

Today's News - Thursday, July 30, 2009

EDITOR'S NOTE: Beginning tomorrow, we're taking taking Friday's off through August - we'll be back Monday, August 3.

- Pickrel on HEAT rising Down Under and Queensland's new wave of environmental architects.
- Irish deputy prime minister raises hackles claiming architects don't yet feel "the chill winds of economic reality" (talk about being clueless!) and calls for fee reductions (ditto re: being clueless).
- U.S. energy bill could have "far-reaching impacts on the built environment" - but this being the government, "it could always be a wash."
- The green building industry's "dirty little secret": "few people really kept track of how so-called 'high-performance buildings' were actually performing" - but that's changing.
- White roofs are catching on as "one of the most affordable weapons against climate change" (some impressive stats).
- ASLA's handy new sustainable transportation online resource guide: it's not just about trains, planes, and automobiles.
- Glancey takes a video tour of Robin Hood Gardens to find out why it's loved and hated by both residents and critics.
- Lamster calls the hits and fouls of the new Yankee and Mets stadiums.
- Brussat discovers a new work of classic architecture that sends his heart soaring.
- Call for entries: California Senior Housing Design Competition.
- Weekend diversions: Rawsthorn on Berlin's biggest-ever Bauhaus exhibition (great slide show, too).
- Works by UAE architecture students in Dubai offers hope for the future local talent.
- Local architects show off their artistic talents to benefit AIA New Orleans's Architect Pairing Program - and show off their new Center for Design.
- "Draw the Line: the Architecture of LAB" on view at the National Gallery of Victoria.
- Page turners: King x 2: "Wrestling With Moses" leaves him "wishing there was some way today to combine the best traits of both" Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs; and three FLW tomes explore Wright's "willfully idiosyncratic flair."
- Sorkin's "Twenty Minutes in Manhattan" is "lively and thought-provoking": "the ruminations of a self-styled New York expert" who is "obstinate, curmudgeonly, and opinionated" (as it should be).
- "10x10/3" does "justice to a new generation of architects who are not just interested in building objects."
- A new tome is "an invaluable addition to the literature on Tatlin."
- We couldn't resist (and you must see!): Isabella Rossellini's very short films about the reproductive habits of marine animals (we didn't include actual title to save today's newsletter from over-zealous spam filters).

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[HEAT Rises Down Under Despite the Economy: Queensland's New Wave of Environmental Architects.](#) By Debra Pickrel [images] - ArchNewsNow

[Fury as Irish deputy PM tells architects to reduce their fees: ...claims that they are a sector that has yet to feel 'the chill winds of economic reality', and that they should be slashing fees to make the Republic more competitive...prompted a rare public rebuke...from the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland \(RIAI\).](#) - The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Charged Up: Advocates say energy bill could transform U.S. building efficiency...important part of the American Clean Energy and Security Act is the nearly three dozen programs the bill contains with far-reaching impacts on the built environment and those who design, construct, and operate the millions of buildings across the country..."It could be stronger or about the same. Or it could always be a wash."](#) - The Architect's Newspaper

[The missing link: ...the green building industry has a dirty little secret: Until recently, few people really kept track of how so-called "high-performance buildings" were actually performing...with more design firms taking the 2030 Challenge and the Living Building Challenge...measuring building performance is becoming a more common practice. -- HOK; Zimmer Gunsul Frasca \(ZGF\); GGLO - Sustainable Industries](#)

[White Roofs Catch on as Energy Cost Cutters: ...centuries-old principle that white objects absorb less heat than dark ones..."cool roofs"...one of the most affordable weapons against climate change....From Dubai to New Delhi to Osaka, Japan, reflective roofs have been embraced by local officials seeking to rein in energy costs.](#) - New York Times

[Sustainable Transportation Online Resource Guide: lists of organizations, research, concepts and projects related to sustainable transportation, including siting, planning, and designing sustainable transportation infrastructure...contains recent reports and projects from leading U.S. and international organizations, academics, and design firms.](#) - The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

