Today’s News - Friday, October 10, 2008

- Field Notes from the Venice Biennale - Part 1: "...a challenging, entertaining, and provocative show."
- Mayne warns Dubai set for "ecological disaster."
- Q&A with Thomas Friedman: he’s a bit more optimistic.
- Campbell on the U.S. embassy in Berlin: "security experts turned a potentially great building into a merely acceptable one" (and a thumbs-up to MRY "for hanging on to as much of the quality as they did").
- An amusingly illustrated look at how U.K. firms are changing their strategies in an economic downturn: the mood is sober, but not everything is black and bleak.
- Three takes on "experience design" that uses media and architecture to produce immersive spaces.
- Ando offers an entertaining interview.
- Q&A with ACE Mentor program founder Charles H. Thornton re: what it takes to be a mentor and why it’s so important to the industry.
- Weekend diversions: Stephens feels morally obligated to review "Big Box Swindle.
- King nominates "Atlas of the Real World" as his "candidate for 2008's most mesmerizing book."
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- Rawsthorn is enchanted by "Ken Adam Designs the Movies" (remember Dr. Strangelove’s War Room?), and how his influence has "extended beyond film into other design disciplines" (great slide show).
- Bayley’s take on Corbu show: his "visionary genius should help clear his name as the man 'responsible' for our Sixties council blocks" - politicians and value engineering were really at fault.
- Call for entries: 2009 Great Places Awards (formerly EDRA/Places Awards).
- APA names 2008 Great Places in America (great links here, too).
- On the eve of naming the Stirling Prize winner, BD’s Carbuncle Cup 2008 winner; says the architect: the design is not our fault. - Bookies blame the lack of a clear frontrunner for the slow betting on a Stirling favorite.
- We couldn’t resist: a technicolor Hadid at the National Portrait Gallery "immortalized in a portrait as vivid as she is."
2008 APA Great Places in America: 30 Great Neighborhoods. Great Streets, Great Public Spaces [links to slide shows]- American Planning Association (APA)

Radisson SAS Waterfront Hotel in Jersey by EPR Architects has won the wooden spoon in BD’s Carbuncle Cup 2008...least impressive building of the year..."It's a scheme we inherited from another architect. The external envelope is not our design..." [image, video]- BD/Building Design (UK)

Stirling Prize almost too tight to call, says bookies: Bookmaker William Hill...surprised by how little cash had been wagered on the prize, and blamed the lack of a clear frontrunner for the slow betting -- Allford Hall Monaghan Morris (AHMM), Denton Corker Marshall; Zaha Hadid- The Architects' Journal (UK)

A Technicolor Hadid arrives at the National Portrait Gallery: One of Britain’s most colourful architects has been immortalised in a portrait as vivid as she is...created by Michael Craig-Martin...- Evening Standard (UK)

WORDS THAT BUILD: Creating a Site Analysis That’s Out of Sight: Tip #7: Write a site analysis using words referring to senses beyond sight. By Norman Weinstein- ArchNewsNow

Exhibition: Between Earth and Heaven: The Architecture of John Lautner, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles

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