

Today's News - Monday, October 5, 2009

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have early morning travel plans tomorrow, so there will be no newsletter...we'll be back Wednesday, October 7.

- ArcSpace brings us an eyeful of Atelier Bow-Wow's "bento box" gallery in Denmark.
- A call to update the Philippines' "obsolete" urban planning model as the country struggles in the aftermath of tropical storm Ondoy: "We gave them solutions 32 years ago but they were never implemented."
- Steinberg cheers progress in development plans for the Central Delaware riverfront, but "there's only one problem": efforts should be aligned to really make a difference.
- Losing the 2016 Olympics could be a blessing in disguise for Chicago: the bid "may have set the stage for renewed progress" on many fronts (we'll keep tabs on what happens with Reese complex).
- Lewis sits in on a transportation policies conference where participants minced no words: why is transportation not higher on the nation's political agenda?
- Vancouver's City and Greenways Planner discusses the city's multi-faceted green streets program.
- Skyscrapers OK'd for Liverpool's waterfront (lots of pix of proposals; sadly, no design credit).
- Zandberg talks to the architect of the 1979 Asia House in Tel Aviv, and why he's designing a new tower: "If I don't agree, they will find someone else who will destroy this work of art. Who knows what they'd do to it."
- McGuigan on Dallas's new additions to its growing arts district: "Can culture really do double duty as an urban-renaissance project?" + video tours of the Wyly Theatre and its "never-before-seen gizmonics."
- Ouroussoff takes on the \$7 billion Stuttgart 21 rail station plan: it's a "façadist dodge" that "joins a growing list of misguided projects that are reducing Germany's 20th-century architectural history to a fairy tale version of the truth" (we think he doesn't like it).
- Pearman visits the new housing that replaced the old Arsenal stadium: "It's all rather Alice Through the Looking Glass, a chessboard landscape" (we think he likes it).
- Kennicott on Adjaye's triple challenge in D.C., a city struggling "with its own reluctance to move forward architecturally."
- Campbell cheers the audacity of the new Greater Boston Food Bank: "a building without frills that is, nevertheless, a delight" and "able to assert its presence...in a vast shapeless setting."
- Geller on jurying the Prefab 20*20 competition: the entries demonstrate that "now may be the time for greater use of prefabricated construction to create more sustainable and affordable housing" + an eyeful of the winners.
- Call for entries: SHIFBoston Open International Ideas Competition; 3rd Annual Cleveland Design Competition; and 2010 WHR Architects Tradewell Fellowship.

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[Atelier Bow-Wow: Four Boxes Gallery, Krabbesholm College, Skive, Denmark](#)

[Don't blame God, blame botched urban planning: ...tropical storm "Ondoy"...broke records...Urban planning was already done, it wasn't followed. It was drawn up in 1977...Our country's urban planning model is obsolete..."We gave them solutions 32 years ago but they were never implemented..." - Philippine Daily Inquirer](#)

[Op-Ed: A master plan for the river: Things are starting to move along the Central Delaware - literally...and signal that city and regional leaders are serious about promoting growth...that is sustainable and transit-oriented...There's only one problem: The two efforts should be aligned...Investing in the right physical infrastructure now will make all the difference in years to come. By Harris Steinberg/Penn Praxis - Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[Blessing in disguise: Losing the Olympics bidding contest deprives Chicago of a chance to strut the world stage, tap gushers of federal cash and fast-track transit upgrades and neighborhood redevelopment projects...the bid may have set the stage for renewed progress on many of those fronts. - Crain's Chicago Business](#)

[Transportation Policies Have Miles to Go and Not Much Time: Will all these widely dispersed road construction projects add up to something that improves mobility in the decades to come? If transportation planning and funding continue as in the past, the answer is: probably not. By Roger K. Lewis - Washington Post](#)

[Q&A: Sandra James, International ASLA, City and Greenways Planner for the City of Vancouver, discusses the city's innovative, multi-faceted green streets program - The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects \(ASLA\)](#)

