

Today's News - Tuesday, July 9, 2013

- A mid-summer meander through some Mid-century Modernism: Adams Strong spends some quality time in Saarinen's TWA Terminal, a "swooping, multi-level building with sunken lounges and shallow steps that invite gliding rather than climbing" (and that tile work - with great pix to prove it!).
- Goldberger ponders the fate of Pan Am's 1960 Worldport terminal at JFK, "a U.F.O.-like monument to America's Jet Age innocence" with "a name that itself conjures up a certain innocent gusto."
- Rosenbaum reports on the continuing commotion in Goshen: the vote to renovate rather than demolish Rudolph's Orange County Government Center may not be a done deal after all.
- Minneapolis's Mississippi River front will be shaped by SCAPE, Rogers Marvel and team, winners of the city's Water Works competition.
- Architecture and politics - never a dull moment: historic preservation is a campaign issue in Moscow's mayoral race.
- Hatherley bemoans local council policies that "make producing decent architecture difficult": where is Stansfield Smith when you need him - Glasgow's solution to the George Square competition "is staggering in its miserliness and lack of either skill or imagination."
- London's deputy mayor "blames 'expensive architects' for stalled housing" - and architects take issue: "There's some validity in what he says but he doesn't have to get nasty" about it.
- English Heritage chief criticizes "the lack of architects currently within EH," and "challenged the modern architect for being too obsessed with creating new 'icons'."
- Melbourne architects "bemoan 'imitation heritage,'" fearing it "will result in more prescriptive planning that will further stifle creativity and innovation and lead to more 'mundane' streetscapes."
- Eyefuls of BIG/Dialog's Telus Sky tower in downtown Calgary: move over Bow Tower - this will be very big, very green (gargoyles included).
- Eyefuls of the New Century Global Center in Chengdu: almost the size of Monaco, it could fit four Vatican Cities or 20 Sydney Opera Houses (fake sun, smog-free blue skies, and wave-filled beach included).
- Hadid wins the bid to buy the Design Museum's old home on the Thames (for a reported £10 million): Sudjic says "we got the right deal," and the starchitect gets a home for her archive.
- Heathcote waxes poetic about Rogers' Lloyd's Building: a "City masterpiece" that "appears as surprising and as seductive today as it did when it opened" (and yes, it merits its Grade I listing).
- Wainwright weighs in on Ikea's flat-pack refugee shelter, "a cross between a giant garden shed and a khaki canvas marquee" (now if they can make it affordable).
- There are just a few spots still available for the International Festival of Art & Construction/IFAC2013: "Self-sufficient Rural Future" in Covarrubias, Spain, coming up in August.
- Call for entries: 2013 ARCHITECT Annual Design Review + Dwell Vision Award for technically and artistically ground breaking work + 5th Advanced Architecture Contest: "Self-sufficient Habitat."

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Saarinen's TWA Terminal Revisited: It was great to move once again within this swooping, multi-level building with its sunken lounges, suspended bridges, and shallow steps that invite gliding rather than climbing (and that tile work!). By Janet Adams Strong [images] - ArchNewsNow

Can J.F.K.'s Pan Am Terminal, a U.F.O.-Like Monument to America's Jet Age Innocence, Be Saved from the Wrecking Ball? ...a cheerful, round structure with a gigantic overhanging concrete roof that seemed to emerge out of the naïve notion that flying could be fun: airport as midcentury modern circus...Worldport, a name that itself conjures up a certain innocent gusto. By Paul Goldberger -- Tippetts Abbott McCarthy and Stratton (1960) - Vanity Fair

Goshen Commotion (not again!): Paul Rudolph's Orange County Government Center Remains Imperiled: Even after the county legislature had voted in favor of renovating, rather than demolishing, the [OCGC] in Goshen, NY, there were those who believed that the rescue of this distinctive building was still not a done deal. They were right. By Lee Rosenbaum - ArtsJournal

SCAPE with Rogers Marvel named Water Works park designers: Team will collaborate extensively with Central Riverfront master planning team...will shape one of the most dynamic destinations on the Mississippi River...team also includes James Lima Planning + Design and SRF Consulting. - Minneapolis Parks Foundation

Architectural Preservation's Politics: The battle over the preservation of Moscow's architectural heritage has become visibly political in recent weeks...Several candidates have promised to address the issue in the run-up to this September's mayoral race. - The Moscow Times (Russia)

