

Today's News - Wednesday, July 22, 2009

- Weinstein finds "a Texas flood of architectural ideas that unsettles pat assumptions" in "Everything Must Move: 15 Years at Rice School of Architecture 1994-2009."
- Webb on the paucity of good design incubators in Los Angeles.
- Could (long mothballed) plans for WTC Performing Arts Center get back on track (and will Gehry design it)?
- An in-depth look at life after Sambo at the Rural Studio; under Freear, it has "morphed into a hothouse of practical and pragmatic design" (great pix!).
- Good news/bad news on the climate change news front that implicates architecture, and a call for architects to "mobilize and take action."
- Kamin gives thumbs-up to Chicago's first net-zero home; it may not be a model for mass production, but it makes the right statement: "A well-designed net zero house should be about more than slapping a huge array of photovoltaic panels on a roof" (good slide show).
- An eyeful of "arbo-architecture" with a new specialty: "building botany" uses living trees as part of the structure.
- Thompson wonders what it will take to move beyond green-roof "starchitecture" to get multi-acre green roofs on whole city blocks and big-box stores.
- Green Roofs for Healthy Cities launches a professional accreditation exam: now you can add GRP (green roof professional) after your LEED AP.
- Szenasy ponders "ghost architecture" as Rudolph's high school awaits the wrecking ball.
- AIA's June Architecture Billings Index suggests "the sector's downturn has yet to hit bottom" (will it ever end?).
- A good reason to be in D.C. on Friday: a very impressive line-up for a series of free public programs celebrating Cooper-Hewitt's 2009 National Design Awards.
- Call for entries: Arch Record's 2009 Design Vanguard; and Log Postcard Competition for a cover story and image ("wit and surprise are encouraged").
- Winners all: Australian Institute of Architects Queensland Awards; U.K.'s 2009 Housing Design Awards; and WRAP/RIBA Designing out Waste competition winners.
- We couldn't resist: architects re-imagine London landmarks.

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[Book Review: "Everything Must Move: 15 Years at Rice School of Architecture 1994-2009": There's a Texas flood of architectural ideas that gives ample evidence of an architecture school that unsettles pat assumptions. Who could ask for anything more? By Norman Weinstein- ArchNewsNow](#)

[Comment: LA's Homeless Design: Michael Webb goes looking for a guardian of architecture in the City of Angels: What's needed is inspiring leadership...A+D can set a lead and play the role of catalyst. - The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[Arts center might swing over to the south side: Construction on the World Trade Center's proposed Performing Arts Center could not begin for six years at its current location, but the center may move to Tower 5, where construction could begin sooner...design is also unclear. Frank Gehry is supposed to design the building... - Downtown Express \(NYC\)](#)

[Life After Sambo: Founded by the late Samuel Mockbee, the Rural Studio has now morphed into a hothouse of practical and pragmatic design, helping students to redefine the terms of socially relevant architecture...Whereas Mockbee encouraged freewheeling discovery...Andrew Freear's a stickler for getting things right the first time. \[images\]- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[Our chance to save the world: The RIBA must seize the climate change initiative to ensure architects are heroes not villains...Architects must mobilise and take action. We must be ready with a response to the outcome of the Copenhagen conference...It will require vision, innovation and commitment of the type that Jan Kaplicky has shown us in his ideas, visions and work. By David Nixon/Future Systems - BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Going net zero -- for effect; 1st-of-its-kind home in Chicago will produce as much energy as it uses: Yannell House is a statement house, not a model for mass production, and the statement it makes...is exactly right: A well-designed net zero house should be about more than slapping a huge array of photovoltaic panels on a roof. By Blair Kamin -- Farr Associates \[images, slide show\]- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Arbo-Architecture: Three architects are developing a way of building using living trees...Oliver Storz, Ferdinand Ludwig, and Hannes Schwertfeger call their new specialty "building botany"...part of a research group at the University of Stuttgart's Institute of Basics in Modern Architectural Design. \[slide show\]- Der Spiegel \(Germany\)](#)

[In Search of a Good, Cheap Green Roof: ...green-roof "starchitecture" has its place...How can we progress beyond a few high-profile green roofs...we need whole city blocks that are green roofed corner to corner. We need lots of multiacre green roofs on big-box stores on the urban fringe. What will it take for these to happen? By J. William "Bill" Thompson, FASLA- LAND Online / American Society of Landscape Architects \(ASLA\)](#)

[Green Roof Organization Debuts New Credential: ...Green Roofs for Healthy Cities launched a green roof professional accreditation exam...The green roof professional \(GRP\) designation...should facilitate improved collaboration among the various disciplines involved in designing and installing green roofs...- Architectural Record](#)

[Ghost Architecture: A high school by Paul Rudolph now awaits the same fate as the Larkin Building: As we learn about the embodied energy of buildings and the cultural value of our modern patrimony, we must ask ourselves: How do we maintain great architecture?...How many ghost buildings are you willing to live with? By Susan S. Szenasy- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[U.S. architecture billings index down in June: AIA...suggesting the sector's downturn has yet to hit bottom...- Reuters](#)

[In honor of the 2009 National Design Awards: Cooper-Hewitt is hosting a series of free public programs celebrating design in Washington, D.C., Friday, July 24- Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum](#)

[Call for entries: 2009 Design Vanguard: ...looking for a great group of 10 emerging](#)

firms from around the world to celebrate the 10th anniversary; deadline: August 15, - Architectural Record

Call for entries: Log Postcard Competition: cover story and its image must address architecture or an architectural or urban condition. Wit and surprise are encouraged; deadline: October 1 - Anyone Corporation

Australian Institute of Architects Queensland awards: Who says Brisbane city is more sophisticated than regional Queensland? -- Brian Hooper; Donovan Hill; Push Architects; Riddel Architecture; Deicke Richards; Wilson Architects; Richard Kirk; ML Design; Conrad Gargett; Cox Rayner; Stephen de Jersey; HASSELL; Populous; AR:2Architecture; BVN; INB HUB Alliance; Mirvac Design; Fulton Trotter; etc. - Courier-Mail (Australia)

Cheap and tasty: 2009 Housing Design Awards winners: ...a tribute to affordable family homes that radiate local character...local, sustainable and affordable... -- Harrison Sutton; Pollard Thomas Edwards; Proctor and Matthews; Riches Hawley Mikhail; Allford Hall Monaghan Morris (AHMM) [images] - Building (UK)

WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) and RIBA Designing out Waste design competition results announced...sought design solutions for reducing construction waste... -- Pohkit Goh; Buro Happold; Battle McCarthy [images, link] - The Architects' Journal (UK)

Icon do that: architects redesign London landmarks...with a twist...four architects were let loose on St Paul's cathedral, Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London. - George Saumarez Smith/Robert Adam; Ken Shuttleworth/make; Feix & Merlin; Hal Currey/Marcus Lee/flacq [images] - Building (UK)



-- KK Letter: The Wanås Foundation, Knislinge, Sweden (Antony Gormley, Dan Graham, Jenny Holzer, Per Kirkeby, Maya Lin, Robert Wilson, etc.)
-- Pappersbruket: Östanå Papermill, Broby, Sweden

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