

Today's News - Thursday, August 27, 2009

EDITOR'S NOTE: We're taking Friday's off for the rest of the summer - we'll be back Monday, August 31.

- First we measure our carbon footprint, now it's time to measure our water footprint.
- Rybczynski tours a charming new urbanist community in Queens, NY - built 100 years ago.
- Appelbaum cheers a new breed of architect-developers.
- Brussat wonders if the U.S. couldn't use its own Prince Charles - or at least a public that would attend public review meetings.
- Perhaps Oahu needs a local planning czar to oversee two mega-projects.
- Q&A with "Resilient Cities" author Peter Newman: "I am a strong believer in the power of local communities to drive their own long-term future."
- Dictator chic: Do architects have moral obligations?
- NASA and McDonough break ground on "the first lunar outpost on Earth."
- Charleston lines up a dream team for new International African American Museum; now all it needs is a price tag and schedule.
- Partnership-in-Scholarship Grants for African American Historic Places application form now available from the National Trust for Historic Preservation (deadline: Sept. 30).
- Why aren't more young Pakistani architects getting into mosque design? "It isn't considered attractive work" (some great pix).
- The man with a mission to preserve Cape Cod's modern houses.
- Weekend diversions: San Francisco's month-long Architecture and the City Festival throws opening party tomorrow night.
- "The Deeper they Bury Me, The Louder My Voice Becomes" at NYC's New Museum explores the architecture of prison spaces.
- Two monographs = a "Iotta Zaha."
- On the anniversary of Corbu's death, a 1956 review of his chapel at Ronchamp by James Stirling (Pallister tells us it's "cracking stuff").
- We couldn't resist: Gehry wins in court.
- Top 10 projects that "best house our animal friends."
- When poodles turn into peacocks (we didn't know whether to laugh or wince - but we really, really couldn't resist).

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[Measuring the Damage of our 'Water Footprint': World Water Week in Sweden...participants discussed water waste, supermarkets filled with fruits and vegetables produced in some of the world's most arid regions and ways we can stop wasting our most precious resource.](#) - Der Spiegel (Germany)

[Forest Hills Gardens: A walkable, transit-oriented, architecturally rich planned community, built 100 years ago...Queens, N.Y...introduced the British Garden City movement to the United States...remains a model for how the attractions of town and suburbs can be combined.](#) By Witold Rybczynski -- Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.; Grosvenor Atterbury - Slate

[How Many Architects Does it Take to Develop a Building? The most invigorating clients for some of today's most intriguing architects are themselves...More civic-minded, energy-smart product from architect-developers could advance the vital cause of demystifying architecture...](#) By Alec Appelbaum -- Russell Katz/MOMIDC; Markus Dochantschi/StudioMDA; Della Valle Bernheimer; Adam Yarinsky/Architecture Research Office (ARO) - The Faster Times

[Light a fire under architecture: Prince Charles is the only powerful public figure out there fighting the good fight for the people against modern architecture. America has no one...In the United States, the process includes mechanisms for public input that could be more than window dressing -- if only the public would attend the meetings and voice its opinion.](#) By David Brussat -- Robert Adam; Quinlan Terry; Richard Rogers; Frank Gehry; Fred Kent - Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

[If I were the czar of Oahu: Perhaps a local czar could deal with two projects...the city's steel wheels on steel rails \(SWSR\) transit project; and D.R. Horton-Schuler's planned Ho'opili development of 11,750 homes on existing agricultural lands.](#) - Honolulu Star-Bulletin

[Interview with Professor Peter Newman, Author of "Resilient Cities: Responding to Peak Oil and Climate Change": "I am a strong believer in the power of local communities to drive their own long-term future..."](#) - The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

["Design review is very fair-minded": Before officially taking up his post in December, newly appointed CAFE chair Paul Finch answers your questions about the future of architecture, Prince Charles and the commission's policing style.](#) - The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Dictator Chic: BIG...beat out Norman Foster and Zaha Hadid in a competition to architect the National Library of Kazakhstan -- which happens to be a notoriously corrupt regime. Should we care? Do architects have moral obligations? -- Bjarke Ingels Group \[images\] - Fast Company](#)

[NASA and McDonough Break Ground on "Sustainability Base" in California: "I like to think of it as the first lunar outpost on Earth"... -- William McDonough + Partners \[links, video\] - Metropolis Magazine](#)

[Design efforts begin in earnest: International African American Museum planned for Charleston doesn't have a price tag or a timetable for construction, but it does have a site and an award-winning design team... By Robert Behre -- Moody Nolan; Antoine Predock; Ralph Appelbaum - Charleston Post and Courier \(South Carolina\)](#)

[Partnership-in-Scholarship Grants for African American Historic Places application form now available; deadline: September 30 - National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)

[Lahore's Modern Mosque Architecture: From a real estate development of](#)

construction point of view, I would think that mosques would be the first thing young architects would get themselves busy with...Yet how many architects or developers specialize in the mosque business...mosque design and construction in Pakistan appears to be outside the architect's realm...isn't considered attractive work. [images]- All Things Pakistan (ATP)

Preserving a Modernist Way of Life: Cape Cod Modern House Trust was formed to preserve significant Modernist architecture on the outer Cape, beginning with a decaying cottage built in 1970. -- Charles Zehnder (1970); Peter McMahon [images]- New York Times

6th annual Architecture and the City Festival: "Everyday, Design"; San Francisco, September 1-30- AIA San Francisco / Center for Architecture + Design

In the Jailhouse Now: "The Deeper they Bury Me, The Louder My Voice Becomes" at the New Museum until October 11th...explores the architecture of prison spaces. [images]- Metropolis Magazine

A Lotta Zaha: Two new monographs, both called "Complete Works," present 30 years of Zaha Hadid's genre-defying architecture. [images]- Metropolis Magazine

On the anniversary of his death, AR+ revisits a review of Le Corbusier's chapel at Ronchamp, from an article in the March 1956 edition by James Stirling..."Le Corbusier, proceeding from the general to the personal, has produced a masterpiece..."- The Architectural Review/AR (UK)

Judge Dismisses Lawsuit Against Frank Gehry: ...over an alleged agreement related to the proceeds from sales of jewelry designed by the famed architect..."I couldn't understand why he wanted so much money for doing nothing," Gehry said.- NBC Los Angeles

Top 10: The architecture of pets: From Lubetkin's penguin house to a dog hotel in Las Vegas...ten projects that best house our animal friends -- Consarc/London Fieldworks; Cooper Cromar; Lam Architects; Cedric Price (1964) [images, links]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

When poodles turn into peacocks: Animal photographer Ren Netherland clips and colours poodles to resemble other animals in the name of, ahem, art...Look at the evidence and weep, animal lovers ... [slide show]- Guardian (UK)



-- SANAA: Serpentine Pavilion 2009, London, UK

-- KK Letter: Architecture, Art and Design in London...Design Museum, The Tate, Trafalgar Square, Herzog & de Meuron, Jeff Koons, Richard Long, Antony Gormley, Futurism, Per Kirkeby, Jan Kaplicky, Javier Mariscal

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