

Today's News - Thursday, June 17, 2010

- Ouroussoff expounds on the complex issues surrounding Piano's Whitney outpost near the High Line, "exacerbated by a ticking clock" and the museum's "fear of having to live down another flop."
- NYU's towering plan adjacent to Pei's Silver Towers faces a backlash from critics.
- A Pakistani architect is saddened by the buildings and roads of Rawalpindi and Islamabad that "remind us of our loss of freedom, fears and obsessions."
- After months of criticism, \$6 billion Barangaroo development in Sydney gets scaled back.
- Farrelly minces no words about how things should have gone; step one: "the competition should have gone to the most vibrant design, instead of a dentist's-waiting-room compromise."
- ULI offers a study of 3 studies on greenhouse gas emissions and compact development.
- Nanjing's 460-acre downtown brownfield waterfront to get a major makeover.
- A New Zealand landscape architect calls for the profession to use its collective buying power to steer material markets in a greener direction.
- A fascinating look at the last 10 years of London's Serpentine pavilions where "some of the world's leading architects the chance to let rip...one of the most innovative and exciting public architecture experiments in the world."
- Gendall visits H&deM's Vitra Haus and likes what he sees.
- Maya Lin and Michael Van Valkenburgh team up in St. Louis.
- Plans to expand the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis includes some "cool" green stuff.
- Q&A with young architect working on Kahn's Roosevelt Memorial (he's a "Gehry-phobe").
- CTBUH names four regional Best Tall Buildings.
- Cooper-Hewitt announces winners and finalists of the 11th Annual National Design Awards (great presentation).
- Pug Award winners celebrate the best in Toronto architecture and planning.
- Call for entries: ARMA is looking for quality asphalt roofing case studies.
- We couldn't resist (for the slide show alone): a Colorado Springs home on the market "will turn the heads of even the snobbiest architecture buffs" (FLW pedigree included).

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For Whitney Museum, Downtown Is Its Crucible: As the Whitney struggles to contain costs...Renzo Piano keeps revising his design...Critics don't normally weigh in at this stage...But in this case those pressures are unusually intense, and the way they are resolved will determine the answer to a question...Will the final result be an experience as good as - or better than - Marcel Breuer's Whitney? By Nicolai Ouroussoff [slide show]- New York Times

First Look at NYU Tower Plan: University Wants 38-Story Building on Village Site; Critics Fret Over I.M. Pei Design: ...sight-unseen, is already facing backlash... -- Grimshaw Architects [images]- Wall Street Journal

What our cities tell us: It saddens me that the current architecture style of Pakistan has become one of disparity and defense...The buildings and roads of Rawalpindi and Islamabad remind us of our loss of freedom, fears and obsessions... By Faiza Moatasim- The News International (Pakistan)

Lend Lease cuts back: Designers of the \$6 billion Sydney Harbour development at Barangaroo have slashed the height and size of the "landmark" hotel...After months of criticism of the scale of the buildings in Sydney's biggest redevelopment project, the company in charge...has unveiled new plans. [images]- Sydney Morning Herald

What would Macquarie have done to make Barangaroo great? ...much as we might think of buildings as "just hardware" there are moments...when their power as physical symbols matters hugely...What should have happened. Barangaroo is another such moment...the competition should have gone to the most vibrant design, instead of a dentist's-waiting-room compromise. By Elizabeth Farrelly - Paul Keating- Sydney Morning Herald

Sustainable Practices in Land Use and Transportation Can Help Mitigate Climate Change: ULI Summarizes Three Recent Studies on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Compact Development [link to report]- Urban Land Institute (ULI)

Nanjing's Hexi Riverfront Combines Smart Growth and Ecological Restoration: ...turning a 7-kilometer long, 460-acre downtown brownfield waterfront into a new destination featuring parks, housing, office buildings, and man-made, water-cleansing wetlands. -- SWA Group [images]- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Landscape Architects Must Use Market Power to Push for Sustainable Materials: Craig Pocock...argues that landscape architecture comes with "avoidable" negative climate impacts which can be remedied if landscape architects use their collective buying power to steer material markets in a greener direction. -- Pocock Design:Environment- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Serpentine pavilion: splendour in the grass: The Serpentine Gallery's summer pavilion in London's Hyde Park has for 10 years been giving some of the world's leading architects the chance to let rip...one of the most innovative and exciting public architecture experiments in the world. -- Zaha Hadid; Daniel Libeskind; Alvaro Siza; Frank Gehry; Cecil Balmond/Arup; Oscar Niemeyer; MVRDV; Eduardo Souto de Moura; Rem Koolhaas; Olafur Eliasson/Kjetil Thorsen; Sejima/Ryue/Sanaa; Jean Nouvel- Telegraph (UK)

[Our Haus: Vitra's new building by Herzog & de Meuron cleverly showcases the manufacturer's residential designs...Animated by architectural gems, the industrial campus...in Weil am Rhein, Germany, has long been a tourist attraction...limited to guided tours focusing on the on-site museum. By John Gendall -- Grimshaw; Frank Gehry; Alvaro Siza; Tadao Ando; Zaha Hadid \[images\]- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[World-renowned artist, landscape architect design plaza for the BJC Institute of Health at Washington University School of Medicine: ...designed to bring Missouri's lush landscape to the urban campus with trees, grasses and plants native to the St. Louis area... -- Maya Lin; Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates \[image\]- Washington University in St. Louis](#)

[Swedish castle's new wing: American Swedish Institute is embarking on a \\$21.5 million expansion...will essentially double the size of the gray limestone Turnblad mansion...Cool stuff: Green roof, leather-wrapped handrails, geothermal heating and cooling from 90 wells drilled under the building. -- HGA Architects \[images\]- Minneapolis Star Tribune](#)

[First, He Built Treehouses: Stephen Martin, 25, an architect and Frank Gehry-phobe...is on the team that is executing Louis I. Kahn's design for a memorial park on Roosevelt Island. - New York Times](#)

[Four Skyscrapers Named Regional "Best Tall Buildings" for 2010 by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat: "Best Tall Building Overall" to be announced at October Awards Ceremony -- Cook + Fox Architects; ARC Studio Architecture + Urbanism; Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); William Pedersen/KPF Associates; Ysrael A. Seiruk \[images\]- Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat \(CTBUH\)](#)

[Cooper-Hewitt Announces Winners and Finalists of the 11th Annual National Design Awards -- Jane Thompson; Ralph Caplan; U.S. Green Building Council \(USGBC\); KieranTimberlake; Stephen Doyle; Lisa Strausfeld/Pentagram; William Sofield; James Corner Field Operations; Smart Design \[links to images\]- Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum](#)

[Housing co-op trumps condos for architectural award: Pug Awards celebrate best in Toronto architecture and planning -- Teeple Architects; Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg \(KPMB\); architectsAlliance; Kirkor Architects+Planners; Vertechs Design- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[Call for entries: ARMA Launches Quality Asphalt Roofing Case Study Program; deadline: August 18- Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association \(ARMA\)](#)

[Ventanas House Listed For \\$1.78 Million: Colorado Springs may not be known for its architecture, but at least one home on the market in the Springs will turn the heads of even the snobbiest architecture buffs. -- Walter S. White; Frank Lloyd Wright; Mies van der Rohe \[slide show\]- Huffington Post](#)

[Book Review: Shedding Light on Concrete: "Tadao Ando: Complete Works 1975-2010" by Philip Jodidio: Photographic presentation of a poet of light and concrete triumphs over lackluster commentary. By Norman Weinstein \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)



[Expansion: OMA/Office for Metropolitan Architecture: MNBAQ, Québec City, Canada](#)

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