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- More on the sad state of Russia's architectural treasures "being subjected to such devastation for the sake of earning a fast megabuck."
- A California firm at the helm of plans for green "Millennium City" planned for Ghana's shores.
- A re-thinking of airport design where the arrival experience will trump the departure sequence and terminals will be smaller, greener, and less expensive.
- Moore ponders why a Stirling nominee is "the exception rather than the rule when it comes to medical facilities...It is thoughtful and clear-headed and humane" (what a concept!).
- Hume cheers an extreme library makeover where the architects have "acquitted themselves brilliantly," creating an ivory tower that has been "opened up, plugged in and de-ivoried."
- A new architectural system that "might give a city a touch of that post-apocalyptic, nature-reclaims-city look" (and that's a good thing).
- In San Francisco, A Museum to Celebrate Walt Disney: ...converting an old army barrack, a gymnasium, and a storage facility at the historic Presidio into The Walt Disney Family Museum...will open October 1... -- Page & Turnbull; Rockwell Group [Architectural Record]
- Postal Service Unveils Large "Green" Roof: One of the largest "green" roofs in New York City...at its Morgan Processing and Distribution Center on Ninth Avenue...transformed from a tar- and stone-covered no-man's land into a 2.5-acre parklike recreational space for its employees... -- Elizabeth Kennedy Landscape Architects; Tecta America [image, links]- New York Times
- Extreme makeover: library edition: Toronto Public Library marks another success with Bloor/Gladstone renovation...Local architects...acquitted themselves brilliantly...it is a civilizing force, an ivory tower that has been opened up, plugged in and de-ivoried...feels a part of something larger, urban and historical. By Bhristopher Hume -- ro nthwaite, dick and hadley; Shoalts and Zaback; ERA [image]- Toronto Star
- Terminal case: Rethinking the ticket hall: As the economy slumps and air travel evolves, airports adapt...the entire departure sequence will diminish in importance, giving airports...the opportunity to celebrate the arrival experience instead...airports will be able to build smaller, greener, less-expensive terminals that can be adapted to what will surely be continuing changes in the airline industry. -- Ginsler; XChange Architects- MSNBC
- A remedy for sick buildings: The new Kentish Town Health Centre is bright and functional — so why is it the exception rather than the rule when it comes to medical facilities? It is thoughtful and clear-headed and humane...it is hard to find many others with the simple virtues of this one... By Rowan Moore -- Alford Hall Monaghan Morris (AHMM) [images]- Evening Standard (UK)
- Call for entries: IIDA / Metropolis Smart Environments Awards to recognize individuals and collaborative teams creating excellent, leading edge interior environments; and POP.Park Competition to bring Park(ing) Day out of the box.
Call for entries: POP.Park Competition: We’re bringing Park(ing) Day out of the box...design a portable and affordable pre-fabricated POP.Park that people can use to reclaim public space each and everyday of the year; deadline: September 1 - Transportation Alternatives

Book Review: "Everything Must Move: 15 Years at Rice School of Architecture 1994-2009": There’s a Texas flood of architectural ideas that gives ample evidence of an architecture school that unsettles pat assumptions. Who could ask for anything more? By Norman Weinstein- ArchNewsNow

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