

Today's News - Monday, January 11, 2010

- ArcSpace brings us Coop Himmelb(l)au making music in Denmark, and Enrique Norten/TEN Arquitectos master planning in Mexico City.
- Kamin from Dubai x 2: "architectural feats are undercut by shoddy urban planning...at the expense of the fundamentals of making livable cities" + the Empire State Building offers a history lesson "for those crying 'hubris.'"
- Hume heaves his own wave of hubris re: the burj: "This is the Hummer of contemporary architecture."
- Architects working in Dubai "have had to turn their attention to working up drawings for more grounded projects, such as schools and hospitals."
- How could we resist: base jumping from the burj (not for the queasy).
- Jeddah's tallest tower nears completion: lots of parking and the world's largest digital advertising screen - "a benchmark for advertising in Saudi Arabia" (just what the city needs, no doubt).
- Appelbaum on a "seductive first step" for NYC's Queens waterfront.
- Katrina Cottages become "the model for 'affordable, flood-resistant housing'" on Long Island.
- Behre cheers a new library and science center for a Charleston private school that blends old and modern approaches (it's very green, too).
- Job postings: Grima is heading to Europe for new adventures, so NYC's Storefront for Art and Architecture is looking for a new director (applications due February 7); and Landscape Architecture magazine is looking for an editor-in-chief (apply by January 22).
- Highlights of the Finnish and Norwegian pavilions at the 2010 Shanghai World Expo.
- A good reason to head to Toronto this month: a new design festival.
- Call for entries: ULI Amanda Burden Urban Open Space Award.
- One we couldn't resist: Pentagram's "quick, fun bit of psychoanalysis for type geeks" (and the rest of us - password included).

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In Dubai, you can't get there from here; architectural feats undercut by shoddy urban planning: ...a disturbing disconnect between its architectural spectacle and its short-sighted development practices...obsessed with architectural superlatives at the expense of the fundamentals -- or even the fine-grained art -- of making livable cities. By Blair Kamin [images]- Chicago Tribune

The Burj Khalifa and the Empire State: History has some lessons for those crying 'hubris'...The Empire State Building's plight was far worse - and it is now a beloved landmark. There is every reason to think, based on its elegant and functional design, that the Burj Khalifa will follow a similar path. By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune

Tallest tower emblematic of Dubai's ugly excess: This is the Hummer of contemporary architecture, a dinosaur project driven by an outdated mindset that never seemed more outlandish or inappropriate...Burj Khalifa...interesting only because it has set a record. By Christopher Hume -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM)- Toronto Star

Back to the old drawing board: Dubai was going to have it all, at a time when the city was a playground for the architectural world...architects have had to turn their attention to working up drawings for more grounded projects, such as schools and hospitals...Now architecture is all about quality and sustainability, with most of the jobs being commissioned by government ministries. -- Zaha Hadid; Nadim Karam & Atelier Hapsitus; PRP Architects; P&T Architects; CASSIA Group; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM); Perkins + Will- The National (UAE)

Burj Bounce: The Burj Khalifa opened...breaking a slew of records, but this video showcases one we never expected: a record-breaking base jump. [videos, link to images]- The Architect's Newspaper

King's Road Tower nears completion: Jeddah's tallest tower is expected to be a city landmark...and has the world's largest digital advertising screen as some of its more spectacular features. -- Abdullah Dughaiter Architects; Kling Consult; Nazir Abu Obeid [image]- AME Info (United Arab Emirates/UAE)

Landscaping as a Seductive First Step: On a quiet inlet of the Queens waterfront, land is being cleared for a series of parks that will be the front lawn for a large midpriced housing development. By Alec Appelbaum -- Weiss/Manfredi; Thomas Balsley Associates [image]- New York Times

Lessons From the 'Katrina Cottages': For some flood victims in the New Orleans area, the cottages replaced post-hurricane trailers. On Long Island, the cottages are the model for "affordable, flood-resistant housing." -- Ed Miller/Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk County [image]- New York Times

Building on tradition: Ashley Hall's library and science center successfully blends old, modern approaches...creating a building that fit into the private school's historic context to minimizing energy costs...then there's downtown Charleston's ever-present and often tricky issue of style in a historic context. By Robert Behre -- Goff D'Antonio Associates; Shepley Bulfinch [slide show]- Charleston Post and Courier (South Carolina)

Now Hiring: Storefront for Art and Architecture looks for new director as Joseph Grima departs for Europe...Applications are being accepted through...February 7. - The Architect's Newspaper

Job posting: Search opens for new Landscape Architecture magazine Editor-in-Chief; deadline: January 22- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Finnish Pavilion at 2010 Shanghai World Expo: the high-tech "Kirnu" ("Giant's kettle") has a warm heart -- JKMM [slide show, video]- CCTV/China Central Television

Shanghai Expo 2010: The Norwegian Pavilion: ...spectacular structure will be used to raise awareness of how wood can be used in construction to innovate architecture and urban construction...will stand out from the other pavilions as construction materials for the site will all be recycled after the expo. -- Helen & Hard Architects [images]- China Briefing

Toronto International Design Festival/TIDF: A new festival celebrating local and international design at a variety of venues

around the city; January 20–24, 2010- MMPI Canada

Call for entries: ULI Amanda Burden Urban Open Space Award; \$10,000 cash prize; deadline: February 19, 2010- Urban Land Institute (ULI)

Your Personality, Summarized in a Typeface: Pentagram provides a quick, fun bit of psychoanalysis for type geeks...this lovely microsite, [What Type are You? \[link\]](#)- Fast Company

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