[Skyscrapers OK for Liverpool's World Heritage waterfront: ...paves the way for the city's biggest-ever regeneration project, a £5.5 billion proposal to build high-rise buildings in the city's northern Central Docks area -- Liverpool Waters \[images\]- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[The architect's soul: Mordechai Ben Horin knows better than anyone else that constructing tower above Tel Aviv's Asia House will not do the building he designed 40 years ago any favors..."powerful forces are at work here...if I don't agree, they will find someone else who will destroy this work of art. Who knows what they'd do to it." By Esther Zandberg - Ha'aretz \(Israel\)](#)

[Deep in the Art of Texas: Lincoln Center is still the country's premier cultural complex, but it's getting competition from an ambitious project in...Dallas...Can culture really do double duty as an urban-renaissance project? And should that be central to the mission of arts companies? By Cathleen McGuigan -- Spencer de Grey/Foster + Partners; Koolhaas/Prince-Ramus; Gehry; Renzo Piano; Diller Scofidio + Renfro - Newsweek](#)

[The Marvels Inside the Wyly Theatre: ...as you can see from our videos, we're as easily fascinated by the never-before-seen gizmonics as any 12-year-old with an Xbox. -- Rem Koolhaas; Joshua Prince-Ramus; Theatre Projects Consultants \[videos, links\] - KERA, North Texas Public Broadcasting](#)

[Last Call for an Elegant Rail Station: ...\\$7 billion Stuttgart 21 joins a growing list of misguided projects that are reducing Germany's 20th-century architectural history to a fairy tale version of the truth...those who care about cities and their history are placated with the façadist dodge. By Nicolai Ouroussoff -- Paul Bonatz \(1928\); Ingenhoven Architects \[slide show\] - New York Times](#)

[Home advantage: how the famous old Arsenal stadium became a new London square...Oh sure, I thought. Like that's ever going to work...And now here I am...It's all rather Alice Through the Looking Glass, a chessboard landscape...surrounded by apartments on all four sides... But it still feels like an old-fashioned football ground. By Hugh Pearman -- Allies and Morrison; Christopher Bradley-Hole \[images\] - HughPearman.com \(UK\)](#)

Designs That Speak Volumes: David Adjaye Making a Mark on D.C. With Libraries and African American Museum...as Washington struggles with its own reluctance to move forward architecturally, there is one thing at stake: Do we build the last big museum of the 20th century, or the first great one of the 21st? By Philip Kennicott -- Freelon Adjaye Bond/SmithGroup [alide show]- Washington Post

The building as billboard: Design of new Greater Boston Food Bank gets its message out...a building without frills that is, nevertheless, a delight...able to assert its presence when seen from a speeding car in a vast shapeless setting like this, and to do that without descending into Vegas-like kitsch, is a real achievement. By Robert Campbell -- Chan Krieger Sieniewicz [image]- Boston Globe

Prefabrication is ready for another look: Prefab 20*20 competition...attracted 285 teams from 26 countries...demonstrates that given new technologies and attitudes, now may be the time for greater use of prefabricated construction to create more sustainable and affordable housing. By Michael Geller -- Architecture for Humanity Vancouver; Architectural Institute of British Columbia; Azure Magazine- Vancouver Sun

Prefab 20*20: Visions for 400 SF Homes: Winners & Shortlisted entries -- Mobius Architects; Blackwell Architecture; System Design Studio; Jason David Designs; Cobogo Team; Aporo Arquitetura; etc. [images]- Architecture For Humanity Vancouver

Call for entries: SHIFTboston Open International Ideas Competition 2009: evaluate the current status of Boston's urban environment and submit visionary proposals that add or augment the existing context; deadline: December 11, 2009- SHIFT / BSA/Boston Society of Architects /AIA

Call for entries: 3rd Annual Cleveland Design Competition: Project 2009: Lakefront Station (Cleveland Union Depot); registration deadline: December 1, 2009- Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Call for entries: 2010 WHR Architects Tradewell Fellowship applications...created to help build careers of aspiring healthcare architects...begins and ends in July and includes employment at WHR Architects in Houston; deadline: January 22, 2010- WHR Architects

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