

## Today's News - Tuesday, September 20, 2011

- Belogolovsky's Q&A with Libeskind is about much, much more than Ground Zero (though brief mention is made, of course).
- Russell likes (most of) what he sees and hears in Safdie's Kauffman Center in Kansas City (especially the "two bulging stainless-steel onions").
- On a sadder note, Safdie is "heartbroken" that his other Kansas City building has not only been left unfinished - it's going to be demolished (without even talking to him about adapting it to a new tenant's needs - how un-green can you get?!?!?).
- Greensburg, KS, "breaks rock" to rebuild its Big Well Museum in the shape of a tornado, patterned after the Fibonacci Sequence (great slide show).
- A fascinating debunking of the often-coveted cul-de-sac: "we're now starting to understand about the relative advantages of going back to the way we designed communities a century ago."
- Washington, DC, may be home to the world's first mixed-use Wal-Mart development (and a few other stores) - is this good or bad? (nice renderings - alas, no architect credited).
- Plans are afoot to turn Scotland's "creepiest building" - a 1966 "masterpiece of radical architecture" (and practically destroyed by vandalism) into a new arts college.
- As Australia faces potential influx of refugees from island nations swept over by rising seas, architects envision "radical plans to settle entire nations on floating cities and artificial islands."
- Hawthorne's fall architecture preview: the "architecture world will whipsaw between past and present."
- Architecture for Humanity acquires Worldchanging, which will "merge with the Open Architecture Network to develop a robust center for applied innovation and sustainable development" (two TED Prize purses help).
- Gang gets 2011 MacArthur Fellowship: the \$500,000 "can underwrite research that's not funded by clients."
- MIPIM Asia Awards 2011 recognize 29 winners (multiple kudos to KPF).
- Daily reports from Cersaie 2011 International Exhibition of Ceramic Tile start today (for those of us not in Bologna).
- The Irish Architecture Foundation is set to launch six architecture symposia across the U.S.
- Call for entries: International Biennial Zumtobel Group Award for Sustainability and Humanity in the Built Environment + Zagreb Society of Architects/Think Space's "Moral Borders: Imperfect Duty" + 2012 Berkeley Prize International Student Essay Competition: Architecture for the Public Good + Paris Market Lab Student Competition for a new restaurant concept.

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**One-on-One: Architecture that leads to a point: Interview with Daniel Libeskind: "Every building, every city should have a story."** By Vladimir Belogolovsky - ArchNewsNow

**Moshe Safdie's \$413 Million Glass Tent, Onions Hit Kansas City: The new Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts faces downtown...with two bulging stainless-steel onions, sliced vertically...I liked them immediately...picture a couple of Guggenheim museums snuggled under the high-tech tent. The references make no sense but the totality is undeniably spectacular...Safdie's promiscuous form-making has a generosity of spirit, but don't look for finesse.** By James S. Russell -- Yasuhisa Toyota/Nagata Acoustics [images] - Bloomberg News

**Moshe Safdie "heartbroken" over demise of West Edge building: ...the office building he designed for Kansas City advertising executive...is slated to be dismantled...replaced by a more conventional office building designed by 360 Architecture for [a] law firm...new developer said the building...was not adaptable to other tenants. "That was a totally ridiculous statement...[it] could have easily been adapted ... They never talked to us, never picked up the phone..."** By Kevin Collison - Kansas City Star

**Greensburg leaders, residents 'break rock' on Big Well Museum: Four years after a tornado destroyed nearly all of the community, Greensburg, Kansas, is rebuilding its museum in the shape of a tornado..."I wanted something that tells the story of destruction and rebirth." For math buffs, the museum's new building is patterned after the Fibonacci Sequence...** -- Roger Brown/LawKingdon Architecture [slide show] - Wichita Eagle (Kansas)

**Debunking the Cul-de-Sac: The design of America's suburbs has actually made our streets more dangerous...we're now starting to understand about the relative advantages of going back to the way we designed communities a century ago..."You make a terrible mistake if you plan a city in terms of buildings and facilities and parks, and don't look at the space that those things occupy." -- Norman Garrick; Wesley Marshall; Scott Bernstein/Center for Neighborhood Technology [images] - The Atlantic Cities**

