

Today's News - Tuesday, June 25, 2013

- A review (by yours truly) of Oren Safdie's "False Solution" at La MaMa in Manhattan (only a few days left to see it!).
- The Eisenhower Memorial Commission approves Gehry's design: "The Eisenhower family 'deserves to be heard, but does not deserve to be obeyed.'" (not all are pleased) + Gehry's letter to the commission.
- Architects lambast the "virtual secrecy" surrounding the decision process that "will determine up to \$2?billion of casino-led development on some of Sydney's most lucrative waterfront" (proposals are "more suited to Macau" and "vulgar Americanism").
- Brussat blasts Brown/RISD student-designed master plans for Providence's Route 195 land: it "says far less about the 17 students' impressive talent than about the less-than-impressive state of architectural and design education in America today."
- Bwalya takes on the need for Zambians to adjust to urban environments that require understanding "gadgets that are used to, say control pedestrian and vehicular movements, including traffic lights and traffic signs" (and trash cans).
- Scotland launches a national architecture policy "stressing the importance of enriching people's lives through quality buildings and places" along with an A+DS annual review of emerging Scottish design practices.
- Rinaldi cheers that "business is back for architecture, but the recession changed the game": firms have "learned to operate in ways that are faster, humbler and leaner...making buildings that are smaller, smarter and greener."
- Hosey explains how "more women in architecture could mean more environmental progress."
- Dunlap reports on another (rather stunning) JFK terminal faces the wrecking ball, this time it's Pan Am's "flying saucer": "'endangered' may be an understatement. 'Doomed' is more like it." + It's among NTHP's 2013 List of America's Most Endangered Historic Places.
- Siza and Souto de Moura design a Serpentine-like (i.e. temporary) pavilion for São Paolo's most important green space "to generate a dialogue between the Brazilian and Portuguese architecture communities."
- Six on the shortlist for developments in Sydney's CBD: "More developers may be realizing the advantages of the competition process."
- AIA changes criteria for Gold Medal Award: Venturi and Scott Brown "have applied for the Gold Medal in the past but were never eligible as a duo - until now" (attention Pritzker people!).
- One we couldn't resist: Google doodle celebrates Gaudí's 161st birthday today.
- Goodyear has high hopes that HUD's "unusually ambitious" Rebuild by Design competition will be more than typical "beauty contests" and "exercises in vanity."
- Call for entries: HUD RFQ for Rebuilding by Design Post-Sandy + 2014 AIA Honor Awards + Urban Intervention Award Berlin 2013 and Urban Living Award 2013 + The Great Indoors Award 2013: "The Nature of Things."

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[Review: "False Solution" by Oren Safdie: The third in Safdie's series of plays about architects and architecture makes its world premiere at La MaMa in Manhattan \(only a few days left to see it!\). By Kristen Richards - ArchNewsNow.com](#)

[Updated Frank Gehry design for Eisenhower memorial approved by commission: The Eisenhower family "deserves to be heard, but does not deserve to be obeyed." + Letter from Frank Gehry to the Eisenhower Memorial Commission - Washington Post](#)

[Cox & co denounce Echo, Packer casino 'secrecy': Now an ex-banker will determine up to \\$2 billion of casino-led development on some of Sydney's most lucrative waterfront...Along with the "virtual secrecy" of the process, he was scathing of...plan to build a bridge between Pyrmont and Barangaroo. -- Philip Cox/Cox Architecture; Ed Lippmann/Lippmann Partnership; James Fitzpatrick/Fitzpatrick + Partners - Australian Financial Review](#)

[Masterplanning the Route 195 land: That none of the Brown/RISD master plans built Providence's historic character into their visions for the new district says far less about the 17 students' impressive talent than about the less-than-impressive state of architectural and design education in America today. By David Brussat \[images\] - Providence Journal \(Rhode Island\)](#)

[Need to Adjust to Urban Environment: Zambian towns and cities were primarily planned for the permanent occupation of the whites...the blacks were expected to go back to their villages to continue with their village life of littering or whatever went with it...When people come to live in urban areas they face various challenges which they may not have experienced before...may include coping with technology. By Dixon Bwalya - Times of Zambia](#)

