Today's News - Wednesday, August 29, 2012

- We lose Brierly, a "pioneering" woman architect who, even at 99, was "the conscience of Taliesin."
- Ah, Venezia: Rose finds "a mood of reassessment in the air... that suggests inclusivity and anti-elitism."
- Grabar is a bit more light-hearted in his assessment of Biennale, offering "The Most Intriguing Global Architecture Ideas You've Never Heard Of!" (a most amusing read!).
- Issue 3 of The Architect's Newspaper/Il Gornale Dell'Architettura's coverage (Zaha goes "ballistic").
- Golden Lions, a Silver Lion, and Special Mentions handed out for best pavilions and exhibits.
- Auckland's Vinegar Lane project is "seen as shift in urban design" for the city.
- Capps reports on Washington, DC's The Wharf project: "not all waterfronts need to be harbors to be successful. And certainly not all waterfronts need to be parks."
- Webb contrasts the urbanism of the (isolated) Pacific Design Center and (user-friendly) West Hollywood Park across the street (including a new library sporting "erudite exuberance"); recent initiatives "combine to make this 25-year-old city a beacon of good design and humane urbanism."
- Berger writes Seattle would get out of its grid mode and take cues from the Olmsteds: "We're less multi-modal than we are modal-panic. We shouldn't be fixing the Grid but finding new, organic ways to mess with it."
- What Facebook picking Gehry for its new HQ "says about the company's hopes and dreams" - there's "evidence of a creative mind-meld."
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- What?) By Henry Grabar [images, links] - The Atlantic Cities

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It's About Time! SANAA's Kazuyo Sejima Becomes the Rolex Mentor and Protégé Arts Initiative's First Architectural Mentor: ...protégé...will contribute to “Home for All,” a project helmed by Sejima and other Japanese architectural luminaries in response to 2011's tsunami and the ensuing housing crisis. - Artinfo

Rem Koolhaas wins 2012 Jencks Award: ...honour is presented to an individual or practice that has recently made a major contribution internationally to both the theory and practice of architecture... His Maggie’s Centre in Glasgow and the new Rothschilds Bank in London are both on this year’s Stirling Prize shortlist. - BD/Building Design (UK)

Call for entries: LFI 2013 Call for Speakers for LIGHTFAIR International in Philadelphia April 21-25, 2013; deadline: September 7 - LIGHTFAIR International (LFI)