

Today's News - December 13, 2005

Moscow water park tragedy: who's to blame? – Brit's a bit schizophrenic over most loved/hated buildings (and lists of both). – Some big guns invited to compete in (another) massive Dubai project. – Art and condos possibly the future for Montreal grain silos. – Scotland's Lighthouse a blueprint for U.K. "network of innovation centres." – In Manhattan, Foster's Hearst tower "the most beautiful skyscraper to go up in New York since 1967" (that one by SOM). – Universities everywhere taking on "green" mantles (but you have to dig to find out who the architects are). – NYC library gem back on the map. – A lament for the passing of London's double-deckers. – Plans finally abandoned for Serpentine "green mountain." Calls for entries: manual for earthquake resistant housing in Kashmir, and Shelter in a Cart. – Karim Rashid's futuristic prefab sure to wow them in Toronto. – Foreigner's "swamp" competition to design tsunami memorial design in Thailand. – A rather schizophrenic take of Sudjic's "The Edifice Complex."

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[Transvaal Study Says Plans Not Followed: ...Nodar Kancheli, the architect who designed the \[water park\] roof...has repeatedly denied responsibility for the collapse, saying that the tragedy may have been a terrorist attack.](#)- Moscow Times (Russia)

[Scots mall 'UK's worst eyesore': Cumbernauld 1960s shopping centre...has topped \["Demolition"\] poll for the structure that people would most like to see razed to the ground...has inspired Gordon Murray...to draw up a blueprint which, he believes, could transform the town.](#)- The Sunday Times (UK)

[Scottish parliament splits public opinion: ...best-loved buildings according to a new poll out today - just a day after another survey found it was one of the most hated...Top of YouGov's popularity poll was the Eden Project... -- Enric Miralles; Grimshaw; Foster-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Business Bay Phase-1 to include 200 towers...a major real estate development in Dubai...Four firms have been invited to submit design proposals... -- Zaha Hadid; Koolhaas/Office for Metropolitan Architecture; Reiser & Umemoto; Thom Mayne/Morphosis-](#) Gowealthy.com (Dubai)

[Museum in a silo? Now that's a plan: Silo No. 5: Musée d'art moderne, imagines the revamping of three historic grain silos on the western edge of Old Montreal, a project that would include a luxury-condo complex...](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Inside the beacon of excellence: ...the Lighthouse, Scotland's innovative and unique National Centre for Architecture and Design...the only UK blueprint for..."network of innovation centres" to foster young design talent with an international hub in London.](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[Triangulation: Norman Foster's thrilling addition to midtown Manhattan...Hearst tower is the most beautiful skyscraper to go up in New York since 1967... By Paul Goldberger-](#) New Yorker

[Extreme Environmental Makeover: University of Michigan renovation shows high-tech environmental design...Across Michigan and the nation, many schools are opting for more energy-efficient structures ...become highly visible models of green construction. -- William McDonough + Partners; Quinn Evans Architects \[links\]-](#) Detroit Free Press

[Restoration Project Reveals \[New York Public Library\] Map Room's Vivid Palette -- Davis Brody Bond \[image\]-](#) New York Times

[Final terminus for London's classic bus: Jonathan Glancey laments the passing of the Routemaster and the abandonment of a special form...of civil and civic design and engineering...](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Serpentine Gallery axes plan for 'grass mountain': After a year of frustration and false starts, attempt...has been abandoned. -- MVRDV; Koolhaas-](#) Guardian (UK)

[DESIGN\[ER\]: An open call for earthquake resistant housing ideas for a manual for rebuilding in Kashmir; deadline: January 20, 2006-](#) Architecture for Humanity

[Call for entries: Shelter in a Cart; registration deadline: February 28, 2006-](#) designboom

[Rashid's wild democratic vision: The upcoming Interior Design Show will feature Karim Rashid's Jetsons-style Kit 24 prototype house-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Overseas entrants swamp contest: ...architecture firms from 49 countries are in the running for the tsunami memorial design...380 firms entered the competition...fewer than 10% were Thai architecture firms.](#)- Bangkok Post

[Book Review: Leaders Who Build to Stroke Their Egos: "The Edifice Complex," by Deyan Sudjic...a fat, overstuffed jumble of the obvious and the fascinating, the tired and the intriguing...](#)- New York Times

[Dec. '05 Build Business: Why Hire a Marketing Staff? No longer considered unethical and tacky, marketing has morphed into an essential tool for savvy A/E/C firms.](#)

[Mayor widens vision to urban architecture: He doesn't want a 'dumbing down of quality' in design...Two things propel Newsom's budding interest in design...de Young Memorial Museum and the aggressive example set by Chicago Mayor Daley, who has made urban design a centerpiece of his administration. By John King-](#) San Francisco Chronicle

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- [-- SANAA/Kazuyo Sejima + Ryue Nishizawa: Glass Pavilion, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio](#)
 - [-- Under construction: Gehry & Partners: IAC Headquarters, New York City](#)

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