

## Today's News - Thursday, July 29, 2010

EDITOR'S NOTE: Apologies for delay, but the cable guy had us off-line while upgrading our connection to the internets...

- Zandberg talks with a Palestinian architect about the "forced ecology of occupation" and his style which he calls "the cacophony of a refugee."
- Szenasy on Hosey's G-List and Vanity Fair's A-List: it's time for the two to start working together.
- An in-depth look at development opportunities in Cairo: "growth will likely occur in satellite cities - similar to suburban areas in the U.S." (oh no!).
- Viñoly tackles Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate in Boston: "a fundamental challenge: making sure the new building doesn't outshine Pei's Kennedy Library + it's "neither left-leaning nor right, it's conscientiously bipartisan, a study in symmetry" + lots of images.
- Rochon cheers a new Toronto tower that "serves as an elegant urban connector" and "combines the right ingredients to instantly put a visitor in a good mood."
- LaBarre isn't quite sure what to make of new Dali museum in Florida: it's "66,000 square feet wholly befitting his shtick" (and pix to prove it!).
- An architect on the importance of design in correctional facilities and the "unique opportunity" for architects to have "an effect on the potentially rehabilitated human mind of inmates."
- Gehry x 2: he apologizes to Core Architects for dissing their design of condo replacing his childhood home (click Yesterday's News if you missed it) + he explains from whence came his fishy inspiration: it had "nothing to do with the fish in the bathtub" (and don't call him Ephraim).
- Brussat on the secretive process going on re: Providence pedestrian bridge designs (with hopes the winner isn't the "Sopwith Camel Gas Station").
- DLR acquires KKE Architects to "enhance its capabilities in China."
- V&A pays big bucks for rare (and really big!) Philip Johnson drawing - part of privately owned (and previously unknown) archive.
- Winners all: Saskatchewan Association of Architects 2010 Prairie Design Awards; and 2010 Brick in Architecture Awards.
- Call for entries: \$100,000 Lemelson-MIT Award for Sustainability.

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The forced ecology of occupation: Palestinian architect Omar Yousef finds politics in even the most technical of matters..."It is architecture of constant opposition, and may not be beautiful by Western standards...but it manages to create a human environment. It gives me faith in our ability to survive." He calls the style he fashioned..."the cacophony of a refugee." By Esther Zandberg- Ha'aretz (Israel)

The G-List + the A-List: Why aren't America's most prominent architects creating our most sustainable buildings? ...must start working together. Everyone else is learning to collaborate, to bring their expertise, art, and willpower to serve the greater good. Why can't architects do the same? By Susan S. Szenasy -- Lance Hosey; Frank Gehry; William McDonough- Metropolis Magazine

Jewel of the Nile: Cairo offers plentiful property investment opportunities...an especially dense city...growth will likely occur in satellite cities -- similar to suburban areas in the United States...Future success of the planned satellite cities relies strongly on the development of affordable and lower middle-class housing...supply of purpose-built, international quality office buildings remains very limited...- National Real Estate Investor Magazine

Kennedy Senate institute design plans take shape: ...\$60 million institute...a simple, angular building that will sit in the shadow of its iconic neighbor and big brother, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum...Rafael Viñoly faced a fundamental challenge: making sure the new building did not outshine the library... -- I.M. Pei (1979) [image]- Boston Globe

On Columbia Point, a structure befitting younger sibling's role: There's nothing to offend in Rafael Viñoly's design for the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate...Neither left-leaning nor right, it's conscientiously bipartisan, a study in symmetry. Nor does it commit the obvious blunder of trying to compete with the adjacent John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, I.M. Pei's soaring and asymmetrical tribute to the late senator's brother. - Boston Globe

Ted Kennedy's Memorial Teaches Kids to Filibuster And Pound Gavel: ...Rafael Viñoly has been selected to design his educational institute in Boston. [images]- Fast Company

An elegant tower to anchor the railway lands: Telus House adds handsome detail without being a one-dimensional glass vessel...serves as an elegant urban connector...combines the right ingredients to instantly put a visitor in a good mood. By Lisa Rochon -- Adamson Associates Architects; Sweeny Sterling Finlayson & Co; The MBTW Group- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Salvador Dalí Museum Drips With Whimsy (No Clocks Yet): ...getting his own building, in St. Petersburg, Florida, of all places...is 66,000 square feet wholly befitting his shtick. Outside, you've got a concrete box sprouting what looks like a glass tumor, and inside, a stairwell spirals up into the ether...the art likely plays second fiddle to the spectacle... By Suzanne LaBarre -- Yann Weymouth/HOK; The Beck Group [images]- Fast Company

Influence Through Design: ...the architectural community should also feel responsible for positively influencing the direction of the corrections built environment. It's not only good for business but...provides a unique opportunity to influence how architecture can make an effect on the potentially rehabilitated human mind of inmates, and the conditions in which staff much constantly operate. By Ron Budzinski/PSA-Dewberry -- AIA Academy of Architecture for Justice; American Correctional Association Facility Design Committee- Correctional News

Gehry apologized for condo slight, developer says: Tyler Hershberg, a principal at BS&R, talks about the condo project replacing the Gehry homestead..."[he] sent an unsolicited letter today to Core Architects apologizing for what he said and explaining that he hadn't seen the building, just an early artist concept." [image]- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Frank Gehry clears the air on fishy inspiration: [His] ichthyological designs not based on early years in Toronto, contradicting the city's heritage reports...his famed designs had "nothing to do with that house, nothing to do with the fish in the bathtub." - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Secret design for a Providence pedestrian bridge: ...it seems that traditional options are gradually being eliminated by the committee before the public is invited to join in the process...Choosing a modernist footbridge risks undermining the Providence "brand," which has been under assault for a decade. By David Brussat -- Studio Providence; 3six0/Chris Bardt/Friedrich St. Florian/Kyna Leski; William D. Warner Architects; Maguire Group; Jay Litman/Michael van Hamel [images]- Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

DLR Group Acquires KKE Architects: ...in an effort to grow its U.S. business and to enhance its capabilities in China...deal follows DLR's February takeover of WWCOT...that offered the prize of an established office in Shanghai. - Architect Magazine

Victoria and Albert Museum in London Acquires Rare Philip Johnson Drawing: Out of the depths of a privately owned and previously unknown archive of drawings...7½-foot-tall, hand-drawn drawing of "the building with the Chippendale top"...for \$70,000...The owner's preference is for the entire archive to be transferred but kept together. - ArtDaily.org

Winners of the Saskatchewan Association of Architects 2010 Prairie Design Awards announced -- Teeple Architects; Kasian Architecture; Cibinel Architects; Cohos Evamy Integratedesign; LM Architectural Group; Cohlmeier Architecture; 5468796 Architecture; Dub Architects; Bernard Flaman; spmb\_projects; David Penner Architect - Canadian Architect

Brick Industry Association Announces Winners of the 2010 Brick in Architecture Awards Competition: Best In Class -- QPK Design; Good Fulton & Farrell; Rogers Marvel Architects; obs landscape architects; Bowie Gridley Architects; Sorg Architects; HOK; Muse Architects [link to images] - BusinessWire

Call for entries: \$100,000 Lemelson-MIT Award for Sustainability honors inventors whose products or processes impact issues of global relevance; open to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or foreign nationals currently working legally in the U.S.; deadline: October 5 - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)



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