

## Today's News - Thursday, April 19, 2012

- Mori pays eloquent tribute to Yoshiko Sato, a talent and a spirit gone much too soon.
- Pedersen and Krier mince no words from opposite sides of the Eisenhower Memorial debate (must-reads - ouch x 2!).
- Quirk delves into where the future for (hopeful) architects may be now that the recession has caused the current models of academia and practice have "let down so many of their peers...public-interest design firms have an edge" and offer "a new model to follow" (the other must-read of the day).
- Chaban (only slightly cheekily) reports on the next starchitect to sign on for a Hudson Yards project.
- Stoelker reports from NYC Landmarks Commission hearing re: plans for South Street Seaport's Pier 17: "a little slice of PoMo might survive after all" (though not as much as "preservationistas" would like).
- Minneapolis's Peavey Plaza gets a reprieve from the wrecking ball (for now, at least).
- Kamin (sort of) cheers the Chicago's new "Big Blue" bridge: the views are great, and it "opens the door to new forms of recreation and transportation" - but it falls short of being an urban icon.
- Fortmeyer offers an in-depth look at how GIS is being used by designers, relief agencies, and policy-makers to "plot recovery efforts, anticipate the effects of climate change, and create more livable urban environments."
- Three reports from the recent Institute of Architects of Pakistan's confab: "the dominant mood" was "one of questioning design arrogance...the consensus was that perhaps now is the time to go back to our roots" (a ray of hope in a difficult part of the world, we hope!).
- Winners all: 2012 COTE Top Ten Green Projects + 2012 NZIA Architecture Awards (great presentations) + AIA Florida names Top 100 Buildings ("Somewhere Morris Lapidus is smiling").
- Call for entries/ RFQ: U.S. Department of State issues call for A/E design services for a new residential facility for embassy personnel in Paris + 2012 International Animal Architecture Awards: "Urban Animal."

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[Obituary: Yoshiko Sato, 1960-2012: Toshiko Mori remembers Sato's courage and grace. -- Morris Sato Studio \[images\]- The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[Not-So-Hidden Agenda: Gehry's Eisenhower Memorial under attack by right-wingers: I'm not sure Frank Gehry or his design is really the issue. I suspect the National Civic Art Society would object to anything that veered from the traditional...We've been down this road before...Let's hope the Eisenhower commission shows the same courage. By Martin C. Pedersen -- Maya Lin- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[Eisenhower Memorial, Washington, D.C.: I am writing not as an enemy of Mr. Gehry...he is a great but greatly confused artist, who was appointed by a commission who shares his intellectual confusion and distaste of a classical Washington, DC....They form a powerful fraternity, believing in the exclusive legitimacy of Modernism, a theory that has been brain-dead for half a century... By Leon Krier -- National Civic Art Society \(NCAS\); Institute of Classical Architecture & Art \(ICAA\) \[images\]- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[After The Meltdown: Where Does Architecture Go From Here? .So what needs to change? Our conception of what Architecture is...slowly, surely, architects are putting cracks in the model that has let down so many of their peers...public-interest design firms have an edge that traditional firms don't...offers not just a means of bettering life in needy communities, but a new model to follow... By Vanessa Quirk -- Cameron Sinclair/Architecture for Humanity; Michael Murphy/MASS Design Group \(Model of Architecture Serving Society\); Yale Building Project; Design Corps; SEED Network \(Social Economic Environmental Design\); Thomas Fisher \[images, links\]- ArchDaily](#)

[More Starchitecture for Hudson Yards! Robert A.M. Stern Bringing His Throwback Magic to 30th and 10th...in the crook between the High Line and its spur. By Matt Chaban -- Diller Scofidio + Renfro; KPF/Kohn Pedersen Fox; Ishmael Leyva \[images\]- New York Observer](#)

[South Street Seaport Preservationistas: Oh no! PoMo Don't Go! It would seem that just as debate on the value of 1970s Brutalism shifts into high gear, the 1980s PoMo crowd is revving its engines...If all goes as planned, a little slice of PoMo might survive after all. -- SHoP; James Corner Field Operations; Ben Thompson; Higgins Quasebarth \[images\]- The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[Heritage Preservation Commission torpedoed Peavey Plaza plan Plaza has escaped a wrecking crew - for now...the vote will be moot if the city's economic development team successfully appeals the decision... -- M. Paul Friedberg; Charles Birnbaum/TheCultural Landscape Foundation- Minneapolis Star Tribune](#)