**Walmart Is Coming to D.C. Is This Good or Bad? ...there may be some positive and negative impacts of this...will be building the world's first mixed-use Walmart development, including hundreds of apartments and condos on top of the actual store. [images] - The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)**

**Scotland's creepiest building in £10m restoration scheme: St Peter's Seminary, a masterpiece of radical architecture, has lain derelict for 30 years and fallen prey to vandals...is now the subject of a new book: "To Have and To Hold, Future of a Contested Landscape"...the first step in an ambitious £10 million project to save St Peter's, turn the surrounding area into a public space and establish a new arts college there. -- Gillespie, Kidd and Coia (1966) - Observer (UK)**

**Boat people, floating cities: architects' pacific solutions: As Australia grapples with a political refugee challenge, architects are devising radical plans to settle entire nations on floating cities and artificial islands. -- Kevin Shopfer/Ahearn | Schopfer; S+PBA; Wolf Hilbertz; Vincent Callebaut Architect [images, links] - Architecture & Design (Australia)**

**Fall arts picks: Architecture: This fall the architecture world will whipsaw between past and present, looking back at postwar Southern California (thanks to "Pacific Standard Time") and the postmodern movement even as a batch of new museums get ready to open. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Esther McCoy; MAK Center; MDA Johnson Favaro; OMA/Office for Metropolitan Architecture/Rem Koolhaas; Barbican Art Gallery; Canadian Centre for Architecture; Moshe Safdie; Michael Graves; Leon Krier; Robert A.M. Stern [links] - Los Angeles Times**

**Architecture for Humanity Acquires Worldchanging: Will merge with the Open Architecture Network to develop a robust center for applied innovation and sustainable development. - Architecture for Humanity**

**Jeanne Gang gets 'vote of confidence' from 2011 MacArthur Fellowship: If [her] rising international profile suggests she doesn't need the funds [\$500,000] or cachet of the MacArthur Fellowship, she offers another perspective. The money, she says, can underwrite research that's not funded by clients... By Blair Kamin -- Studio Gang - Chicago Tribune**

**MIPIM Asia Awards 2011 Winners: 29 winners in 10 categories...will receive their prize at the Awards Gala Dinner on November 16 in Hong Kong. -- Kohn Pedersen Fox (KPF); Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM); Benoy; Atkins; Aedas; Heerim Architects & Planners; DWP; Sparch; KokaiStudios; logon urban architecture design; etc. [images] - MIPIM Asia**

**Daily reports from Cersaie 2011 International Exhibition of Ceramic Tile, Sept. 20-24, Italy, in English and Italian downloadable in pdf - Il Giornale dell'Architettura (Italy)**

Irish Architecture Now: 6 Architecture Symposia in the U.S.: ...will showcase their work and discuss issues concerning architecture at leading U.S. architectural schools and institutions beginning September 26. Bucholz McEvoy Architects; Heneghan Peng Architects; McCullough Mulvin Architects; Grafton Architects; O'Donnell + Tuomey Architects; dePaor architects - Irish Architecture Foundation

Call for entries: International Biennial Zumtobel Group Award for Sustainability and Humanity in the Built Environment 2012, curated and organized by Aedes Berlin, in two categories "Built Environment" and "Research and Initiative"; cash prizes; Ceadline: December 1 - Zumtobel

Call for entries: Moral Borders: Imperfect Duty: Affordable utopias - the fourth and the last competition for this year's Think Space cycle, devised by Hrvoje Njiric, founder of Zagreb based njiric+ arhitekti; earlybird registration deadline: October 4 - Zagreb Society of Architects / Think Space

Call for entries: 2012 Berkeley Prize International Student Essay Competition: Architecture for the Public Good; open to undergraduate architecture majors in accredited schools of architecture throughout the world; Travel Fellowship Competition and the Architectural Design Fellowship Competition are open to the Essay Competition semifinalists; deadline: November 1 - Berkeley Prize

Call for entries: Paris Market Lab Student Competition for a new restaurant concept that is both restaurant and cooking school; cash prizes; special registration deadline (save money!): November 13 - ArchMedium



-- Arata Isozaki & Anish Kapoor: ARK NOVA, A Tribute to Higashi Nihon, Japan  
-- Herzog & de Meuron: Stade Bordeaux Atlantique, Bordeaux, France

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