Today's News - October 3, 2005

Today is World Architecture Day! — ArcSpace continues to explore the new and the old (well, 1995) in Alicante and Valencia, Spain. — Battle to rebuild New Orleans on many fronts. — A paper examines the economics of historic preservation. — Perhaps there are lessons there for New Orleans and Las Vegas. — At Ground Zero, it's back to the drawing board for the "Snohetta building" - it will be smaller, but it will be built (we hope!). — RFQs to master plan two New Jersey urban parks. — High hopes for high design fading as L.A.'s school district shifts gears and "views architecture from a cultural remove, if not with active suspicion." — The Philippines could have its own V&A, except for its "great difficulty in setting up a proper National Museum." — A Danish museum expansion shows off Hadid's softer side. — A new university museum is "discreetly suburban." — An architect "ingeniously makes a vivid whole out of a half-dozen disparate missions for two university arts centers. — Are McMansions going out of style? It looks that way (and one can always hope). — Topping the list of Scotland's top 100 modern buildings is one that hasn't seen a good day in 25 years. — New York gears up for Architecture Week 2005. — Ireland launches month-long festival of architecture. — Today is World Architecture Day!

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-- SANAA: NAM (Institut Valencia d'art Modern) Extension, Valencia, Spain -- Enric Miralles/EMBT: C.N.A.R. (National Gymnastics Training Building), Alicante, Spain

A battle to rebuild looms in New Orleans: Compounding the worries over racial politics and bickering is a concern that the city's architectural magnificence could fall prey to developers who see golf courses, strip malls, and cookie-cutter homes...- Boston Globe

The Economics of Historic Preservation: ...paper calls for a hybrid of the most promising analytical methods and more collaboration across research fields. By Randall Mason-Brookings Institute

In Las Vegas, It's Googie vs. Wrecking Ball- New York Times

For Ground Zero Building, It's Back to Drawing Board: ..."Snohetta building" will instead be used in conjunction with the underground memorial nearby, to tell the story of 9/11.
New York Times

RFQ: New Jersey Urban Parks Master Plan Design Competition; deadline: October 21-New Jersey Institute of Technology

Lessons unlearned: Smart design should drive this building boom, but LAUSD [Los Angeles Unified School District] isn't making the grade...the architectural promise on display...has largely faded. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Gonzalez Goodale Architects; Rios Clementi Hale Studios; Steven Ehrlich Architects; Mayne/Morphosis; Marmol Radziner + Associates; Kazumi Adachi and Associates; Coop Himmelblau; Johnson Fain [images]- Los Angeles Times

Stimulating the creative industries with great ideas: ...the Philippines has a collection of resources...But in a situation like ours, where there is a great difficulty in setting up a proper National Museum, chances for a specialized Victoria and Albert Museum are understandably slim. By Augusto Villalon- Philippine Daily Inquirer

Ahead of the curve: Straight lines are out, sloping walls are in. Jonathan Glancey on a stunning Danish museum that shows there is a gentle side to Zaha Hadid- Guardian (UK)

Nasher makes dream come true at Duke: Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University...is as discreetly suburban as the Nasher Sculpture Center in Dallas is assertively urban... By David Dillon — Rafael Viñoly; Renzo Piano- Dallas Morning News

Curtain rises on two new arts centers: Compromise. It's not a word often associated with successful architecture, but the new '62 Center for Theatre and Dance at Williams College ingeniously makes a vivid whole out of a half-dozen disparate missions. -- William Rawn-Roston Clobo

Are McMansions Going Out of Style? By Fred A. Bernstein -- Melanie Taylor; Robert A. M. Stern; George Suyama- New York Times

Revealed: top 100 modern Scots buildings: St Peter's College...topping the list...a structure that has not looked its best for more than quarter of a century. — Gillespie Kidd and Coia; RMJM; Richard Murphy; Malcolm Fraser; Page & Park; etc. – The Scotsman (UK)

Architecture Week 2005: New York's third annual, six-day festival of architecture and design at the Center for Architecture from October 6-11- Center for Architecture (NY)

First national Festival of Architecture announced: Loving Architecture, Ireland's first national Festival of Architecture, organised by the newly established Irish Architecture Foundation...through October- Archiseek (Ireland)

Today is World Architecture Day! (News from all over)-

The Rise of the Few: Key Ingredients for the World's Tallest Skyscrapers: Q&A with Ron Klemencic, Chairman, Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat [images]-ArchNewsNow

INSIGHT: Vancouverism vs. Lower Manhattanism: Shaping the High Density City. By Trevor Boddy [images]- ArchNewsNow

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