

Today's News - Monday, March 10, 2008

ArcSpace brings us OMA in Berlin. – We lose a master/inventor of Earth Architecture and Super Adobe; and an author/critic "known for his unsentimental, sometimes cantankerous demeanor." – Sudjic on his/Burdett's "The Endless City": it's "a powerful affirmation of the city as mankind's greatest single invention." – Hume on the "apostle of sprawl" (could O'Toole have a point?) – Plan to spend some time with one of the most comprehensive overviews of development in Abu Dhabi. – And an eyeful of about 60 of the fantastic (and sometimes phantasmagorical) buildings in Dubai (some are only proposed - whew!). – An in-depth look at the infrastructure project that's making it all possible. – Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for phase one of the redevelopment of the New Orleans Riverfront. – Waterfront Toronto about to issue its own RFQ for two sites. – Finding the balance between openness and security remains an ongoing challenge. – It certainly will be with plans to bring a slice of Poundbury to a Jamaican ghetto. – Seattle should not start genuflecting to its new skyscrapers just yet: the eco-density coalition is beginning to feel some internal splits. – Heathcote gives a (mostly) hearty thumbs-up to NYC's New Museum. – Finding the balance between openness and security remains an ongoing challenge. – There may be a silver lining for Pei's Silver Towers if NYU does the right thing. – It's a shame that architecture students "learn the best practices of their discipline in some of the worst buildings on their campuses." – Parsons step in the right direction with an "adroit makeover" combining "style and even wit." – Kolkata Airport taps RMJM. – A Spanish firm flies in to "shake up" design for Heathrow's east terminal. – Kamin finds Blackstone's grand restoration "miraculous" (except for the melting-lollipop carpet). – Almost ripe for landmarking, a San Jose's IBM building goes up in flames (suspicions abound). – Just one more day to pledge for Cycle to Cannes architects wending their way to MIPIM for good causes.

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[Obituary: Nader Khalili, 72, founder of California Institute of Earth Art and Architecture \(Cal-Earth\) \[and\] Ceramic Houses and the Earthbag Construction technique called Super Adobe. \[images, links\]- Archinect](#)

[Obituary: Martin Pawley, 69, architecture critic, author, academic and columnist...known for his unsentimental, sometimes cantankerous demeanour.- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Cities on the edge of chaos: ...will citizens - and cities - cope with the fierce pressures of this new urban age? Deyan Sudjic...asks if the city of the future will be a vision of hell or a force for civilised living? "The Endless City"...I edited with Ricky Burdett...doesn't shrink from the darker aspects of city life, it is also a powerful affirmation of the city as mankind's greatest single invention.- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[The Apostle of Sprawl: A libertarian advocate of the suburbs argues they speak to our deep need for privacy, space and security. Might he have a point? ...Canadian Mental Health Association has started to examine the effect of architecture and planning on psychological well being. By Christopher Hume -- Randal O'Toole- Toronto Star](#)

[Abu Dhabi: ...now rivals Dubai in projects of scale and vision as it pursues its vision for the future. Gulf Construction presents an overview of this construction hotspot in the Gulf... -- Gehry; Nouvel; Ando; Hadid; Khalid Alnajjar; Yuri Awakumov; Greg Lynn; Hani Rashid; David Adjaye; Pei-Zhu; Seung H-Sang; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\); RMJM; Foster + Partners; etc. \[images, links\]- Gulf Construction](#)

[The Future in Dubai: a small portion of the buildings that are being proposed, constructed or developed in Dubai and its surrounding region. -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Atelier Hapsitus; Studio Nova; Hadid; Koolhaas/OMA; Resier/Umemoto/RUR; Sanjay Puri & Mimish Shah; Claudio Catalano; TVS; RMJM; David Fisher; YOO/philippe Starck; Q-Cero Architects; Light Architecture; Atkins; Nouvel; Snohetta; Gehry; Make; Nihon; Gensler; Royal Haskoning; Sybarite UK; Andrew Bromberg; Sunland; Sanjay Puri \[images!\]- designboom](#)

