

Today's News - Monday, October 29, 2012

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have lots of catching up to do, but we also have a few more hatches to batten down, so we will be brief. Hopefully, we'll remain up and running, but should ANN not arrive in your inbox tomorrow, it means scary Sandy did not leave us unscathed. We wish everyone in its path a safe journey...

- We are so saddened by the news that we've lost Johansen: Bernstein pens a tribute to the Modernist whose architecture conveyed "the optimism of the time."
- Iovine tours Kahn's FDR memorial and finds much to like, though "how New Yorkers will now engage with this extraordinary public landscape poses some challenges" (with nary a restroom or trash can in sight).
- Saffron cheers another Onion Flats project that is "superior to anything Philadelphia has done in half a century" for low-income residents.
- Wainwright tours a new London school and finds "innovative touches but a lack of humanity...everything is drenched in a clinical whiteness, giving it more the feeling of a corporate headquarters. But that is the point."
- Bozиковic makes two points re: Foster's Oxford Place plans: first, "if anybody should build truly super-tall skyscrapers in Toronto, Foster + Partners is a good choice. And two, it's not going to happen."
- With the economy slowing down luxury building in Manhattan, Meier and Stern take their talents on the road - overseas.
- Safdie goes Down Under with new project for Monash University + Q&A with the master re: some of his other his seminal projects.
- Eggener offers an eloquent elegy to the saga of Baltimore's Memorial Stadium, and its afterlife in the years since its demolition (a great read).
- Murphy/Jahn morphs with new name and shared design leadership.
- A rundown re: what's up with RMJM (the saga continues...).
- A great report on what "may be the world's thinnest home" in Warsaw: it's too small to be a legal residence, so it's been "classified as an art installation."
- Litt lights up at some of the winning visions for the lower level of the Detroit-Superior Bridge in the Cleveland Design Competition.
- AIA San Francisco announces winners (from around the world) of the Architecture at Zero competition.
- Call for entries: Participate in a Northwestern University study that explores the linkage between music experiences and creativity in architecture and industrial design.

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[Obituary: John Johansen, 96, Last of 'Harvard Five' Architects: ...a celebrated Modernist architect and the last surviving member of the Harvard Five...In the postwar years \[he\] and...Philip Johnson, Marcel Breuer, Landis Gores and Eliot Noyes...dotted southwestern Connecticut with houses conveying the optimism of the time. Hugely influential in the field... By Fred A. Bernstein \[images\]- New York Times](#)

[Louis Kahn's Four Decades to Freedom: The design...took nearly 40 years to realize, and so in a sense it has already withstood the test of time...All the tricks of ancient processional are brought into play...How New Yorkers will now engage with this extraordinary public landscape poses some challenges. By Julie V. Iovine- Wall Street Journal](#)

[High-quality homes for low-income Philadelphians: A trio of new rowhouses in Logan - yes, that land of sinking homes...superior to anything Philadelphia has done in half a century...first in Pennsylvania to be certified by the demanding International Passive House Institute... By Inga Saffron -- Onion Flats \[images\]- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[Holland Park school opts for corporate vision with £80m building: ...innovative touches but a lack of humanity...Creative anarchy has been replaced by discipline and uniforms. And now \[it\] has the building to match its dreams...everything is drenched in a clinical whiteness, giving it more the feeling of a corporate headquarters. But that is the point. By Oliver Wainwright -- Aedas- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Norman Foster, skyscrapers and imaginary parks: the Metro Toronto Convention Centre proposal: I have two points on this. One, if anybody should build truly super-tall skyscrapers in Toronto, Foster + Partners are a good choice. And two, it's not going to happen. By Alex Bozиковic -- Adamson Associates \[images\]- No Mean City \(Toronto\)](#)

[When It Works in New York, Architects Take It on the Road: The recession may have slowed the development of luxury towers in Manhattan, but it didn't stop some brand-name architects from signing up overseas clients. -- Richard Meier; Robert A. M. Stern \[images\]- New York Times](#)

[Moshe Safdie unveils new Monash University Design for the Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music: ...his first building in the southern hemisphere...will collaborate with Melbourne-based Fender Katsalidis \[image\]- Australian Design Review](#)

[Moshe Safdie's Melbourne interview: ...was in Melbourne in October 2012 to unveil the design of Monash University's new school of music: "a building that's about campus meets community"...Michael Roper spoke with Safdie about his seminal projects. - ArchitectureAU \(Australia\)](#)

[The Demolition and Afterlife of Baltimore Memorial Stadium: When Architecture Stops: Keith Eggener recounts the saga of Baltimore Memorial Stadium, describing its powerful presence in the city during the decades when it was home to the Orioles — and its afterlife in the years since its demolition. - Hall, Border, and Donaldson \(1954\) \[images\]- Places Journal](#)

[Filling a Void in Warsaw: At just four feet across at its widest, and a mere 28 inches at its narrowest point, the Keret House in Poland may be the world's thinnest home...too small to be a residence. It has been classified as an art installation, to be owned and administered by the Foundation of Polish Art...plan to select artists for residencies... -- Jakub Szczesny/Centrala \[slide show\]- New York Times](#)

[Name change, new design leadership at Murphy/Jahn: Helmut Jahn...will](#)

[share design leadership at the firm with architect Francisco Gonzalez-Pulido a partner and president...The firm will also change its name to JAHN...](#) - Chicago Tribune

[RMJM puts UK firms in receivership as part of 'restructuring': ...in a bid to avoid or delay paying millions it owes to creditors...has "sold" the assets to a new firm, and says that the move has saved 120 jobs. The new company, RMJM Architecture, is majority-owned by Sir Fraser Morrison and his family.](#) - The Scotsman (UK)

[Winners of Cleveland Design Competition advocate big changes for lower level of the Detroit-Superior Bridge: Emerging architects and designers from around the world see big possibilities for civic renewal... By Steven Litt -- Archilier Architecture; Ashley Craig/Edna Ledesma/Jessica Zarowitz; Moxon Architects \[images, links\]](#) - Cleveland Plain Dealer

[Winners of the second annual Architecture at Zero competition for zero net energy \(ZNE\) building designs. -- Loisos & Ubbelohde Associates; Ren Ito Arq.; Archassist; Wei Yan/Edward Clark \[images\]](#) - AIA San Francisco / PG&E / UC Merced

[Call for entries: Participate in a study that explores the linkage between music experiences and creativity in architecture and industrial design; deadline: November 10](#) - Peter R. Webster, Northwestern University

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