

Today's News - Tuesday, November 18, 2008

- For some U.S. architects the job axe is beginning to take its toll.
- An EU ruling puts part-time architecture education in question.
- Davidson with a proposal for a 21st-century WPA and infrastructure's next wave.
- Ouroussoff visits Buffalo and finds it "both pro-density and pro-history"; and its "historic revival so heartwarming" because it's "driven by genuine civic pride in the face of daunting odds."
- A project in Australia is turning a "rubbish dump into an eco research park, dedicated to sustainable housing" at two different ends of the housing market (prefab plays a big part).
- Dyckhoff visits Burj Dubai: "the world's tallest cloud buster" is really "a massive breakthrough in microdesign."
- Coop Himmelb(l)au's new L.A. arts high school holds its own against neighboring icons (graffiti? "I hope that the creativity is stronger than the destructive brain in the art student," says Prix.)
- King hopes San Francisco is serious about creating a vibrant civic space where the public can gather.
- Alsop et al. puts out "zany plans" for Coney Island (and pix to prove it).
- Colossus of Rhodes to be rebuilt, this time as giant light sculpture built, in part, out of melted-down weapons from around the world.
- A visit to Mexico City's Casa Luis Barragán - the only single building on UNESCO's World Heritage list.
- Pearman visits an apartment overtaken by an alien substance: "hard, glittering, jagged, bright blue crystals."
- The first eco-friendly billboard is coming to Times Square (a good thing).
- St Mark's Square in Venice being taken over by giant billboards (a bad thing).
- Call for entries: Residential Architect International Design 09 Awards; and 2009 ARCHI-TECH AV Awards.
- Archiprix Turkey 2008 honors young architects.

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[For Architects, the Job Axe Starts to Fall: For some, layoffs are a last resort.](#) - Architectural Record

[Part-time architecture education in question after EU ruling: Arb is seeking legal advice over a new EU directive that could prevent those who studied part time being recognised as architects.](#) - BD/Building Design (UK)

[Building a New WPA: Great architects need a great canvas. New York needs infrastructure. And a lot of people need jobs. A proposal..."You can't hide it, so flaunt it"...That would make a fine motto for infrastructure's next wave.](#) By Justin Davidson -- Calatrava; Eytan Kaufman; Polshek Partnership; Vito Acconci; Grimshaw; David Childs/SOM; Wilkinson Eyre; Foster + Partners [images] - New York Magazine

[Saving Buffalo's Untold Beauty: Just as local preservationists are completing restorations on some of the city's most important landmarks, the federal government is considering a plan that could wipe out part of a historic neighborhood...a rare opportunity to re-examine the relationship between preserving the past and building a future...](#) By Nicolai Ouroussoff -- Henry Hobson Richardson; Frederick Law Olmsted; Louis Sullivan; Frank Lloyd Wright; Daniel Burnham; Toshiko Mori; Gwathmey Siegel [slide show] - New York Times

[Living off what nature provides: A sustainable housing project is taking shape on an old tip...800-hectare Horsley Homestead...turning the rubbish dump into an eco research park, dedicated to sustainable housing...Tisdale intends to build two prototype prefabricated display homes, each aimed at a different end of the housing market.](#) -- James Gardiner; Johan Naess - Sydney Morning Herald

[Burj Tower: the world's tallest cloud buster: The Burj Tower in Dubai is more than four times the height of the Gherkin in London and the world's first superscraper...a massive breakthrough in microdesign..."We like a shot at immortality...it's just chasing infinity. I'm sure it's hard-wired into us."](#) By Tom Dyckhoff -- William Baker/SOM- The Times (UK)

[Near Gehry, Moneo Icons, Steel-Clad L.A. Arts High School Rises: ...\\$234 million Central Los Angeles Area High School No. 9..."What we did actually design is an icon for an art school...I hope that the creativity is stronger than the destructive brain in the art student."](#) -- Wolf D. Prix/Coop Himmelb(l)au [slide show] - Bloomberg News

[San Francisco needs a place to gather: If you'd like to see San Francisco's Embarcadero near Market Street reborn as a vibrant civic space, you aren't alone: City Hall officials are about to put out feelers to gauge whether the idea will fly...nudged in part by election night, staff this week will begin kicking around ideas, asking outside designers for advice as well.](#) By John King - San Francisco Chronicle

[Coney of the Mind: It's been a busy day out at Coney Island...Municipal Art Society's zany plans for the famed amusement park.](#) -- Will Alsop; Margie Ruddick/John Beckman/WRT; Nicholas Goldsmith/FTL Studio; Enric Ruiz-Geli/Cloud 9; Henry Bardsley/RFR Engineering [images, links] - The Architect's Newspaper

[Colossus of Rhodes to be rebuilt as giant light sculpture: ...like its ancient namesake, the modern-day wonder will be dedicated to celebrating peace and built, at least in part, out of melted-down weapons from around the world.](#) -- Gert Hof - Guardian (UK)

[Solace for the soul in Mexico City: ...UNESCO added the Casa Luis Barragán to its World Heritage list, making it the only single building in the world to have been awarded this honour.](#) - Vancouver Courier

[The crystal house: "Seizure" by Roger Hiorns: Who knows who once inhabited this 1960s bedsit, but since they left, an alien substance has taken over. The entire flat - walls, ceiling, fixtures and fittings - has sprouted not mould, not fungus, not graffiti, but something far stranger and more beautiful. Hard, glittering, jagged, bright blue crystals.](#) By Hugh Pearman [images] - HughPearman.com (UK)

[In Times Square, a Company's Name in \(Wind- and Solar-Powered\) Lights: ...but there is one small catch. When there's no sun, and no wind? The \\$3 million billboard goes dark: there is no backup generator. "We think if that happens, it's just fine"...](#) [images] - New York Times

[Protest over advertising in St Mark's Square, Venice: For the first time in history, the Grand Canal and St Mark's Square are carrying huge advertisements and the agencies are cashing in \[image\]](#) - The Art Newspaper (UK)

[Call for entries: Residential Architect International Design 09 Awards; registration deadline: November 25](#) - Residential Architect

[Call for entries: 2009 ARCHI-TECH AV Awards Competition honors outstanding examples of the creative and effective integration of technology into otherwise traditional construction projects; deadline: February 25, 2009](#) - ARCHI-TECH magazine

Young architects shape landscape, city & space: Archiprix Turkey 2008 competition...students strive to unify the three guiding principles of architecture: Durability, utility and beauty...Ali Dur, an Istanbul Technical University student, is the winner with a project called Urban Station.- Hürriyet Daily News (Turkey)



- Zaha Hadid Architects: Neil Barrett Store, Tokyo
- Under construction: Herzog & de Meuron: 56 Leonard Street, New York, NY

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