

Today's News - Monday, May 9, 2011

- ArcSpace brings us an eyeful of Valerio Dewalt Train's oh-so-green student housing for the University of California, San Diego.
- A Scottish team wins Berlin's historic Tempelhof airport makeover (skateboarders and mountain climbers welcome). - Gellner minces no words about why Modernists and Post-Modernists "managed to seal their own dooms as far as timeless building was concerned," and why "green architecture has the potential to change our entire architectural aesthetic."
- The "conundrum that has bedeviled" NYC design and construction professionals for the last 10 years: "how to build an office tower that is safe and secure yet doesn't look and feel like a bunker."
- In Toronto, condo buyers want high design as much as they want the hot neighborhood, requiring developers "to bait" famous starchitects.
- Hawthorne cheers Kanner's last project: a recreation center for at-risk kids that is "a model for how preservation, handsome infill and community building can go hand in hand."
- Litt on Cleveland Mall nearing a "make-or-break deadline" for engineering studies - or it could end up being just grass and trees instead of the hoped for grand public space.
- Saffron bemoans Philadelphia's long tradition of not funding public parks (Chicago spends 30 times as much!).
- Google taps Ingenhoven to create a cutting-edge environmentally friendly design for what could be a huge new office to accommodate all those "Nooglers" (though they're not sharing any details).
- LaBarre on Cloepfil's Clyfford Still museum in Denver: it "appears downright butch at first glance; fact is, it could nearly pass for a bunker, if not for light sluicing quietly and beautifully - through slits in the ceilings and walls."
- K. Jose has a long (and amusing) conversation with Ingels re: his W57 project, "arguably among the most intellectually ambitious projects underway in New York City," and being "a native presence in New York architecture now."
- Chandigarh, Punjab, and Haryana have 3 weeks to submit inventory of items of heritage value designed by architects associated with Corbu and Jeanneret.
- Goldberger's "Why Architecture Matters" is a thoughtful ode (sans jargon) to why "architecture is very much more than simple shelter. It is art, and when it is done well, it can inspire the soul."
- 37 projects win Brisbane Regional Architecture Award and are now in the running for the Queensland Architecture Awards.
- Open House has gone global, kicking off May 20 in Tel Aviv, followed by Melbourne, London, New York, Dublin, Galway, Barcelona, and Jerusalem (and finally - all the details in one place!).
- A good reason to head to Vancouver May 24-27: Architecture Canada | Festival 2011: Architecture on the Edge will take a sharp look at the ways in which the profession continues to push envelopes.
- Call for entries: CAPITheticAL: international ideas competition for a hypothetical Australian capital city (no fee and big cash prizes!).

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[Valerio Dewalt Train Architects: Rita Atkinson Residences, University of California, San Diego](#)

Scots design picked for £50m revamp of iconic airport site: Two Scottish design firms have won the €60 million (£52m) contract to redevelop Berlin's historic Tempelhof airport...[will be] turned into one of Europe's largest city parks...950-acre site...will preserve the runways as a recreational space for skateboarders and kite-boarders. -- Gross Max.; Sutherland Hussey- The Scotsman (UK)

Green building proves abilities by blending time, nature, aesthetics: In their consuming search for irony, the postmodernists used intentionally diagrammatic design, chintzy materials and pointedly tawdry detailing. The greater irony is that in doing so, most managed to seal their own dooms as far as timeless building was concerned...With its refreshingly broad insights...green architecture has the potential to change our entire architectural aesthetic. By Arrol Gellner- San Antonio Express-News

Redefining New York City's skyscrapers: New buildings must balance aesthetics, security, costs...a conundrum that has bedeviled construction professionals over the past decade: how to build an office tower that is safe and secure yet doesn't look and feel like a bunker, and that is economically viable. -- David Childs/Skidmore Owings & Merrill (SOM); Richard Cook/Cook+Fox Architects; Vishaan Chakrabarti- Crain's New York Business

