

## Today's News - Thursday, September 3, 2009

EDITOR'S NOTE: We're giving ourselves a four-day Labor Day weekend - we'll be back Tuesday, September 8.

- Atlantic Yards redux: local "boutique" SHoP now onboard.
- London's 'burbs could take another half-million homes: a "door to a potential goldmine of work for architects" (but will people want to be their canaries?).
- In a new report, Prince Charles calls for end to suburban sprawl and "short-term thinking" in urban design (talk about timing).
- A rundown of 5 major risks to green building market growth.
- King x 2: cheers for efforts to fill empty lots in creative ways; and it's environmental activists vs. a "determined band of golfers" re: historic golf course (snakes and frogs included).
- Eco-friendly "sunflowers" to bloom on Masdar plaza.
- Brad Pitt visits Niemeyer project in Spain; finds inspiration for New Orleans.
- Call for entries: Gateway to Milan/La Porta di Milano International Competition. Weekend diversions: Philly's newest cultural attraction: "a shrine to devotees of the Three Stooges" (open one day a month).
- Helsinki Design Week 09 launches tomorrow.
- Kamin on a new show that gives Chicago's local (sometimes "carping") talent a "crack at the Burnham centennial."
- Heathcote hails "Hungarian Organic Architecture" in Budapest: "the organic school has mellowed a little, but the buildings remain unmistakable."
- "Bauhaus: A Conceptual Model" in Berlin brings "vividly to life a movement in a constant state of flux between idealism and indecision."
- "The Green House" at Yale's Paul Rudolph Hall...looks at the "new architectural response to combining both pleasing design and responsible environmental principles."
- An amazing eyeful of the innards of the Battersea Power Station.
- "From Towers to Teakettles" puts Michael Graves in the spotlight in Minneapolis.
- Page turners: "A Paradise Built in Hell" is "a bracing, timely book" that will "challenge what you think you know about catastrophes."
- "Louis I. Kahn's Jewish Architecture" is a "valuable new book" that shows how important Jewish institutional patrons were to the master's architectural development.
- Brussat finds the real international style in "World Architecture: The Masterworks" (classicism would flourish were it not for its "association with dead white males, who, it seems, still have the cooties").
- Willis' new documentary "A Girl Is a Fellow Here" is the first step in giving FLW's women designers proper recognition.
- We couldn't resist: winners of the America's Best Restroom Award.

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Post-Gehry, Atlantic Yards' Nets Arena To Be Designed by New York Boutique SHoP: When Forest City does release the renderings...it will mark the public start of yet another sales campaign... -- Ellerbe Becket- New York Observer

'London's suburbs could take half a million new homes', says London Development Agency (LDA): ...has opened the door to a potential goldmine of work for architects by claiming the capital's suburbs have space for another 500,000 homes - The Architects' Journal (UK)

Prince Charles calls for end to 'suburban sprawl': ...has launched an attack on "short-term thinking" in urban design...In the forward to the annual review of the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment...calls for greater efforts to be made to design sustainable homes within "dense, mixed-use, walkable developments." [link to report]- BD/Building Design (UK)

5 Major Risks to Green Building Market Growth: A number of hurdles will need to be overcome in the coming years that, if not corrected, could significantly slow the market...Financial Risk; Legal Risk; Green-washed Building Materials; Driving Energy Retrofits; Regulatory Risk- Earth2Tech

Efforts to turn empty lots to a glass half full: Even as San Francisco's development scene continues to languish, city officials and at least one private landowner are exploring how to fill empty sites in creative ways - including art installations and a working farm. By John King -- Rebar Group; Douglas Burnham/Envelope A+D [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

Fight continues over fate of Sharp Park Golf Course: A determined band of golfers want landmark status...a designation aimed in part at environmental activists who want the site...converted into habitat for the San Francisco garter snake and the California red-legged frog. By John King -- Alister MacKenzie (1932) [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

LAVA's eco-friendly sunflowers to beam on Masdar plaza: Design for plaza of Abu Dhabi's new sustainable city uses flower-like structures that store heat by day for release at night [images]- Building (UK)

Brad makes a Pitt stop in Aviles: ...there to view a new construction in the old port of the city which he believes could assist him in his position in helping to rebuild New Orleans... -- Oscar Niemeyer; Make It Right Project- Spanish News (Barcelona)

Call for entries: Gateway to Milan/La Porta di Milano International Competition: creative and innovative proposals to give a brand new look to Malpensa Airport; deadline: September 21 - S.E.A. S.p.A./Aeroporto Milano Linate