[Green Line: ...the largest infrastructure project in the world is the Dubai Metro...Atkins has been on a steep but satisfying learning curve managing this mega-project in a city-state full of mega-projects... -- Arup- New Civil Engineer \(UK\)](#)

[Request for Qualifications \(RFQ\) for phase one of the redevelopment of the New Orleans Riverfront: "Reinventing the Crescent"; Part One deadline: April 07- New Orleans Building Corporation \(NOBC\)](#)

[East Bayfront the focus of city's waterfront push: Later this week, Waterfront Toronto will issue two RFQs \(request for qualifications\) for two sites with this area...because this is the waterfront, and arguably Toronto's last chance to get it right, the important returns are those that will go to citizens, not corporations. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star](#)

[Can a little slice of Poundbury bring peace to this Kingston ghetto? Charles thinks so...Prince launches £4m plan to rebuild gang-blighted area in Jamaican capital...But recreating the Poundbury blueprint in Rose Town is clearly not going to be easy. By Robert Booth -- Ann Hodges- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Global Diplomacy and Design: Security at U.S. Embassies: Finding the balance between security and openness remains the ongoing challenge for embassy design, as](#)

[for so many other civic buildings, public venues, and iconic structures around the world.](#)
By Barbara A. Nadel, FAIA - Buildings.com

[Genuflecting to the high rises: Let's not get too giddy and forget to examine these supposed architectural marvels — before they're built...there is some sign that the ecodensity coalition is beginning to feel some internal splits. — Ishmael Leyva Architects; Zimmer Gunsul Frasca \(ZGF\) \[images, links\]- Crosscut \(Seattle\)](#)

[The ascent of Manhattan: ...all the action so far has taken place in the rarefied, super-rich world of architect-branded condos. So the opening of an important public building, the New Museum, has caused a bigger stir in the city than any building I can remember....a striking and serene addition to the rough and ragged profile of the Bowery...By Edwin Heathcote — Sejima/Nishizawa/SANAA- Financial Times \(UK\)](#)

[Silver Lining for Pei Towers: NYU space crunch clouds future of superblock: Silver Towers debate unfolds against the university's Brobdingnagian plans to add 6,000,000 square feet over the next 25 years. — SMWM; Grimshaw; Toshiko Mori Architect; Olin Partnership — I.M. Pei & Partners \(1966\)- The Architect's Newspaper \(NYC\)](#)

[Some Schools of Architecture Could Use a Good Architect: ...many architecture students learn the best practices of their discipline in some of the worst buildings on their campuses.- The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

[At Parsons, an Adroit Makeover: ...In the new...Sheila C. Johnson Design Center, Lyn Rice Architects has undertaken a task that is both Herculean and largely thankless...with considerable style and even wit. By James Gardner - New York Sun](#)

[RMJM wins competition to design Kolkata Airport scheme: ...beats HOK and Aéroports de Paris to design India's new domestic terminal. — Sikka Associates \[images\]- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Spanish firm files in to work with Foster on Heathrow: Vidal Arquitectos, close associate of Richard Rogers, to 'shake up' design of £1.5bn east terminal \[images\]- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Garish accents mar Blackstone's grand restoration: Renovation adds a new jolt of vitality to a reviving South Michigan Avenue...The imperfect resurrection...is nonetheless miraculous...it's a blessing that hotels redo their interiors every five years or so. By Blair Kamin — Marshall & Fox \(1910\); Lucien Lagrange; Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates; Gettys- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Fire guts historic IBM building in San Jose: ...was at least the fourth historic building to go up in flames since last summer. — John Bolles \(1957\)- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[Cyclists race against time to raise £500,000 for charity: With only two days left until the charity Cycle to Cannes reaches the Mipim property fair and the riders still have some way to go to meet their £500,000 target. Sponsor the cyclists and follow their progress as they blog along the route. \[images, links\]- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

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