

Today's News - Wednesday, June 15, 2011

- AIA is up in arms re: the Small Business Administration's proposal to increase the number of businesses that qualify as a small business: "The effect on small architecture businesses would be devastating," says Ivy.
- CTBUH names 4 skyscrapers as regional best.
- On a more depressing note, NTHP issues its 2011 List of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places; it includes Goldberg's Chicago hospital, Coltrane's house, and sites imperiled by states' budget cuts and poor policies (great presentations, though).
- It looks like London's Broadgate will not dodge the wrecking ball (despite EH claim that it's a "triumph of urbanism"), meaning UBS will most likely get its "groundscraper" HQ by Shuttleworth.
- In India, state "protection" can prove to be a "bane for monuments."
- Glancey travels to Helsinki and finds too many things that could be "anywhere-ish"; does he like anything? "I love Finnish architecture - especially when I'm attacking it" (a most amusing read).
- On to the future: San Francisco approves massive Parkmerced and Treasure Island developments (both in the works for how long, now?); now look for build-outs to take 20 (or even 30) years.
- Henderson, NV, gives thumbs-up to \$1.5 billion Union Village, a.k.a. (very big) "integrated health village."
- Another \$1.5 billion revitalization project along the Mystic River in Somerville, MA, moves ahead "after years of false starts."
- Yazdani's vision for a new federal courthouse in Toledo won't be your grandfather's version (all it needs now is federal funding).
- Ennead Architects tapped to design expansion of the Westmoreland Museum of American Art in Greensburg, PA.
- Schindler's Krakow factory transformed into a contemporary art museum; the same could be in store for his factory in Brnec, Czech Republic.
- An excellent look at pioneering women in architecture, and today's "barrier busters" who "serve as some of the very few role models and mentors available to upcoming female students of design."
- King on four-story artwork headed for Transbay Terminal: it will be either "a brilliant counterpart to its sleek surroundings or a cross between Barney Rubble and the Vaillancourt Fountain" + he bemoans the loss of one of the "best residential buildings of the young century" - Jennings' "turbo-charged Jaguar with cool poise" - to the transport project.

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[AIA Says Proposed SBA Standard Would be Devastating to Architecture Firms: ...has filed comments with the Small Business Administration opposing the proposal to increase the number of businesses that qualify as a small business...American Institute of Architects estimates that over 91% of architecture firms fall under the current \\$4.5 million standard. If raised to \\$19 million, over 97% of firms will qualify as a small business.](#) - Citybizlist Washington, DC

[Four Skyscrapers Named Regional "Best Tall Buildings" for 2011; "Lifetime Achievement" winners Adrian Smith and Dr. Akira Wada: "New York by Gehry" at 8 Spruce Street; Guangzhou International Finance Center; KfW Westarkade, Frankfurt; and The Index, Dubai -- Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture; Fank Gehry; Wilkinson Eyre Architects/South China Design Institute; Sauerbruch Hutton/Architekten Theiss Planungsgesellschaft; Foster + Partners/Khatib & Alami/Woods Bagot \[links to info, images\]- Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat \(CTBUH\)](#)

[National Trust for Historic Preservation Announces 2011 List of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places: 24th annual list includes...John Coltrane house; Prentice Women's Hospital; New Mexico Greater Chaco Landscape; Sites Imperiled by State Actions \(Budget Cuts, Poor Public Policy\); etc... -- Bertrand Goldberg \[links to info, images\]- National Trust for Historic Preservation/NTHP](#)

[Jeremy Hunt rejects Broadgate listing: Culture secretary ignores advice from English Heritage that he should protect City of London complex...paving the way for a £340m European headquarters for UBS..."sent out a message loud and clear to the world that the UK is open for business." EH had described Broadgate as a "triumph of urbanism"... -- Peter Foggo/ Arup \(1980s\); Ken Shuttleworth/Make-Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[When State 'protection' becomes a bane for monuments: The Dargah Hazrath Syed Shah Raju Hussaini Qibla, forgotten by the State Department of Archaeology, is being restored by the traditional mutawali or protector of the dargah..."This is only one of the several monuments crumbling into insignificance under neglect. The question is, is the government is even serious about the city's heritage?" \[image\]- The Hindu \(India\)](#)