[Scotland launches architecture policy with vow to support profession: Creating Places...stressing the importance of enriching people's lives through quality buildings and places...a commitment to work with Architecture & Design Scotland \(A+DS\) to publish an annual review of emerging Scottish design practices. - BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Business is back for architecture, but the recession changed the game: Looking around Denver these days, it's easy to see how the Great Recession changed the building environment...Instead of new skyscrapers, older structures are coming back to life...\[firms have\] learned to operate in ways that are faster, humbler and leaner...making buildings that are smaller, smarter and greener. By Ray Mark Rinaldi -- Burkett Design; Humphries Poli Architects; klipp/gkkworks; Slaterpaull Architects; Anderson Hallas Architects; Studio H:T; Sexton Lawton; Tres Birds - Denver Post](#)

[Women in \(Green\) Architecture Now: By virtually every measure, women are smarter about and better for the environment. How does this affect architecture? ...more women in architecture could mean more environmental progress. By Lance Hosey/RTKL - Huffington Post](#)

[More Than Just 'Endangered,' a J.F.K. Terminal Is to Be Demolished: Pan Am called \[Terminal 3\] the Worldport. Almost everyone else thought of it as a flying saucer...."endangered" may be an understatement. "Doomed" is more like it. By David W. Dunlap -- Emanuel N. Turano/Ives, Turano & Gardner; Walther Prokosch/Tippett-Abbott-McCarthy-Stratton \(1960\) \[images\] - New York Times](#)

[2013 List of America's Most Endangered Historic Places - National Trust for Historic Preservation/NTHP](#)

[Alvaro Siza and Eduardo Souto de Moura To Create Temporary Pavilion in Sao Paolo: ...in the city's most important green space: Ibirapuera Park...to generate a dialogue between the Brazilian and Portuguese architecture communities. -- Nuno Sampaio/Urban Strategy \[images\] - ArchDaily](#)

[Central Park design competition: Two winning design submissions are expected to be announced next week for the residential and commercial development Central Park in Sydney's CBD...More developers may be realizing the advantages of the competition process... -- PTW Architects; Smart Design Studios; Nettleontribe; Bates Smart; Tony Caro Architecture; Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp/FJMT - Property Observer \(Australia\)](#)

[AIA Changes Criteria for Gold Medal Award: Starting in 2014, the AIA will consider joint collaborators as eligible: ...decision follows a recent controversy regarding the Pritzker Architecture Prize...Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown have applied for the Gold Medal in the past but were never eligible as a duo—until now.](#) - Architect Magazine

[Google doodle celebrates Antoni Gaudí's birthday: Today's Google doodle honours the work of Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí, who would have been 161-years-old today.](#) [images]- Dezeen

[Beyond Pretty Pictures: An Unusually Ambitious Design Competition for Sandy Recovery: It's easy to hate on design competitions. They're beauty contests...Exercises in vanity. Divorced from the reality of the streets...The Rebuild by Design competition,...is aimed at helping communities affected by Sandy to come up with innovative solutions to the problems they face.](#) By Sarah Goodyear -- HUD; Rockefeller Foundation,- The Atlantic Cities

[Call for entries: Request for Qualifications and and Concepts/RFQ: Rebuilding by Design: Promoting Resilience Post-Sandy Through Innovative Planning and Design; deadline: July 19-](#) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

[Call for entries: 2014 AIA Honor Awards; deadline: August 23-](#) American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[Call for entries: Urban Intervention Award Berlin 2013 and Urban Living Award 2013 \(Europe-wide\); cash prizes; deadline: August 24-](#) Berlin Senate Department of Urban Development and the Environment

[Call for entries: The Great Indoors Award 2013: "The Nature of Things": biennial international award for interior design in the commercial and/or public domain; cash prizes; deadline: September 8-](#) Frame Publishers / Bureau Europa / Marres, Centre for Contemporary Culture

[Some Pointed Architectural Queries for Three Connoisseurs of Albert Speer's Monumental Classicism on the Occasion of the Re-publication of "Albert Speer: Architecture 1932-1942" by Leon Krier.](#) By Norman Weinstein -- Robert A.M. Stern; Witold Rybczynski- ArchNewsNow

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