

Today's News - Tuesday, March 15, 2011

- NYC's 10-year plan to transform waterfront hopes "to rival the likes of Seattle and San Francisco" and includes "130 projects, no big ideas" (and that's not a bad thing).
- Bey cheers a master plan for Chicago's North Side that could be a model for other neighborhoods.
- U.K. government hopes to "make room for the small fry" (a.k.a. small- and medium-sized firms) in public sector projects.
- Zeiger x 2: Part 2 of her series The Interventionist's Toolkit: "guerilla and DIY urbanist tactics that make ingenious use of print media."
- Her take on Gehry's New World Symphony: "Once inside, he gets a chance for playful geometries reminiscent of his beachier days."
- Oslo scraps Munch Museum plans (or has it?).
- LaBarre lights up over the W Hotel façade in London's Leicester Square "that translates data from the environment into a dynamic light show."
- Lubell bemoans Beverly Hills' lack of historic protections in the wake of completed and planned demolitions of its mid-century Modern treasures.
- Poletti cheers the renewal of San Francisco's historic Women's Athletic Club: "architects were able to balance safety and beauty."
- P+W's Bosch explains what Starbucks can teach architects about redesigning college campuses "to adapt to the ever-changing technology and educational models that constantly evolve."
- King queries San Francisco architects to come up with "a list of 10 guilty pleasures of the architectural kind... some obvious and some not."
- Tischler on IDEO's new non-profit "to handle its social innovation practice."
- American Architectural Foundation taps Lauer as new Vice President for Programs.
- Winners all: ICA&CA 2011 Arthur Ross Awards for Excellence in the Classical Tradition + IIDA 38th Annual Interior Design and 19th Annual Will Ching Design Awards.

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Tapping into NYC's most liquid assets: City unveils 10-year plan to transform waterfront: 130 projects, no big ideas...Vision 2020 envisions New York as a waterfront city to rival the likes of Seattle and San Francisco...no longer a push for massive residential development. An approach that balances job creation, recreation and environmental protection has followed. "The gold rush to the water has abated and that is a good thing." - Crain's New York

Master plan for Lake View could be model for other neighborhoods: ...will make the North Side area more walkable, greener and livable...relatively small-scale fixes that planners hope will add up to creating a more attractive neighborhood. By Lee Bey -- Place Consulting; Moss Design [images]- WBEZ Chicago Public Radio

Frameworks: Make room for the small fry: The government wants to make frameworks more open to small and medium-sized firms while at the same time making big savings in public sector procurement...it seems unlikely...that huge changes are around the corner. But there will be changes. And if this debate has taught us anything, it's that even small fry can have a fair old impact. - Building (UK)

The Interventionist's Toolkit [Part2]: Posters, Pamphlets and Guides: ...guerilla and DIY urbanist tactics that make ingenious use of print media...Even in the digital era, print remains a powerful, sometimes irreplaceable tool. By Mimi Zeiger -- Candy Chang; The Hypothetical Development Organization (H.D.O.); Studio-X; Center For Urban Pedagogy (CUP); Center for Tactical Magic; Open Source Ecology [images, links]- Places Journal

Crit> New World Symphony by Frank Gehry: Miami Beach's climate forces Gehry's bold gestures inside at new concert hall...Once inside, he gets a chance for playful geometries reminiscent of his beachier days. By Mimi Zeiger -- West 8 [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

Angst Over New Location for Munch Museum Makes Norwegians Want to Scream: A design was selected in 2009 for...new home on the Oslo waterfront, but, after ongoing concerns about its size and scale, local politicians have now scrapped the project...alternative options are being advocated, but it's still unclear what shape or location a new museum will finally have. -- Herreros Arquitectos [image]- Artinfo

A Building Facade Uses Lights to Paint Central London: Jason Bruges Studio designed a skin for the W Hotel in Leicester Square that translates data from the environment into a dynamic light show...like a perpetual diary of the area...No two days are precisely the same. By Suzanne LaBarre [images]- Fast Company

Golden Triangle Has An Aging Problem: After notable demolitions, preservationists tire of Beverly Hills' lack of historic protections...over 50 cities in Los Angeles County lack historic preservation ordinances..."History didn't stop in 1945...It's not about freezing a community in time. It's about basic planning so you don't wipe away the history and character of your community." By Sam Lubell -- John Lautner (1950); Sidney Eisenshtat (1961); Robert Derrah (1935); LA Conservancy [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

Renaissance Women: Inside the Retrofit of San Francisco's Historic Women's Athletic Club: ...architects were able to balance safety and beauty. By Therese Poletti -- Bliss & Faville (1917); Amy McNamara; FME Architecture + Design [slide show]- Preservation Magazine/National Trust for Historic Preservation

What Starbucks Taught Us About Redesigning College Campuses: Just as your barista at Starbucks customizes your drink to your taste, prototyping learning environments is essentially creating a kit of parts that allows for institutions to adapt to the ever-changing technology and educational models that constantly evolve. By Pat Bosch/Perkins+Will [images]- Fast Company

Architectural guilty pleasures: Eyesore or icon? ...an informal survey of local architects and people who keep an eye on the field... By John King [slide show]- San Francisco Chronicle

Looking to Do More Social Good, IDEO Launches a Non-Profit Arm: You're in tall cotton when business is so good you need to launch a non-profit to keep up with it...spin off a genuine 501c3 corporation to handle its social innovation practice. By Linda Tischler- Fast Company

American Architectural Foundation Announces Scott Lauer as New Vice President for Programs: ...former director of the Robin Hood Foundation Library Building Initiative [and] founder of...Open House New York (OHNY).- American Architectural Foundation (AAF)

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[Winners of International Interior Design Association \(IIDA\) 38th Annual Interior Design Competition and 19th Annual Will Ching Design Competition -- Clive Wilkinson Architects; Aidlin Darling Design; Gabellini Sheppard Associates; Gensler; ZGF Architects; TonyChi and Associates; Sand Studios \[images\]- Designer](#)



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