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- McGuigan ponders whether the soaring costs of the 2012 Olympics will be justified: "Tune in a decade from now to see how that brand of city making has begun to take hold."

- Lubell bemoans LA County's transit agency bureaucracy that may seem to be in favor of "vision plans," but "is organized to promote engineering and the bottom line over design at every turn" (consider plans to demolish the A+D Museum for a transit station "that could easily go elsewhere," but the Peterson Automotive Museum will stay: "Need I say more?").

- Meanwhile, his sources say Grimshaw and Gruen have won the commission to master plan the L.A. Union Station commission "(our leak is unconfirmed)."

- Sokol reports on NTHP's list of America's 11 Most Endangered Sites: "The diverse list reflects the many kinds of threats that preservationists face" (there are some hopeful - and happy - endings).

- The 2012 MASterworks Winners are led by New York by Gehry.

- Elated: A public interest design director for the University of Minnesota College of Design.

- Wanted: A public interest design director for the University of Minnesota College of Design.

- Call for entries: Bloomberg Philanthropies launches the "Mayors Challenge" for "breakthrough solutions" to urban problems + Spark:Concept Awards 2012 (student and professional) + AIA/Kaewner Student Design Competition: Enlightening Libraries.

- EDITOR'S NOTE: our heartfelt thanks to AIANY for bestowing a Special Citation on ArchiNewsNow at the Chapter's 145th Annual Meeting last night - we are truly honored to be among such amazing company!
Call for entries: Enlightening Libraries: Student Design Competition: rework a dated public library so it is an effectively urbanized, collaborative community space appealing to all generations and integrating the most recent technologies; cash prizes; registration deadline: October 14 - American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) / Kawneer

AIA New York Chapter 145th Annual Meeting honors those who contribute to the built environment of New York. - AIA New York

-- Herzog & de Meuron: Museum der Kulturen, Basel, Switzerland
-- Snøhetta: Wolfe Center for the Arts, Bowling Green, Ohio

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