

Today's News - September 29, 2006

Report from IDSA conference: architecture and fast cars. -- Kunstler's take on the future is rather bleak (or is it?): no more "Muschamp smorgasbord of delicious, rarified architectural irony...Koolhaas celebration of alienation [or] metaphysics of Libeskind and Eisenman" (never mind New Urbanists). -- Big plans in store for downtown Phoenix. -- Another big thumbs-up for Denver's new "exuberant, blossoming" museum. -- Portland recycles its old armory into a new theater that sparkles with LEED Platinum. -- University of Pennsylvania's new "fab lab" breaks all the rules with "winning panache." -- Plans to move the Chicago Children's Museum not without controversy. -- Meanwhile, the Chicago History Museum dons brand new bells and whistles. -- Though nothing is confirmed, it's traditionalists vs. modernists in a tug-of-war for GSA chief architect post, says Kamin. -- New deans of architecture for UCLA and Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts in St. Louis. -- Innovation conference in NYC takes on "High-Tech Systems for Sustainable Buildings." -- Call for entries: Toyota looking for dealership prototype. -- Winners all: RIBA Sustainability Award, and Ontario's ARIDO Awards. -- Weekend diversions: Q&A with FLW "The Fellowship" co-author. -- Another take on de Botton. --- EDITOR'S NOTE: ANN will be on the road for the next week and Internet access may be spotty...we'll do our best to post daily.

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[A reflection on cities of the future: These days, a new generation of mojo architect savants such as Daniel Libeskind and Rem Koolhaas are retailing an urban futurism that is basically warmed-over Corbu with an expressionist horror movie spin...Yet another vision of the future is supplied by the New Urbanists... By James Howard Kunstler-](#)
EnergyBulletin.net

[Deal fills final gap in Phoenix's core: \\$900 million \[CityScape\] proposal is calling for 4 high-rises ...putting in place the final building block in its plan to construct a new downtown. -- Callison Architecture-](#) Arizona Republic

[A work of art, for art's sake: The exuberant, blossoming, titanium-clad museum designed by Daniel Libeskind is a brilliant container for art and a stunning work itself...neither dwarfing nor disrespecting Michael Graves' library nor Ponti's original museum building. By Mary Voelz Chandler-](#) Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[Recycling the Armory: A sparkling new theater complex pours into an ordinary old building -- done the Oregon way...Gerding Theater...first historic renovation in the country to earn the top "platinum" LEED rating... By Randy Gragg -- GBD Architects; Landry & Bogan; Felt Hat \[slide shows\]-](#) The Oregonian

[Penn's latest is one fab lab: Penn's Skirkanich Hall, containing bioengineering facilities, is the city's best new building in years...breaks the rules with such breathtaking skill and winning panache that you're happy to forget there ever were rules. By Inga Saffron -- Tod Williams Billie Tsien \[slide show\]-](#) Philadelphia Inquirer

[Chicago Children's Museum moving to Grant Park: But the new site may provoke more controversy... -- Krueck & Sexton-](#) Chicago Tribune

[Museum brings history to life: Reconfigured, renamed Chicago History Museum lets visitors go with the flow...with its brand-new bells and whistles, the museum is a place that reminds us that history is more than the distant past... By Kevin Nance -- Hammond Beeby Rupert Ainge-](#) Chicago Sun-Times

[Tug-of-war over top design job: ...Wall Street Journal reported that Thomas Gordon Smith...was set to become the chief architect of the U.S. General Services Administration...Some modernists were apoplectic...GSA spokeswoman: "We are still in the selection process."](#)

[By Blair Kamin-](#) Chicago Tribune

[Architect accepts UCLA position: Japan's Hitoshi Abe hopes to bring his Far East perspective to his role as chair of the architecture and urban design department...If appointed, Abe will replace Sylvia Lavin...-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Bruce Lindsey named dean of Architecture in Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts-](#) Washington University School of Architecture (St. Louis)

[Architectural Record's 4th Annual Innovation Conference: High-Tech Systems for Sustainable Buildings: New York City October 11-12-](#) Architectural Record

[Call for entries: Scion Floorplan Showroom Design Competition: cash prizes; deadline: November 10 \(U.S. only\)-](#) Scion/Toyota

[The winner of the RIBA Sustainability Award in 2006 is Heelis \[Central Office for The National Trust in Swindon\] by Feilden Clegg Bradley-](#) Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)

[Ontario's Interior Design Stars Honoured at the 2006 ARIDO Awards of Excellence -- Powell & Bonnell; HOK Toronto; B/H Design Consultants; Element Group; etc.-](#) Canada NewsWire (CNW)

[A Frank Look at Wright's Fellowship: A new book exposes Frank Lloyd Wright's cloistered Taliesin Fellowship as a less than ideal world for young architects...Q&A with Harold Zellman-](#) Pacific Palisades Post (California)

[Search for meaning ... in a skyscraper: Alain de Botton's "The Architecture of Happiness" aims to discover why we like or despise certain buildings...-](#) Christian Science Monitor

[New Frontiers in Science and Design: ASU Biodesign Institute by Gould Evans and Lord, Aeck & Sargent \(images\)-](#) ArchNewsNow



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