

Today's News - Tuesday, January 26, 2010

- Gretes offers Tip #5: Market Research on Shoestring Budgets - 10 Tips for 2010 (follow the mantra of "THINK").
- NOMA mobilizes to help Haiti.
- A "blow to fans of retro architecture": U.K.'s new chief construction adviser says there may be no choice but to demolish swathes of 1960s-70s buildings to meet carbon emission standards.
- Also in the crosshairs: London's Art Deco icon Earls Court could face the wrecking ball (after the 2012 Olympics) to make way for 8,000 flats.
- Galway, Ireland, struggles with two sides of a coin: preserve and copy everything old and become "a Walt Disney town reflecting 'the good-old-days,'" or allow the new.
- Behrens' "icon of industrial architecture," the 100-year-old AEG Turbine Hall won't become a ruin or a "Tate Modern Berlin any time soon" (it's still pumping energy).
- A big splash of good news for NYC's urban waterfronts.
- Tampa debuts its new waterfront park - two museums to follow shortly.
- Q&A with Ken Greenberg on the future of urban planning: "in some ways the things we're going back to are so low-tech or no-tech."
- China's landscape development and urbanization process draws more attention.
- Mexico City in store for a "dazzling art palace" that is "at once whimsical and structurally daring."
- University of Baltimore's planned law center cheered for "elevating the caliber of design" in the city.
- Let there be light: an "increasing imbalance" between pursuing energy efficiency in lighting and not including the human factor in measurements will have an impact on human health.
- A study shows Pittsburgh should install LED streetlights for a lot of good reasons; other cities are doing the same, "but without comprehensive analyses to back up their decisions."
- Melbourne's West Gate Bridge will "put Sydney Harbour Bridge in the shade" with new LED lighting scheme (pix sorta show otherwise).
- A dry run for WTC 9/11 Memorial waterfalls.
- We couldn't resist: Neville Neville Land: an £8m "Teletubby" eco-bunker for a British soccer ('er football) star: a zero-carbon house next to his "12-bedroom pile."

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[Market Research Strategies in Uncertain Times #5: Market Research on Shoestring Budgets - 10 Tips for 2010: Firms operating on shoestring budgets can still create positive change if they follow the mantra of THINK.](#) By Frances Gretes- ArchNewsNow

[Minority Architects Mobilize to Help Haiti: ...launched Service in Solidarity in response to the earthquake...concretizing affiliations with the AIA, Architecture for Humanity, and other sister groups...aligning NOMA with other African-American professional groups, which should result in an interdisciplinary effort.](#) -- National Organization of Minority Architects/NOMA- Architectural Record

[Cities face wrecking ball to meet carbon targets: Huge expanses of British town and city centres built in the 1960s and 70s may have to be torn down to meet carbon emission standards for buildings...Government's new chief construction adviser said that there may be no choice...a blow to fans of retro architecture.](#) -- Paul Morrell- The Times (UK)

[On the bill: Earls Court demolished to make way for 8,000 flats: ...one of London's most famous music and exhibition venues, faces demolition...would see a 70-acre area around the conference centre turned into a mainly residential site.](#) -- C. Howard Crane (1937)- Evening Standard (UK)

[Saving old buildings with new ideas: ...one side of the argument insists...Any additional building must use the same or similar materials...The other side...says yes, let's preserve what we can; but let us also avoid the phoney or pastiche add ons...if Galway continuously refuses to allow new buildings...we are in danger of being left with a Walt Disney town reflecting 'the good-old-days'.](#) -- Atlantic Architects; John Yates Architects - Galway Advertiser (Ireland)

[A Berlin Landmark Keeps on Keeping On: ...One icon of industrial architecture just celebrated its 100th birthday...in full work mode, rolling out the product that has given it its name since 1909...marked the arrival of a new, minimalist industrial aesthetic...There is no chance that the AEG Turbine Hall will fall to ruins or become a Tate Modern Berlin any time soon.](#) -- Peter Behrens [image]- New York Times

[In a Sweeping Commitment to the Urban Shoreline, NY State Dept. of State Funds Waterfront Revitalization Throughout NYC: ...\\$8.9 million will flow to projects in New York City-](#) Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance (NYC)

[Downtown Tampa's new waterfront park debuts: Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park...the first of three projects debuting downtown this year...Next up is the Tampa Museum of Art, opening Feb. 6, and then the Glazer Children's Museum in late summer.](#) -- Thomas Balsley and Associates; GouldEvans; HaizLip StudiosStanley Saitowitz I Natoma Architects - St. Petersburg Times (Florida)

[Q&A: Ken Greenberg on the Future of Urban Planning: "We're equipped with all these new fascinating technologies, but in some ways the things we're going back to are so low-tech or no-tech."](#) By Martin C. Pedersen [images]- Metropolis Magazine

[Ancient philosophy guides good urban planning: As the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai approaches, China's landscape development and urbanization process is drawing more attention...Ma Xiaowei \(Ma\), president and chief architect of AGER Shanghai, a landscape design institute, on China's urbanization.](#)- Global Times (China)

[Carlos Slim Speeds Ahead With Dazzling Art Palace by Son-in-Law : ...a gleaming aluminum cube that has been stretched and twisted...design is at once whimsical and structurally daring...183,000 square-foot Soumaya Museum...is rising quickly...part of a 12- acre urban development \[in Mexico City\]...](#) -- Fernando Romer/LAR/Laboratory Of Architecture; Ove Arup; Gehry Technologies [image]- Bloomberg News

[University of Baltimore law center design wins plaudits: Two design review panels heap praise on plans...drew accolades for elevating the caliber of design in Baltimore.](#) By Edward Gunts -- Ayers Saint Gross; Behnisch Architekten [images]- Baltimore Sun

[The Pendulum of Energy Efficiency and the Importance of Human Factors: ...increasing imbalance is looming between our eagerness for energy efficiency and our nonchalance for inclusion of human factors and the impact that our energy efficiency measures will have on human health.](#) By Milena Simeonova- GreenBiz.com

[University of Pittsburgh study: City should install LED streetlights: ...electricity savings...would offset negative environmental impacts of the LED manufacturing process by a factor of 10...Already Los Angeles and Anchorage, Alaska, have chosen LED lighting, but without comprehensive analyses to back up their decisions.](#) - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[Which of these bridges do you think is more impressive? ...one of Melbourne's key reasons to be proud is to be a \\$20 million](#)

light show on the West Gate Bridge to put Sydney Harbour Bridge in the shade - according to the State Government...LED lighting... "will light up the skyline" -- Wilkinson Eyre Architects [images]- The Age (Australia)

AP Exclusive: A Look at 9/11 Memorial Waterfalls: Inside glimpse of Sept. 11 memorial offered as designer tests waterfall mock-ups...part of Michael Arad's "Reflecting Absence" memorial at ground zero. [image]- Associated Press (AP)

Going underground: Man United star Gary Neville unveils plans for £8m 'Teletubby' eco-bunker: ...zero-carbon house next to his current 12-bedroom pile...structure is so advanced the government wants to use the scheme as a benchmark for all future zero-carbon developments...has been likened to a Neolithic settlement...dubbed Neville Neville land... -- Make Architects [images]- Daily Mail (UK)

INSIGHT: Redeveloping Downtown Pittsburgh - The Last 20 Years: Many factors have led to an interesting take on the traditional tension between central city decline, suburban competition, and revitalization efforts to bolster Downtown's primacy in the region's economy and identity. By Michael A. Stern, ASLA, LEED AP - ArchNewsNow



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