

Today's News - October 26, 2006

We lose a journalist who "influenced deeply the ways in which architecture was presented, advocated and debated." – Farrelly takes on East Darling Harbour (renamed Barangaroo): "concept plan" now means what you have when there is no concept." – Just how visionary is the latest design for Penn Station? – An "unorthodox team of cheerleaders" gets behind Foster's Madison Ave. tower. – Will Madame Tussauds make Hollywood too Hollywood? – An in-depth look at an overlooked LA school district's program for sustainable design: "a national showcase have gone virtually unnoticed." – B-schools and companies looking to D-schools for "nimble, creative thinkers." – Of back alleys and organic new urbanism. – A new theater offers new hope for a small Canadian town "buried beneath decades of suburban blight." – Are percent-for-art programs spoiling the public landscape? – Addressing acoustic challenges in "modern, in-your-face office space." – A minority firm's move to Kansas City "is bound to shake up the architecture and engineering neighborhood." – RAI A hands out awards: NSW struggles to match Victorian innovation. – CCA hosts James Stirling Memorial Lecture on the City November 7. – Rotterdam 2007 will be a yearlong festival celebrating the city's architecture.

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[Obituary: Colin Boyne, 85: Architectural editor who set the debate on planning and the environment... As editor of the Architects' Journal \[AJ\] between 1953 and 1970...he influenced deeply the ways in which architecture was presented, advocated and debated.](#)- Guardian (UK)

[3A projects add a new dimension to rules: East Darling Harbour, or Barangaroo...Now, with every soupcon of panache or personality \(and virtually every mention of the architects\) surgically removed, it recalls two sobering facts: that "concept plan" now means what you have when there is no concept... By Elizabeth Farrelly -- Hill Thalys Berkmeier-](#) Sydney Morning Herald

[With Each Redesign, a Sparer Penn Station Emerges: Just how visionary is it? To judge from architectural renderings, the design is much less imaginative than it was two years ago, and far more utilitarian. -- David M. Childs/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); James Carpenter Design Associates/Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum \(HOK\) \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[A Builder Dusts Off His Starry Rolodex: Developer Aby Rosen is the man behind Norman Foster's proposed condominium tower at 980 Madison Avenue...unorthodox team of cheerleaders has quickly coalesced behind a controversial proposal for a 30-story glass tower atop a 1950 building...](#)- New York Times

[Bright lights, big critics for wax museum plan: Madame Tussauds wants to make its own mark along Hollywood's Walk of Fame. But some local residents aren't embracing the idea...tensions have surfaced as stakeholders try to balance the big-city glitz that makes Hollywood special with the main-street services that locals like to patronize. -- Michael Rotondi/RoTo Architects-](#) Los Angeles Times

[The Greening of the LAUSD: Lost amidst the brutal fight for control of L.A.'s public schools is one of the most innovative programs for sustainable design in the entire country...district has moved inexorably into the forefront of green, energy-efficient, sustainable development in its massive building program.](#)- LA City Beat (Los Angeles)

[Top Innovation & Design Schools: Desperate to innovate, companies are turning to design schools for nimble, creative thinkers... The Best D-Schools for Creative Talent...Asian design education is undergoing its own revolution...Business schools are hooking up with design institutes -- or starting their own...etc. \[articles, slide shows\]](#)- BusinessWeek

[Back to the alley: ...architects show links between back alleys and an organic new urbanism...alley revival was not engineered like Seaside...constructed around fake nostalgic structures on streets designed to look like small-town America. "To work, it has to be organic..." By Zahid Sardar -- Winslow Architecture; Sagan Piechota Architects \[images\]](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[A weekend in the Bramptons: For a city in need of a second act, the Rose Theatre might be just the ticket...Like so many former small towns in southern Ontario, Brampton...has been buried beneath decades of suburban blight...the Rose...represents an attempt to bring life to an area that needs it. By Christopher Hume -- Page+Steele; Novita-](#) Toronto Star

[Paradise Lost: How the county is spoiling our landscape with art: ...Getting good art in the right places is tricky... percent-for-art program diminishes both art and whatever it is linked to...We should make a bridge that doesn't need art and art that doesn't need a bridge. By Tom Bamberger \[images\]](#)- Milwaukee Magazine

[Where workers are seen but not heard: Acoustic measures blunt the impact of modern, in-your-face office space...even designers who are true believers in open plans will admit that it has taken years of trial and error to address the acoustic challenges... -- Busby Perkins + Will; Bregman + Hamann Architects; Hellmuth Obata + Kassabaum \(HOK\)-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Minority firm tests KC market: For too long, African-Americans have been relegated to being the minority partner on the major construction projects in Kansas City...Moody-Nolan is out to show this community that in architecture and engineering, African-Americans can be the leaders as well the followers.](#)- Kansas City Star

[Design's better south of border: NSW's public and private architecture is struggling to match Victorian innovation...Royal Australian Institute of Architects \[RAIA\] awards...national jury pointedly decided not to hand out an award for ecologically sustainable development, in the belief that it needed to be an integral part of every architect's work, and that singling it out diminished its importance. -- Sean Godsell; John Wardle/Hassell Architects; Ashton Raggatt McDougall/NH Architecture; Johnson Pilton](#)

[Walker, Durbach Block; Bligh Voller Nield](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[James Stirling Memorial Lectures on the City: Eyal Weizman presents "Destruction by Design: Military Strategy as Urban Planning" at the CCA, Montreal, on November 7-](#)  
Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA)

[Rotterdam 2007 City of Architecture: year-long festival of exhibitions and special events relating to outstanding buildings and locations in the Netherlands' leading city for modern architecture.](#)- Rotterdam 2007

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