[British architecture critic: "Don't spoil Helsinki!": Jonathan Glancey, spreading his arms theatrically inside the Kamppi Center shopping mall in the centre of Helsinki. "Am I in Shanghai? Or Hamburg? Or America?...This is anywhereish"...Isn't he satisfied with anything, then? On the contrary: "I love Finnish architecture - especially when I'm attacking it." - Helsingin Sanomat \(Finland\)](#)

[Forward Momentum: San Francisco Board of Supervisors approves two of the Bay Area's largest projects...the 150-acre Parkmerced...and Treasure Island, a 400-acre former military base...The build-out for both projects is estimated at 20 years but may take up to 30..."Both of these projects are about creating compact, walkable neighborhoods"... -- Craig Hartman/SOM \[images\]- The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[Henderson finalizes land sale for health, retail campus: The vision for a \\$1.5 billion medical, residential and commercial complex...took its first major step toward becoming a reality when the Henderson City Council finalized the sale of a 151-acre plot to developers...Union Village...Described as an "integrated health village"... -- HKS Architects](#)

[image]- Las Vegas Sun

Future finally brightens for Assembly Square: After years of false starts...\$1.5 billion revitalization of Assembly Square in Somerville will begin construction this fall on hundreds of homes, stores, and an expanded park along the Mystic River...full build-out of the site is expected to take 10 to 15 years. - Boston Globe

Design set for federal courthouse in Toledo: ...to be built on the Civic Center Mall if federal funding comes through and it comes to fruition - is expected to cost \$96 million...the building is not what most would expect from a courthouse, but that it will be sustainable, high-performing, and timeless. -- Mehrdad Yazdani/Yazdani Studio [image]- Toledo Blade

N.Y. firm to give Westmoreland Museum of American Art more space: ...has hired Ennead Architects for its \$15 million expansion and renovation project [in Greensburg, PA]...firm chosen from five finalists, who had been winnowed from a pool of 63 applicants. - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Schindler's Museum: The Krakow Factory Made Famous by "Schindler's List" is Transformed Into Museum of Contemporary Art in Krakow (MOCAK): Architects Claudio Nardi and Leonardo Maria Proli designed a new building and converted six structures that belonged to the lauded industrialist...Yet another possible museum project is in the works for Schindler's factory in Brnec in the Czech Republic. [slide show]- Artinfo France

Pioneering Women Architects of the Wild West: As with many of those who pushed the doors of opportunity open more than 100 years ago, women in architecture today appear to still be breaking through barriers...Barrier busters...serve as some of the very few role models and mentors available to upcoming female students of design. -- Mary Colter; Julia Morgan; Sophie Hayden; Jeanne Gang; Lois Lilley Howe; Norma Sklarek/Siegel, Sklarek, Diamond; Kathryn Anthony- San Diego Reader

New Transbay Terminal to have pieces of old as art: As the deconstruction of San Francisco's Transbay Terminal continues, the pile of concrete pylons and columns...grows higher...But that's no mere debris, folks. It's art on the verge - the body parts for a four-story creation...and say farewell to one of the region's best residential buildings of the young century...Steel Arc, it's a modest joy of shiny steel... By John King -- Tim Hawkinson; Jim Jennings [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

You Survived: Introduction: Your Firm Survived the Recession - Now Foster a Thriving a Practice. By Michael S. Bernard, AIA, and Nancy Kleppel, Assoc. AIA- ArchNewsNow



Zaha Hadid Architects: Riverside Museum of Transport, Glasgow, Scotland, UK

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