

Today's News - Wednesday, June 20, 2012

EDITOR'S NOTE: Travel plans mean there will be no newsletter tomorrow or Friday, but we will return Monday, June 25. Also please note that we will be posting from a different time zone (3 hours behind NYC) through July 3.

- Weinstein channels Albert C. Barnes, who offers his critical response to the new Barnes - "but only on the condition that his remarks remain unedited. This transcript respects his requirement."
- Tributes begin for Günther Domenig, an Austrian architect of "highly expressionistic projects."
- Congress pulls the plug on 2013 funding for the Eisenhower Memorial Commission - needless to say, "a major victory" for opponents.
- Kennicott begs to differ: the memorial "is one of the few truly innovative memorial designs of the last half century," and years from now, "people will wonder: How did a debate about a memorial to Eisenhower turn into a general cultural trashing of Frank Gehry?"
- Bernstein reports on plans moving forward for Boston's 23-acre mixed-use "innovation district" on the waterfront (there are some concerns).
- Dattner/Grimshaw's Via Verde affordable housing complex in the South Bronx is changing the face of the neighborhood - in good ways; "just as important as the finished product is the process that produced it."
- Birnbaum tackles what the "real High Line effect" can affect: "it's not an isolated success story" - but there could be more if "polarizing" preservationists and developers/designers would stop "facing off like sumo wrestlers. That's an artificial divide."
- Piano is just the latest starchitect commissioned to add to the firmament of design treasures being amassed at a French vineyard (now we know where Gehry's '08 Serpentine Pavilion landed).
- The China Pavilion at this year's Venice Biennale will showcase architects using "a simple and philosophical way to discuss the essence of architecture."
- AfH launches I Love Architecture charity auction featuring contributions from 50 of the world's top architects and designers (who isn't on the list?!?).
- One we couldn't resist: architecture students rescue a bee colony, designing and building them a very cool-looking new waterfront home in Buffalo (by all reports, the bees are very happy).
- Call for applications: the Design Management Institute is "seeking an exceptional leader" to be its next president.
- Call for entries: BMW Guggenheim Lab/GOOD "City Forward" international competition: How would you transform a public space in your city to make it more comfortable?
- Weekend diversions (a bit early):
- Kennicott has a rush of mixed feelings about Roche's architectural legacy on view at the National Building Museum: "At the heart of Roche's career and this exhibit is a fundamental question: What does it mean to serve power?"
- NYC's Storefront presents "Aesthetics / Anesthetics: on birds, axonometries, children, green, comics and 30 Storefronts," with commissioned drawings by an impressive list of famous and the up-and-coming architects and firms.
- London's Museum of Architecture presents "Home: Contemporary Architectural Interpretations of the Home in the Arab World."
- In Bridgeport, CT, "Architecture: Art, Science and Energy" shows off architectural advances in design, energy conservation, and sustainability by some notable firms.

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[Albert Barnes Offers Critical Response to Placement of New "Barnes": He agrees to talk with fellow Central High School of Philadelphia alum after 61 years of silence, but only on the condition that his remarks remain unedited. This transcript respects his requirement. By Norman Weinstein - ArchNewsNow](#)

[Obituary: Günther Domenig \(1934-2012\): Tributes have been paid to the Austrian architect of highly expressionistic projects such as the 1979 Zentralsparkasse Bank \[Z-Bank\] in Vienna. -- Domenig & Wallner; Peter Cook; Neil Spiller; Wolf D. Prix/Coop Himmelbl\(l\)au - BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Congress pulls floor out from under Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Opponents of the design...won a major victory on Tuesday when...\\$59.84 million budgetary request...was flat-out denied. -- Frank Gehry; National Civic Art Society \(NCAS\) \[image, links\]- The Daily Caller](#)

["Monument Wars" \[by Kirk Savage\] Puts Eisenhower Memorial Controversy in Context: ...Frank Gehry's memorial...is one of the few truly innovative memorial designs of the last half century...10 or 20 years hence, I think people will wonder: How did a debate about a memorial to Eisenhower turn into a general cultural trashing of Frank Gehry, the greatest American architect of the last half century? By Philip Kennicott - Washington Post](#)

[Seaport Square May Be Boston's Next "Innovation District": ...23-acre mixed-use development along the waterfront, is starting with a single-story building...Boston Innovation Center...may soon be dwarfed by other components...expected to total some 3.5 million square feet. By Fred A. Bernstein Hacin + Associates; Kohn Pedersen Fox \(KPF\); ADD Inc.; Reed Hilderbrand \[slide show\]- Architectural Record](#)

