

Today's News - Thursday, September 16, 2010

- Chakrabarti minces no words re: Park51 Islamic cultural center, crumbling infrastructure, the new Arizona immigration law, failing schools, etc.: "our national ailments have shaken my belief in a Country of Cities" (a powerful piece).
- The new Australian Design Alliance forges ahead hoping to boost Australia's productivity, sustainability, and innovation.
- Yale School of Architecture plays catch-up in the archive-collecting game.
- An influential Tampa architect's once lost, now found archive finds a home (now all it needs is funding to make it available to the public).
- NTHP launches drive to raise millions for repairs to the Brick House at Johnson's Glass House compound and Mies's Farnsworth House.
- An amusing conversation between London Design Festival's co-founder and curator of LDF's "evil twin, the first so-called Anti Design festival."
- Winnipeg rejects an architect's "radical" design for a penthouse atop a historic building; he's resigned to the fact that it might take "hundreds of years until we no longer think of the Exchange District as a museum."
- Newport, Rhode Island's newest hotel is "hip, cool and green."
- Davidson on 12 winning designs for the Sukkah City about to sprout in NYC's Union Square (vote for your fave!).
- Pugh and Scarpa have parted ways - "cordially" (so much for their 2010 AIA Architecture Firm Award).
- A look at Dominique Perrault's pretty amazing winning streak.
- A young Czech architect NASA award for spacecraft design.
- Caldwell writes "a stirring tribute" to his close friend, Elaine Kollins Sewell Jones - widow of A. Quincy Jones and a great supporter of Southern California architecture.
- It's Christo vs. Colorado in a fight over "Over The River" - the challenge: convincing the locals.
- Good reasons to be in Chicago, NYC, or Cincinnati next week: the National Affordable Housing Summit; the World Maker Faire @ New York Hall of Science (great Q&A re: DIY ingenuity); and the FLW Building Conservancy annual conference.
- Call for entries: Advertisements for Architecture 2010 international competition (looks like fun - but deadline looms!).

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Never in this Country: ...our national ailments have shaken my belief in a Country of Cities. I have argued on these pages that density and infrastructure...can lead us out of this recession to a greener, leaner nation. Yet how can we ask the nation to emulate our model of life in New York if we abandon inclusiveness, the most fundamental ecological strength that binds us together as a city? By Vishaan Chakrabarti - Urban Omnibus

Australian Design Alliance forges ahead: 12 organisations representing all aspects of Australia's design industry and research network have launched the AdA to boost Australia's productivity, sustainability and innovation. - Architecture & Design (Australia)

Yale School of Architecture playing catch-up to acquire archives: ...somewhere between the school's storied reputation and star-studded faculty lies a lagging link: Until just a decade ago, the school made almost no effort to collect and maintain the archives of famous architects and students. -- Charles Gwathmey; Robert A.M. Stern; Dean Sakamoto; Eero Saarinen; Richard Kelly; Mark Gage; KieranTimberlake; Cesar Pelli; Stanley Tigerman - Yale Daily News

Influential Tampa architect's drawings now at Tampa Bay History Center: ...could take years and still needs funding, but a partnership [with] USF School of Architecture and Community Design could eventually have the drawings available for researchers, architects, history buffs... -- M. Leo Elliott; Carastro & Associates - St. Petersburg Times (Florida)

Philip Johnson's Glass House Compound Needs Millions In Repair: ...National Trust for Historic Preservation hopes to raise \$1 million for repairs of the Brick House and the Farnsworth House. - Bloomberg News

London Design Festival: Has British design lost its way? China got a stunning new stadium – but we're heading to the Olympics in a double-decker. Neville Brody and Ben Evans tell Andrew Dickson why British design must forget the past...Evans's eighth LDF, which this year harbours something surprising: an evil twin, the first so-called Anti Design festival, curated by Brody. [links]- Guardian (UK)

Architect's penthouse design rejected: ...has been told another one of his ideas is too radical for the Exchange District..."This was probably the wrong time. We might wait hundreds of years until we no longer think of the Exchange District as a museum." -- Sasa Radulovic/5468796 Architecture [image]- Winnipeg Free Press (Canada)

Forty 1° North: hip, cool and green in Newport: Newport, Rhode Island is a pretty classy place and should have, by all rights, first-rate hotels, and it does. One of them...also happens to be green. Perfect. -- DAS Architects [images, links]- Interior Design magazine

Sukkah vs. Sukkah: 12 architects compete to redesign the ritual holiday hut: A village of high-concept lean-tos is about to sprout in Union Square...September 19 and 20...the winner [will] be on view until October 2. By Justin Davidson -- Henry Grosman/Babak Bryan; Matthias Karch; Rael San Fratello; SO-IL; tinder, tinker; THEVERYMANY; Dale Suttle/So Sugita/Ginna Nguyen; Volkan Alkanoglu; Matter Practice; Abrahams-May Architects; Peter Sagar; Bittertang [images, links]- New York Magazine

Pugh + Scarpa Split Not A "Nasty Divorce": ...founding partners of...studio that won the 2010 AIA Architecture Firm Award...have parted ways...emphasizes that their split has been cordial. -- Gwynne Pugh Urban Studio; Brooks+Scarpa - Architectural Record

France's Venice Architecture Biennale Envoy Dominique Perrault Is on a

[Winning Streak: ...continues to win major competitions the world over, last year scoring seven major commission... - Palestine Telegraph](#)

[Czech architect awarded for spacecraft design for NASA: Tomas Rousek won the best innovation award...at the NASA-organised Explore Now conference... - A-ETC s.r.o. - Prague Daily Monitor](#)

[Tribute: Elaine Kollins Sewell Jones, 1917-2010...loss of another great supporter of Southern California architecture...the widow of architect A. Quincy Jones...Kenneth Caldwell, a close friend, writes a stirring tribute... - The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[Christo vs. Colorado: The artist famous for draping monuments in cloth is fighting for what may be his last major project "Over The River" — suspending fabric over 42 miles of the Arkansas River. The catch: convincing the locals. \[slide show\] - Wall Street Journal](#)

[Architects to Talk Strategy at National Affordable Housing Summit: ...architects and developers will do more than present their successful designs: They will tell how they got the designs built. Chicago, Sept. 22-24 -- David Baker + Partners; Bryan Bell/Design Corps; Maurice Cox/National Endowment for the Arts \(NEA\); Teddy Cruz/Estudio Cruz; Sergio Palleroni; Michael Pyatok/Pyatok Architects; etc. - Newswise](#)

[Q&A: Dale Dougherty on DIY: On September 24-25, an expected crowd of 45,000 will descend upon the World Maker Faire @ New York Hall of Science...showcasing a cultural reemergence of the Do It Yourself Community, embracing fearlessness towards ingenuity and curiosity...creating and reusing materials and technologies. By Ann Hudner - Metropolis Magazine](#)

[2010 Annual Conference: Modifying Wright's Buildings and Their Sites: Additions, Subtractions, Adjacencies, September 22-26 in Cincinnati, Ohio - Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy](#)

[Call for entries: Advertisements for Architecture 2010: Where we would be without architecture? Generate creative and innovative ways of communicating the strengths of the profession to a wider audience \(international\); deadline: September 20 - OpenHAUS / DARCH \(Australia\)](#)



[Richard Meier & Partners: Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills, California](#)

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