Today’s News - Monday, September 10, 2012

- ArcSpace brings us OMA in Moscow, and Pitágoras Architects in Portugal.
- We are so deeply saddened by the news that we've lost Bill Moggridge much, much too soon.
- Barns on Tasmania's newest quango; he hopes that (pleads for, actually) the bureaucrats "let creativity" (i.e. design professionals) "flourish" and "not seek to build an empire for the egos of those who run it."
- The trend in town center projects are bringing city life to the "burbs: "The urban neighborhood has become an exportable commodity," but critics "consider them soulless corporate replicas" (a la Disney World).
- A community hospital in Chicago "spearshead mixed-use campus model for community development" in an effort "to bring evidence-based design to the community scale."
- Saffron cheers Drexel's "huge expansion east that would nevertheless concentrate growth in a compact core - minimizing sprawl into nearby neighborhoods" (keeping the neighbors happy).
- "A Legoland" of modular apartment buildings for Brooklyn's Atlantic Yards could be in the offing - if the first one can get off the ground.
- Pedersen queries Maurice Cox re: his plans as Tulane's new associate dean of community engagement: an apt title for someone "who has spent almost two decades forging ties between design education, the political realm, and the public."
- Calma bemoans the congested, haphazard state of Manila: "If you leave urban policy to mayors who don't know about architecture, it ends up being a mess."
- Lim looks into the future "where the urban and the rural overlap to form a 'smart city' that promotes healthy living and food sustainability" (he's on the case for Melbourne right now).
- Heathcote visits Chichester and its new Novium museum that "highlights a counterculture in England's south coast, where ancient and modern go hand in hand...a modernist cockpit from which to survey a city."
Melbourne - "Imagining the Emergent City"...explores the potential of large-scale urban infrastructural interventions to address the fundamental requirements of food, water and shelter... - C.J Lim/Studio 8 Architects - Bernama (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

Postcard from... Chichester: The Novium museum highlights a counterculture in England's south coast, where ancient and modern go hand in hand: A brand-new building – a solid chunk of cool civic culture – has brought this alternative side of the city into focus...a modernist cockpit from which to survey a city. By Edwin Heathcote — Keith Williams Architects, Powell & Moya (1962); Colin St John Wilson (2006); Heworth Tompkins - Financial Times (UK)

Irish architecture roars into Venice: There isn't a single under-employed architect in Ireland whose spirits weren't lifted by the news...that Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara had carried off a Silver Lion from the 13th Venice International Architecture Biennale. It showed that anything is possible, even in these tough times for the profession. By Frank McDonald -- Grafton Architects; Paulo Mendes da Rocha; O'Donnell + Tuomey; Heneghan Peng Architects; Toyo Ito; David Chipperfield; Wolf Prix; Kieran Long - Irish Times

An Experiment in Acoustic Design: The London Design Festival Celebrates a Decade of Ingenuity...Trafalgar Square will host "Be Open Sound Portal"...an experiment in acoustic design...which can transform your perception of space. -- Arup; Decorex; 100% Design; Super Brands; Tent London- Wall Street Journal

Welcome to Corporate Kindergarten: Playful design is taking over the office, but are we really having that much fun? This is not your father's office, says the lime-green wall above the espresso machine...can also become cloying clichés, lazy signifiers of hipness. By William Hanley -- Lorcan O'Herlihy Architects; Allied Works Architecture; Gensler; Frank Gehry; Studio O+A; Studio Sarah Willmer [images] - Architectural Record

Manhattan at the Feet of Four World Trade Center: Compared to its neighbors, [it] offers a more somber, reflective aesthetic...stunningly-precise detailing...along with the breathtaking views of the surrounding New York region. By Branden Klayko -- Fuhimiko Maki [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

Pizza museum a testament to American culture: ...Pizza Brain — part pizza museum, part pizza restaurant — purchasing and renovating two 19th-century buildings along Frankford Avenue's battered-but-burgeoning commercial corridor. [slide show]- Philadelphia Inquirer