

## Today's News - Tuesday, November 11, 2008

- Rochon is positively rapturous about Gehry's AGO.
- Take 2: "as the architectural equivalent of an accomplished essayist."
- Kamin positively coos over Rudolph restoration at Yale (not so much the addition).
- Plans for the greenest building on the West Coast hits a snag (at 10 stories, it's too tall).
- In Louisville, a bump in the road for REX's Museum Tower, and an "eccentric" shortlist for Speed Art Museum expansion.
- Chipperfield's St. Louis Art Museum hits the rocks; his consolation prize? Zurich's Museum of Modern Art.
- Green firms see bright future in dark times.
- Russell finds a silver - and green - lining when the dust settles from the mortgage crash (good-bye and good riddance to the "American Dream on steroids").
- Another bright note: architects find the design-build model "goes a long way towards making architecture affordable."
- A call for Austin to follow Phoenix and Seattle models in choosing the city's central library architect.
- Bayley visits a new, "fabulously designed" Paris hotel that offers "a strange, edgy democracy to a new species of international road warrior."
- CABE pulls UK out of Europan 10.
- On this Veterans Day: Maya Lin: "once inspired by a war, now by the land"; the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial is "a masterpiece of design and mathematics."
- Odd tale of Islamabad monument: is it being demolished or refurbished? (depends on which official you ask).
- Call for proposals: Montréal Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium.
- An eyeful of the 2008 Building for Life Award winners.
- Kamin says winners of Chicago's high-speed rail station design competition "should generate healthy discussion" even if not built.
- NYT's Winter 2008 Style Magazine: plan to spend some time...

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**A monumental moment:** Thankfully, for Toronto and the rest of Canada, Gehry's transformation of the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) is inspired not by personal ego but by allowing for a journey that goes deep into art and the city...Here is evidence of the world-famous humanity of Gehry – his desire to exhilarate us with his forms, rather than punishing us with their audacity. By Lisa Rochon - Globe and Mail (Canada)

**Frank'd! With His AGO Revamp, Gehry Proves That He Is Both Architect And Artist:** ...revealing himself...as the architectural equivalent of an accomplished essayist who knows how to move smoothly from the generalized idea to the specific detail.- National Post (Canada)

**At Yale, Rudolph's modernist castle soars anew, but its neighbor falls flat:** The example this first-rate restoration sets should resound far beyond Yale's ivy-covered walls. By Blair Kamin -- Gwathmey Siegel- Chicago Tribune

**Debate on plan for greenest West Coast building:** ...raised the hackles of some residents and city officials. They say [110 The Embarcadero] is too tall for the city's majestic shoreline and might set a bad precedent for future development along the boulevard. -- Pelli Clarke Pelli [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

**Speed Bump for Museum Plaza:** Speed Art Museum in Louisville, Kentucky...announced an eclectic shortlist of firms for its planned expansion. While...the city's most ambitious architectural project, the REX-designed Museum Plaza, has been put on indefinite hold. -- SANAA; Gluckman Mayner; Bernard Tschumi; Bjarke Ingels; Snøhetta; Studio Gang; Henning Larsen; wHY architecture- The Architect's Newspaper

**Tale of two cities for Chipperfield:** ...discovered he had won a prestigious competition in Switzerland [Zurich's Museum of Modern Art] only hours after finding out his proposed St Louis Art Museum in the USA had hit the rocks. [image]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

**What Recession?** Green firms see bright future in dark times: ...there have been reports that hybrid cars and LEED ratings could become luxuries we can no longer afford. Fortunately for architects, many in the building industry seem to be drawing the opposite conclusion. -- FXFowle; Pei Cobb Freed; Kiss+Cathcart, Architects- The Architect's Newspaper

**Post-Crash U.S. Home Deflates, Adds Vines, Cisterns:** Bloated McMansions...have become a symbol of wretched housing excess, the American Dream on steroids...house design will look considerably different after the dust settles from the mortgage crash...green-design efforts won't stop... By James S. Russell- Bloomberg News

**House Designers Don Hard Hats: Architect-Contractors Gain High-End Following:** ...design-build architect-as-contractor model goes a long way towards making architecture affordable for nonprofits and schools... -- Peter L. Gluck and Partners; Barry B. LePatner; Richard Dattner; Marmol Radziner + Associates - Wall Street Journal

**Op-Ed: Library architecture matters:** Austin City Council will choose a firm to design a new central library...Phoenix and Seattle, stand out for their recent leadership in library design...Austin...should follow [their] leadership...and raise the bar even higher. By Fritz Steiner -- Will Bruder; Koolhaas/Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA); Lake/Flato Architects/Shepley Bulfinch Richardson & Abbott; Barnes Gromatzky Kosarek Architects and Taniguchi/Holzman Moss; Page Southerland Page/Patkau Architects- Austin American-Statesman (Texas)

**It's a gem, but I've got reservations:** Once a multistorey car park, the fabulously designed Mama Shelter hotel shows how cities can recycle their old buildings...offers a strange, edgy democracy to a new species of international road warrior... By Stephen Bayley -- Philippe Starck; Roland Castro/Atelier Castro Denissoff Casi- Guardian (UK)

**CABE pulls UK out of Europan 10...**due to a lack of suitable sites...has been trying to turn around the UK's disastrous involvement with the Europe-wide housing design competition...- The Architects' Journal (UK)

**Once Inspired by a War, Now by the Land:** In a sense Maya Lin's entire career has been interplay among what she regards as three separate strands: she is an architect and an artist, and she also designs memorials (she likes to call them anti-monuments) that fall somewhere between the two. [images, video link]- New York Times

**Memorial built with sunshine and shadow:** Vietnam casualties honored in special way...Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Frankfort..a masterpiece of design and mathematics. -- Helm Roberts- Lexington Herald-Leader (Kentucky)

**Islamabad Capital Development Authority demolishes another monument:** ...built in the metropolis not more than four years ago...However CDA Member (Environment) [siad] it was not a demolition operation but a refurbishing and redesigning move...to make the monument even more beautiful. - The News (Pakistan)

Call for proposals: Montréal Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium Architectural Competition: rules and timetable available until November 24; submissions due December 11 [links to details]- City of Montreal

AHMM and Project Orange win big at 2008 Building for Life Awards -- Allford Hall Monaghan Morris; Chetwood Associates; Broadway Malyan/Scott Brownrigg/Gilmore Hankey Kirke/Amos Partnership; TADW Architects; A&Q [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

Chicago Architectural Club announces winners of high-speed rail station design competition "Burnham 2.0"...The winner should generate healthy discussion even if it won't get built. By Blair Kamin -- Michael Cady, Elba Gil, David Lillie, Andres Montana; Cheyne Owens; Lindsay Grote- Chicago Tribune

Design & Living Winter 2008: It's all about . . . life imitating art, contemporary artists designing furniture...- New York Times Style Magazine



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