[Via Verde: Affordable's New Look: ...a mixed-use complex in a rapidly changing South Bronx neighborhood - Dattner Architects and Grimshaw Architects reimagine city dwelling...Arguably, just as important as the finished product is the process that produced it. \[slide show\]- Architectural Record](#)

[The Real High Line Effect - A Transformational Triumph of Preservation and Design: ...it's not an isolated success story...Too often, however, the public and the media are presented with polarizing either/or scenarios, with opposing camps - preservationists and developers/designers - facing off like sumo wrestlers. That's an artificial divide... By Charles A. Birnbaum/The Cultural Landscape Foundation -- James Corner Field Operations; Hargreaves Associates; Ralph Griswold; Pressley Associates; Dan Kiley; Philip Johnson; M. Paul Friedberg; Lawrence Halprin \[images\]- Huffington Post](#)

[Château La Coste Commissioned The Shard architect Renzo Piano to create an eco-friendly building integrated into the landscape...in Aix-en-Provence: Irish property tycoon Paddy McKillen...put Tadao Ando in charge of pulling in big name artists and architects to the estate... -- Frank Gehry; Richard Rogers; Norman Foster; Ai Weiwei; James Turrell; Tangram Architects - The Drinks Business \(UK\)](#)

[Common Ground celebration: Chinese artists and architects attend 13th International Architecture Exhibition Biennale...The theme for the China Pavilion...will be "originaire," or origin...will use a simple and philosophical way to discuss the essence of architecture. -- David Chipperfield; Wang Yun; Tao Na, Cluster; Shao Weiping; Xu Dongliang; Wei Chunyu \[images\]- Global Times \(China\)](#)

[I Love Architecture Charity Auction: Over 70 contributions from 50 of the world's top architects and designers are being auctioned. Proceeds will support Architecture for Humanity. - Architecture for Humanity](#)

[Animal Architecture: Rescued Bee Colony Gets New Waterfront Home: Bees help us in many ways; now, a team of young architects is helping them..."Elevator B"...22-foot-tall free-standing steel, glass and cypress tower built by UB architecture students is now home to thousands of bees. \[images, links\]- University at Buffalo News](#)

[Call for entries/applications: DMI President Search: seeking an exceptional leader for the Boston-based research and education institute on the management of design in business; application deadline: July 15 - Design Management Institute](#)

Call for entries: BMW Guggenheim Lab and GOOD Call for "City Forward" Ideas from Around the World: How would you transform a public space in your city to make it more comfortable? Deadline: July 17- GOOD

"Kevin Roche: Architecture as Environment": architectural legacy on display in National Building Museum: At the heart of Roche's career and this exhibit is a fundamental question: What does it mean to serve power? By Philip Kennicott -- Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates (KRJDA) [images]- Washington Post

"Aesthetics / Anesthetics": on birds, axonometries, children, green, comics and 30 Storefronts: 30 commissioned architectural drawings by 30 emerging and established international architects and firms, June 27 - July 28 -- Vito Acconci; Teddy Cruz; ESKYIU; Ling Fan; Interboro Partners; Sam Jacob; Perry Kulper; Juergen Mayer H.; Leong Leong; LTL/Lewis.Tsurimaki.Lewis; MOS; Jorge Otero-Pailos; Philippe Rahm; Julien De Smedt; Superpool ; Alejandro Zaera Polo; Andrew Zago; etc.- Storefront for Art and Architecture (New York City)

Is That A House On Top Of Your Building? ...atop UC San Diego's Jacobs School of Engineering building...is Korean artist Do Ho Suh's latest installation, Fallen Star, a 15-by-18-foot New England cottage suspended off the edge of the seven-story building at a disconcerting 10-degree tilt..."as if it was dropped from the sky." [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

"Home: Contemporary Architectural Interpretations of the Home in the Arab World": Museum of Architecture exhibition...part of the British Council International Architecture and Design Showcase 2012 and the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. -- Shahira Fahmy Architects; AMBS Architects; LEFT Architects; Kilo Architecture; Virginia Commonwealth University/Independent Architects; The Daw'an Mud Brick Architecture Foundation/Salma Samar Damluji- The Mosaic Rooms/A.M Qattan Foundation (London)

"Architecture: Art, Science and Energy": An exhibition of architectural advances in design, energy conservation and sustainability. -- John Johansen (1962); Svigals + Partners; DeStefano and Chamberlain; Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects; Robert Orr & Associates; Touloukian Touloukian; David Barbour Architects - The Discovery Museum & Planetarium (Bridgeport, Connecticut)



Raimund Abraham: The Musician's House, Museum Insel Hombroich, Rhein County Neuss, Germany

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