[New Halsted bridge functional, falls short as icon: \\$13.6 million span proves to be less than graceful: ...serves many different transportation modes...opens the door to new forms of recreation and transportation..."Big Blue" works better as a piece of connective tissue than as an urban icon...a tale of enlightened infrastructure and a warning that it can be supremely hard to balance the often-conflicting agendas of elegance and cost-effectiveness, site and structure, form and function. By Blair Kamin -- H.W. Lochner; Muller + Muller \[image\]- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Off the Map: Geographic information systems put data in the hands of designers, relief agencies, and policy-makers, helping them plot recovery efforts, anticipate the effects of climate change, and create more livable urban environments. By Russell Fortmeyer \[images, links\]- Architectural Record / GreenSource](#)

[As Pakistani architects debate going greener, German builder shows them brown is best: The earthquake and floods are trying to tell us something. Indeed, the dominant mood at the Institute of Architects of Pakistan's \(IAP\) annual event in Karachi has been one of questioning design arrogance...the consensus was that perhaps now is the time to go back to our roots. -- Shahid Abdulla; Eike Roswag/Ziegert, Roswag, Seiler Architekten; Ramiz Baig- Express Tribune \(Pakistan\)](#)

[Eco-footprints: Manual on saving energy in the works: The Institute of Architects Pakistan \(IAP\) is preparing a manual that will list basic guidelines on conserving energy when its members design buildings and houses...guidelines for energy conservation that were prepared by the National Energy Conservation Centre have been difficult to implement. Architects say municipal authorities must ensure that set guidelines are followed.- Express Tribune \(Pakistan\)](#)

[By taking on unsexy Sukkur project, Sri Lankan shows Karachi architects blueprint for a philosophy: When Aamir Ghouri started shopping for architects to design his departmental...he could not get beyond dismissive secretaries and personal assistants...No one seemed to be interested. In desperation, he went to Sri Lanka... -- C. Anjalandran; Geoffrey Bawa- Express Tribune \(Pakistan\)](#)

[AIA Selects the 2012 COTE Top Ten Green Projects -- Perkins+Will; RSP Architects and Lake Flato Architects; SmithGroupJJR; BNIM; THA Architecture; SMP Architects/SRK Architects; Opsis Architecture; Hennebery Eddy Architects; Salmela Architect; UC Merced \[links to images, info\]- American Institute of Architects \(AIA\)](#)

[2012 New Zealand Architecture Awards: 20 projects recognised -- Patterson Associates; Harris Butt Architecture; Warren](#)

and Mahoney Architects; architecture+; FJMT + Archimedia; Athfield Architects; Architectus; Architecture Brewer Davidson; Irving Smith Jack Architects; Babbage Consultants; RTA Studio; Crosson Clarke Carnachan Architects; Strachan Group Architects/SGA; Herbst Architects; Salmond Reed Architects; Ashley Cox Architect; Studio Pacific Architecture; Peter Middleton; McCoy and Wixon Architects - Scoop (New Zealand)

2012 New Zealand Architecture Awards [images, info]- New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA)

Voters: Miami Beach's Fontainebleau Hotel best building in Florida: Somewhere Morris Lapidus is smiling...attracted a jaw-dropping 2.4 million votes. -- AIA Florida; Singer Architects (1978); Kohn Pedersen Fox (KPF); Frank Lloyd Wright; John Zona III- Miami Herald

Call for entries/Request for Qualifications/RFQ: A/E design services for a new residential facility for embassy personnel in Paris, France; deadline: May 18- U.S. Department of State

Call for entries: 2012 Animal Architecture Awards: Urban Animal (international): humans are not the only urban animals...how synanthropic design can reshape, expand and redefine the context of urban thought and space; registration deadline: May 13; submission deadline: June 11- Animal Architecture



Moshe Safdie & Associates: Khalsa Heritage Memorial Complex, Anadpur Sahib, Punjab, India

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