EDITOR'S NOTE: Two days away - and we return inspired by the AAO/A+DEN/ACD Design in Action conference (and hanging with Teddy Cruz at Occupy Philadelphia, which has the full support of Philly Mayor Nutter, to boot). Now there's much catching up to do...

- ArcSpace brings us an eyeful of Boffi's Barcelona Airport Terminal 1.
- Benfield reports on a report that argues "we must change our development approach if we wish to end the current economic crisis" (basically, "suburban sprawl works like a Ponzi scheme").
- A research, design, and advocacy project in NYC is looking at how architects, developers, and policymakers around the world "are responding to the shifting demands of urban dwellers with new forms of housing in ways New York is not."
- Bimaubam raises the issue of authenticity when it comes to how we "manage a landscape's transformation" with the 9/11 "Survivors' Staircase" and the relocation of Alexander Hamilton's home as prime examples.
- A fascinating take on "how Jane Jacobs saved New York City's soul": the "skeptics are worth listening to, if only to put Saint Jane's achievement in proper context" + some notable names assess the impact of Jane's Death and Life of Great American Cities.
- Some notable Irish architects come to the U.S. to discuss the roots of Irish identity: "In the culturally blurred and aggressively-networked world we live today, is it still possible to talk about an Irish architecture?"
- Kansas City's "shiny new performing-arts center" is "one of the planet's best buildings in which to hear music" - but will "noblesse oblige and civic boosterism" be enough to entice the creative class?
- Heathcote has high hopes for a much-needed design district in London.
- Centre Pompidou-Metz's "daring design and smart, eye-catching exhibitions" have drawn raves (and it's expecting its millionth visitor soon), but "the task of establishing the place, of giving it a purpose, has only just begun."
- Groves cheers Ralph Johnson's plans to give Case Western what it's long been missing: a heart.
- Kamin x 2: Chicago's Bloomingdale Trail is close to getting some major funding + 52 design teams sparkling with starchitects come out for Navy Pier rehab: it's "no guarantee of a good outcome," but having them "vying for the project suggests that the process of picking a team to remake one of Chicago's great public spaces will be anything but dull."
- Woodman assesses the six firms on BD's Young Architect of the Year shortlist.
- Goldhagen and Cary offer thoughtful tributes to Steve Jobs: he "turned design into a necessity"; his "genius was in blending design and experience. Just ask my mom."
- A good reason to head to D.C. on Sunday: Rail-Volution 2011 will explore "how important incorporating compelling design is in creating high-quality livable places for people to enjoy."
- Call for entries (and deadlines loom): 59th Annual P/A Awards + Rome Prize 2012 + "ideas 2 reality" professional design competition.

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Ralph Johnson’s new Tinkham Veale University Center at Case Western Reserve University will bring 21st-century flair to University Circle: CWRU has long been something of a Tin Man among American universities - a place in search of a heart...That’s about to change. By Steven Litt -- Perkins+Will [images]- Cleveland Plain Dealer

Wilshire Boulevard Temple auditorium to close for restoration: The 1929 sanctuary is showing its age. Goals of the $175-million renovation and redevelopment project are to restore its beauty, preserve its history and add community services...Once intimately tied to the Hollywood film industry, the 1,850-seat sanctuary...has fallen into disrepair. By Martha Groves -- A.M. Edelman; Allison & Allison; S. Tilden Norton (1929); Brenda Levin/Levin & Associates Architects [slide show]- Los Angeles Times

Bloomingdale Trail close to securing major federal funding: For years, park advocates have dreamed of turning a dormant railroad line on Chicago’s Northwest Side into an elevated park that would stretch for nearly 3 miles and include a bike trail. By Blair Kamin -- Arup; Carol Ross Barney; Michael Van Valkenburgh- Chicago Tribune

The ‘starchitects’ come out for Navy Pier rehab: There are a lot of big names among the list of 52 design teams that have submitted their qualifications...no guarantee of a good outcome, of course, but the stature of the firms vying for the project suggests that the process of picking a team to remake one of Chicago's great public spaces will be anything but dull. By Blair Kamin -- Zaha Hadid; Foster + Partners; BIG, Diller Scofidio + Renfro; Morphosis, OMA; Safdie; SOM; Ross Barney; Booth; Lohan; etc.- Chicago Tribune

BD’s Young Architect of the Year shortlist announced: ...winner will be announced at the Architect of the Year Awards on November 15. By Ellis Woodman -- Foster Lomas; IPT Architects; RA Projects; RCKA; Jonathan Hendry Architects; George Saumarez Smith/Adam Architecture [images, links]- BD/Building Design (UK)

How Steve Jobs Turned Design Into a Necessity: Sleek artistry and obsessive attention to detail do not alone make “crazy good” design. The design of Apple products transforms them from human-made machines into objects of personal affiliation...Jobs evinced an understanding for the human propensity toward animism. By Sarah Williams Goldhagen- The Atlantic

Steve Jobs and his art of simplicity: To Apple's Steve Jobs, design was not just a matter of aesthetics. It was also the experience of using products. His genius was in blending design and experience, tuning in to our complex lives and helping us orchestrate them. Just ask my mom. By John Cary/PublicInterestDesign.org - Christian Science Monitor

Rail~Volution 2011 Coming to Washington, D.C. October 16–19: Learn from the past. Dream of the future. Make a difference now...Explore the connective influences of landscape architecture on urban design — and how important incorporating compelling design is in creating high-quality livable places for people to enjoy.- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Call for entries: 59th Annual Progressive Architecture - P/A Awards (U.S., Canada, Mexico); deadline: October 28- Architect Magazine

Call for entries: Rome Prize 2012: awarded to emerging artists and scholars in the early or middle stages of their careers in Architecture, Design, Historic Preservation and Conservation, Landscape Architecture, etc.; deadline: November 1- American Academy in Rome

Call for entries: “ideas 2 reality” professional design competition (open to U.S. residents); cash prizes; deadline: October 28- Armstrong World Industries

You Survived Part 2: Mapping the Path to your Next Project and a More Predictable Workload: It is essential to establish a specific, easy, and brief Go/No Go decision process, allowing you to quickly determine where to invest limited marketing resources. By Michael Bernard, AIA, and Nancy Kleppel, Assoc. AIA- ArchNewsNow

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