A Tip of the Hat to Pokes in the Eye: A cleverly named and impressively designed museum a half-hour's drive from Philadelphia serves as a shrine to devotees of the Three Stooges....Stoogeum... By Edward Rothstein -- UJMN Architects [slide show]- New York Times

Helsinki Design Week 09: DO TOUCH! September 4-13- Helsinki Design Week

Chicago architects take a crack at the Burnham centennial in a new show, "Big. Bold. Visionary: Chicago Considers the Next Century": There's been provincial carping-- silly, in my view--that Chicago architects have been shut out of the Burnham Plan centennial...Now, the supposedly overlooked home team will get its chance to make a

strong statement about the future of the city and the region... By Blair Kamin -- Edward Keegan; Carol Ross Barney; Ralph Johnson; John Ronan; Adrian Smith; Joe Valerio; David Woodhouse - [Chicago Tribune](#)

Hungarian Organic Architecture, Budapest: The Budapest Museum of Applied Arts is one of the most extravagant and extraordinary buildings of its era...a perfect venue for the first major retrospective of a neglected corner of contemporary architecture...the architecture of the organic school has mellowed a little, but the buildings remain unmistakable... By Edwin Heathcote -- Odón Lechner (1896); Imre Makovecz; Dezső Eklér; Axis; Sándor Dévényi; Kőr Studio - [Financial Times \(UK\)](#)

Celebrating the Bauhaus at 90: ...Berlin is celebrating with "Bauhaus: A Conceptual Model"...a comprehensive overview of the school in all its plurality and paradox...the largest retrospective ever mounted and the first time that the three Bauhaus institutes, once separated by the Iron Curtain, have collaborated...brings the Bauhaus vividly to life as a movement in a constant state of flux between idealism and indecision. - [Wall Street Journal](#)

Green-house effect: "The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture & Design" at Yale's Paul Rudolph Hall...looks at 20 houses that epitomize the new architectural response to combining both pleasing design and responsible environmental principles. -- [New Housing New York](#); Michelle Kaufmann; Michelle Kaufmann; Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects; Office of Mobile Design; Korteknie and Meehthild Architecten [New Haven Register]- [TMCnet](#)

Battersea power station: inside the landmark: As a shadow hangs over the future of Battersea power station, the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) is opening an exhibition of photographs of one of London's most recognisable landmarks [slide show]- [Guardian \(UK\)](#)

"From Towers to Teakettles: Michael Graves Architecture and Design"...marks the 10-year anniversary of Graves' partnership with Minneapolis-based Target Corp. - [Minneapolis Institute of Arts](#)

Book review: "A Paradise Built in Hell: The Extraordinary Communities That Arise in Disaster" by Rebecca Solnit...will challenge what you think you know about catastrophes, starting with the idea that they bring out the worst in people...disasters break down social structures, but Solnit's own stories show that these structures also determine who lives and dies in the first place...a bracing, timely book. - [Mother Jones](#)

Book review: Sacred Space: Louis Kahn and the architecture of quiet reverence: In her valuable new book, "Louis I. Kahn's Jewish Architecture: Mikveh Israel and the Midcentury American Synagogue," Susan G. Solomon demonstrates that projects for Jewish institutional patrons were pivotal in Kahn's architectural development. - [Tablet Magazine](#)

Meet the real international style: ...architecture students could find their doubts about modernism leading them to classicism were it not for the latter's association with dead white males, who, it seems, still have the cooties...the most compelling case for classical as the true international style is right under our noses, in "World Architecture: The Masterworks" by photographer Will Pryce... By David Brussat - [Providence Journal \(Rhode Island\)](#)

Book review: Leading Ladies: The scores of women designers who worked with Frank Lloyd Wright have all but disappeared from history. A new documentary is the first step in giving them proper recognition..."A Girl Is a Fellow Here: 100 Women Architects in the Studio of Frank Lloyd Wright" by Beverly Willis... - [Architect Magazine](#)

The Most Important Interior Design Contest Ever: ...winners of the America's Best Restroom Award. Top prize this year goes to a piece of over-the-top lavatory opulence in Branson, Missouri: the Shoji Tabuchi Theatre... [images]- [Metropolis Magazine](#)

Market Research Strategies in Uncertain Times #3: Strategic Market Research - Preparing for the Rebound: ...now is the time to sketch out your blueprint of where you are and where you want to go. By Frances Gretes - [ArchNewsNow](#)

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