Certain condo buyers demand high design as much as they do location: This often requires a developer to bait a famous starchitect, the man or woman about town whose work simply speaks for itself. -- Peter Clewes/architectsAlliance; Yabu Pushelberg; Page + Steele/IBI Group Architects; Munge Leung; Marco Vandermass/Quadrangle Architects; Bryon Patton & Associates- National Post (Canada)

Lafayette Park Recreation Center extends an arm to area kids: The last project of the late Stephen Kanner doesn't call attention to itself...a piece of architecture that says something significant about this particular moment in the urban evolution of Los Angeles...a model for how preservation, handsome infill and community building can go hand in hand. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Graham Latta (1963); Kanner Architects [image]- Los Angeles Times

Vision of a gleaming downtown Mall is nearing a two-month, make-or-break deadline for engineering studies...if the early money for engineering isn't found soon...Construction of the new convention center...would have to go ahead without the underground utilities, precluding the reflecting pool and other features. By Steven Litt -- LMN Architects; Gustafson Guthrie Nichol- Cleveland Plain Dealer

Philadelphia has long been cheap when it comes to parks: Having bequeathed those five public squares to the city as part of the plan, William Penn then established the great Philadelphia tradition of not funding them...Chicago...spends 30 times as much as Philadelphia on parks...Like Penn, today's public officials still think of parks as a tool... By Inga Saffron- Philadelphia Inquirer

Google to build its own office space: ...Mountain View Internet giant...will spend top-dollar to accommodate all those "Nooglers"...planning a cutting-edge environmentally friendly design...for what could total nearly 600,000 square feet of space...not sharing any details...-- Ingenhoven Architekten- Mercury News (California)

Brad Cloepfil Creates Museum To House Rare Clyfford Still Paintings: Off limits to the public for decades, Still's coveted estate...will get its very own museum in Denver this fall...appears downright butch at first glance; fact is, it could nearly pass for a bunker, if not for light sluicing quietly -- and beautifully -- through slits in the ceilings and walls. By Suzanne LaBarre -- Allied Works Architecture [images]- Fast Company

Dr. Yes: With W57, Bjarke Ingels brings the Copenhagen idea to New York's private sector: If nothing else, it is unusual, and definitely cool...But aside from its cool, W57 is arguably among the most intellectually ambitious projects underway in New York City right now. By Katharine Jose -- Bjarke Ingels Group/BIG [images, links]- [Capital New York](#)

Heritage item inventory to be prepared in 3 weeks: The Chandigarh Administration has given three weeks to all its departments and those of Punjab and Haryana to submit inventory of items of heritage value originally designed by the team of architects associated with Le Corbusier and Pierre Jeanneret. - [Indian Express](#)

"Why Architecture Matters" gets behind the facades: ...architecture is very much more than simple shelter. It is art, and when it is done well, it can inspire the soul. It is to this conviction that Paul Goldberger addresses his latest book- [Mobile Press-Register \(Alabama\)](#)

Brisbane Regional Architecture Award winners announced: 37 projects...are now in the running for the prestigious Queensland Architecture Awards -- HASSELL; Donovan Hill; Nettleton Tribe; Jackson Teece Architecture; Thompson Adsett + Studio 39; Brand and Slater; Stephen Cameron; Arkhefield; Bud Brannigan Architects; BVN Architecture; Riddel Architecture; Architectus; Macksey Rush Architects; etc.- [Architecture & Design \(Australia\)](#)

Come in, We're Open: Weekend-long events around the world let anyone have a glimpse at private properties...Open House season kicks off May 20 in Tel Aviv, followed by Open House Melbourne in July, and then London, New York, Dublin, Galway, Barcelona and Jerusalem in September and October. [slide show]- [Wall Street Journal](#)

Architecture Canada | Festival 2011: Architecture on the Edge: ...will take a sharp look at the ways in which the profession continues to push envelopes; May 24-27, Vancouver- [Architectural Institute of British Columbia/AIBC / Architecture Canada | Royal Architectural Institute of Canada/RAIC](#)

Call for entries: CAPITheticAL: international ideas competition for a hypothetical Australian capital city; no fee; cash prizes; deadline: January 31, 2012- [Australian Institute of Architects/AIA \(formerly RAlA\)](#)

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