[Is London's Robin Hood Gardens an architectural masterpiece? Jonathan Glancey visits one of Britain's most controversial housing estates, the 1960s creation of architects Alison and Peter Smithson, to find out why it's loved and hated by both residents and critics.](#) [video] - Guardian (UK)

[Play Ball: New York's two teams build new stadiums. Both are designed by the same firm, which has made an industry out of translating the nostalgic impulses of baseball owners...If Yankee Stadium makes intuitive sense when you first come upon it, Citi Field feels strangely incongruous.](#) By Mark Lamster -- Populous (formerly HOK Sport) [images] - Metropolis Magazine

[Newport's deft new Touro jewel: Loeb Visitors Center...sits amid the most astonishing set of colonial buildings in America...It is obviously a classical building, yet it is unlike any other. No work of classicism could possibly depart from canon with greater dignity, hence no building could possibly fit onto a historic street with greater distinction...The brave new building seems at home in old Newport.](#) By David Brussat -- Newport Collaborative Architects [image] - Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

[Call for entries: California Senior Housing Design Competition; deadline: November 15-](#) Suburban Alternatives Land Trust (SALT) / Northbay Family Homes (NFH)

[Biggest-Ever Bauhaus Exhibition in Berlin: ...focuses on the many movements within the Bauhaus school and the intense rivalries that raged among many of its artists and architects. By Alice Rawsthorn \[slide show\] - New York Times](#)

[Experimental architecture: If there is one occupation you would expect to be popular in the UAE, it is architecture...But...architects in the true sense of the word are surprisingly rare here..."Form_De_Form_Re_Form_Trans_Form_In_Form" - work by students of the School of Architecture and Design at the American University of Sharjah 2001 - 2009...at Traffic gallery in Dubai until August 6 -- George Katodrytis - The National \(UAE\)](#)

["Art/Architecture": an exhibit of works by local architects in the new AIA New Orleans Center for Design, August 2-29; sales benefit the chapter's Architect Pairing Program - AIA New Orleans](#)

[National Gallery of Victoria Opens "Draw the Line: the Architecture of LAB"...focus on the evolution of Federation Square and subsequent projects. - ArtDaily.org](#)

[Book review: "Wrestling With Moses: How Jane Jacobs Took On New York's Master Builder and Transformed the American City" by Anthony Flint...shows how these mythic characters shaped each other's work and reputations - a volume that leaves me wishing there was some way today to combine the best traits of both. By John King - San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[Books about Frank Lloyd Wright: ...Wright's legend endures because of his willfully idiosyncratic flair. That spirit can't be defined by any one building - or by any one book. "1943-1959 The Complete Works" By Bruce Brooks Pfeiffer; "Frank Lloyd Wright and the Making of the Modern Museum"; "Frank Lloyd Wright: From Within Outward" by Richard Cleary. By John King - San Francisco Chronicle](#)

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[Book Review: "10x10/3": Since this is a selective compendium, the more meretricious examples of Markitecture have been left out, and those are the ones we ought to be worrying about...To their credit, the critics...have done justice to a new generation of architects who are not just interested in building objects. -- Teddy Cruz; International Festival; Raumlabor; Eyal Weizman; Philippe Rahm; Keller Easterling; Aranda/Lasch; Diévido Francis Kéré; etc. - Icon \(UK\)](#)

[Book review: Poetry of metal: Vladimir Tatlin's tower in St. Petersburg was never built - yet it has inspired generations of artists. Why does it still have such mystique...Norbert Lynton's "Tatlin's Tower: Monument to Revolution"...is an invaluable addition to the literature on Tatlin... - Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Isabella Rossellini is back with a new batch of very short films about the reproductive habits of marine animals. - Sundance Channel](#)



[Christian de Portzamparc: Musee Hergé, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium](#)

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