The architects paralysed by politics: ...many have used the occasion of Colin Stansfield Smith's passing to lament the death of local authority architecture...dedicated to the improvement of everyday life rather than standardisation and spectacle...Say what you will about [Glasgow] George Square competition, but the council's solution to the problem is staggering in its miserliness and lack of either skill or imagination. By Owen Hatherley - BD/Building Design (UK)

Deputy mayor blames 'expensive architects' for stalled housing: "Edward Lister is describing a phenomenon with which many of us are familiar, but in an extremely inflammatory way which is hardly helpful. There's some validity in what he says but he doesn't have to get nasty and it's certainly not appropriate to blame architects." -- Ben Derbyshire/HTA Design - BD/Building Design (UK)

EH chief: 'Have architects fallen out of love with history?': English Heritage's Simon Thurley has questioned whether today's architects still care about architectural history...has criticised the lack of architects currently within EH...challenged the modern architect for being too obsessed with creating new 'icons'. -- John Tehan/Smallwood Architects; Alireza Sagharchi/Traditional Architecture Group (TAG); Ian Salisbury - The Architects' Journal (UK)

Architects bemoan 'imitation heritage': The design formula for replica Federation units being built throughout Melbourne is almost guaranteed to pass neighbourhood character tests...The Australian Institute of Architects (AIA) is worried this will result in more prescriptive planning that will further stifle creativity and innovation and lead to more "mundane" streetscapes. -- Peter Brook/Peddle Thorp Architects; Save Our Suburbs [slide show] - The Age (Australia)

New Telus Sky tower in downtown Calgary will feature office, retail, residential and arts space: ...\$400-million, 58-storey tower...built to LEED Platinum standards...will incorporate gargoyles from the old Herald building. -- Bjarke Ingels Group/BIG; Dialog [slide show, video] - Calgary Sun

China opens city-sized shopping mall, with fake sun: If you don't care about authenticity, the New Century Global Center in Chengdu has everything you could want, including an artificial Mediterranean village...Almost the area of Monaco, its 420 acres of floor space could fit nearly three Pentagons, four Vatican Cities, or 20 Sydney Opera Houses. [images] - CNET

Deyan Sudjic: 'We had to make sure we got the right deal': Design Museum director said the protracted sale to

[Zaha Hadid unlocked 'maximum value' for the Thameside plot...Hadid has purchased the gallery as part of plans to consolidate her archive and create a showcase for art, design and architecture collaborations.](#) - The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Lloyd's Building: a surprising and seductive City masterpiece: ...listed at Grade I...in 2011, a mere 25 years after its completion, it became the youngest protected building in Britain...So what made the building so important and is it right to protect it and negate what was most original about it? The answer is yes to both...appears as surprising and as seductive today as it did when it opened.](#) By Edwin Heathcote -- Richard Rogers - Financial Times (UK)

[Ikea brings flatpack innovation to emergency refugee shelters: Swedish furniture giant has teamed up with the UN Refugee Agency \(UNHCR\) to develop a longer-lasting flatpack shelter...a cross between a giant garden shed and a khaki canvas marquee...](#) By Oliver Wainwright- Guardian (UK)

[International Festival of Art & Construction/IFAC2013: "Self-sufficient Rural Future": 250 participants take 20 workshops for 10 days in Covarrubias, Spain, August 5-14 -- just a few places still available!](#) - IFAC_International Festival of Art and Construction (Spain)

[Call for entries: 2013 ARCHITECT Annual Design Review: Celebrating the Best in American Architecture; projects must have been built in the United States or have been designed by a U.S. firm; deadline: September 6-](#) Architect Magazine

[Call for entries: Dwell Vision Award \(international\): submit projects completed between 2012 and today that are technically and artistically ground breaking, and that show a new method, material or concept that is pushing modern design forward; no entry fee; deadline: August 30-](#) Dwell / Big Ass Fan Company

[Call for entries: 5th Advanced Architecture Contest: "Self-sufficient Habitat" \(international\); open to professionals and students; no entry fee; cash prizes; deadline: September 30-](#) Institute for Advanced Architecture of Catalonia (IAAC)/HP

[Leon Krier Answers Norman Weinstein's Questions \(and then some!\): Dear Mr. Weinstein: Thank you for mentioning my Speer reprint. I will respond gladly to your questions if you respond to my "pointed" questions.](#) - ArchNewsNow



-- Aires Mateus e Associados: Houses for elderly people in Alcácer do Sal, Alcácer do Sal, Portugal
-- Atelier Peter Zumthor: Kolumba Museum, Cologne, Germany

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