Today's News - Tuesday, November 4, 2008

- Weinstein's Words That Build Tip # 8: Initiate conversations about design that engage your clients.
- Lyndon offers a thoughtful and informative review of the new U.S. Embassy in Berlin.
- An amusing interview with Chipperfield: "Wow" architecture on the wane (and will consider himself eligible for a Pritzker once he begins his New Museum opens).
- Karmen on Chicago's "Lights Out" program and efforts everywhere to keep skyscrapers from being bird-killers.
- Rose on why James Bond is "basically an enemy of architecture - the buildings in Bond films dazzle - what a shame they get blown to smithereens."
- Wholy's Curve Theatre is an "architectural dazzler."
- Efforts to keep London's Design Museum in Southwark may be too late.
- Litt talks to Fentress re: Cleveland Museum of Natural History's plans to plow ahead with expansion despite economic turmoil.
- "Cargotecture" catching on in Hawaii.
- Litt on artist Rick Lowe's Houston development, Project Row Houses...part conceptual art, part activism...“an artwork in the shape of a neighborhood development.” -- Edgar Arceneaux [video link]
- Model Citizens: A pair of Dutch artists aims to empower a Cairo community with a fantastically detailed miniature replica...The big question is whether the exercise will influence the government’s planned gentrification of the neighborhood...artists hope their models will encourage architects and urban planners to take a more nuanced look at the shape of a neighborhood development.” -- Marcus Fairs [video link]- London bureau [Architectural Record]
- Southwark fights to keep Design Museum: ...could offer...new sites to stop a move to the Commonwealth Institute in Kensington...may have come too late to stop the move. -- The Architects' Journal (UK)
- Watts House Project: art meets architecture near the Towers: An artist’s vision for the neighborhood surrounding the famed landmark is taking shape from the ground up...a grand-scale collaboration...is finally beyond the drawing board phase. Based on artist Rick Lowe’s Houston development, Project Row Houses...part conceptual art, part activism...“an artwork in the shape of a neighborhood development.” -- Marcus Fairs [video link]- London bureau [Architectural Record]
- Roof allotments a capital way to feed Olympians, says mayor: Swathes of unused space in London, including flat roofs, are to be converted into vegetable gardens in an initiative...with a lofty aim: to feed the 2012 Olympics with products grown in...2,012 new growing spaces... -- The Times (UK)
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- A Pittsburgh neighborhood claims a dumping ground; officials hope the self-motivated activism will become infectious.
- Hawthorne visits L.A. County's Elections Operations Center to find color and visual charisma, a tribute to the "infrastructure of democracy."
- The architect reshaping Taiwan's architectural landscape.
- Call for papers: Eero Saarinen (1910-1961) At the Centennial of His Birth.
- Transportation Alternatives announces Designing the 21st Century Street competition winners.
Call for papers: Eero Saarinen (1910-1961) At the Centennial of his Birth for special issue with guest editor, j.m.rees; deadline for abstracts: January 15, 2009 - Nexus Network Journal

Street Wise: Transportation Alternatives announces Designing the 21st Century Street competition winners. -- Rogers Marvel Architects; Steven Nutter; LEVON [images] - The Architect's Newspaper


Gehry Partners: Sønderborg Harbor Masterplan, Sønderborg, Denmark: ...proposes to transform the former industrial waterfront into a vibrant urban development... [images]