky.

- Kuma is awed by Istanbul's style and old Turkish architecture.

- Russell returns with a retake on his take of Zumthor's Pritzker: "I would have liked instead someone whose work speaks to the extraordinary challenges of our time."

- Pawson, Williams, Cloepfil, and Bergdoll chime in with their takes on this year's Pritzker pick.

- AIA/COTE 2009 Top Ten Green Projects announced (excellent info & pix, too).

- A slide show of the 7 best green skyscrapers from around the world (not discussed: how many of 5 will actually be built?).

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- Campus Officials Seek Building Efficiencies, One Square Foot at a Time: ...following a decade-long building boom, a crippling recession, a spike in
energy prices...the stakes of managing campus space have never been higher...colleges will have to slow the pace of building...requiring tough choices that many are already grappling with. -- Society for College and University Planning/SCUP; Sasaki Associates - The Chronicle of Higher Education

Absent Zaha Hadid criticised at Barbican debate: ...bore the brunt of a spirited attack against "jewel-making" starchitecture at a packed ethics debate "Can good design change the world?"...Hardly anyone noticed that Fuksas hadn't turned up either. -- Charles Jencks; Winy Maas; Sean Griffiths; Fabian Hecker; Cameron Sinclair - BD/Building Design (UK)

Seven up: the best green skyscrapers: While China plans to build a further 50,000 skyscrapers, equivalent to 10 New Yorks, we pick the most eco-friendly and innovative present and future high-rises from around the world. -- David Fisher/Dynamic Architecture, RMJM, Waugh Thistleton Architects; MVRDV, Foster + Partners; Frank Williams & Partners [slide show]- Guardian (UK)

AIA/COTE 2009 Top Ten Green Projects -- VJAA; EHDD; OJK Architecture; Perkins+Will; Ross Barney; Siegel & Strain; Lake|Flato; Busby Perkins+Will; Weber Thompson; DesignLAB [links to images, details]- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Call for Papers: Society of Architectural Historians 63rd Annual Meeting in Chicago, April 2010; themes include Architectural-ized Asia, Starlets and Starchitecture, Counter-histories of Sustainability, etc.; deadline: August 15 - Society of Architectural Historians

Call for entries: Design a hole for a nine-hole miniature golf course occupying a vacant lot in Brooklyn, NY, for the summer of 2009; deadline: April 27 - The Putting Lot

Book Review: Tripping Out to London and Paris: Time to become a homebody, shop frugally, eat in, and take two virtual tours led by Sam Lubell. By Sam Hall Kaplan - ArchNewsNow

Competition winner: Herreros Arquitectos: Munch Area/Lambda, The Munch Museum, Oslo, Norway