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- Giving Israel-Palestine The Infographic Treatment (Carefully, And By The Numbers). The designers and architects behind the Visualizing Palestine project hope to inspire dialogue based on facts, not emotions...It's undoubtedly rough ground to tread--you'd be hard pressed to find a topic that inspires more emotion. But Ramzi Jabar...hopes their transparency and fact-driven work will appeal to those on both sides of the conflict. [Images] - Fast Company

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- Hurricane Sandy's Havoc on New York City Architecture: Projects by Frank Gehry and Jean Nouvel, as well as ongoing work at the World Trade Center site, were inundated...a slide show of the storm's waters engulfing the city's architecture. - Architectural Record

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- In New York, Drying Out: So, all that speculation around the "Rising Currents" show at the Museum of Modern Art about the inundation of New York—not so speculative, right?...All of these waterfront spaces have had a good amount of surge resistance baked into them. By Brad McKee -- Catherine Seavitt; Guy Nordenson; Adam Yarinsky; Susannah Drake/Sliders/Studio; Stephen Cassell, Architecture Research Office (ARO); Signe Nielsen/Matthews Nielsen; Michael Van Valkenburgh; West 8; Ken Smith; SHoP Architects; Thomas Balsley [images, links] - Landscape Architecture Magazine

- After hailstorm of complaints, board approves Clemson design: Thoroughly modern architecture center draws flak from traditional-minded folks will be sharpening their knives in hopes of cutting this design's life short. - Model D (Detroit)

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After a hailstorm of complaints, the board approved the Clemson Architecture Center: a thoroughly modern design. The center is expected to be a focal point of the city, but some traditionalists are concerned that it might intimidate people into designing only things that imitate the past, rather than being bold and stepping forward with something that should be a move into the future.

Praising the proposed Clemson Architecture Center: Tradition Versus the Future: ...it will sit confidently and rather elegantly in the city like an exotic, interesting guest...the more traditional-minded folks will be sharpening their knives in hopes of cutting this design's life short...Whether Cloepfil's final design will rise to the occasion remains to be seen. I believe the final design, inspired by the city's rich history, will meet expectations. By Whitney Powers/Studio A -- Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture; e.e. fava architects; David Adjaye -- Charleston City Paper (South Carolina)

Gang's Solar Carve Tower Will Keep High Line in the Spotlight: ...promises to be one of the most talked-about buildings in New York, if all goes according to plan...the sliced tower would allow 200 more hours of sunlight per year to fall on the High Line. By Lee Bey -- Jeanne Gang/Studio Gang [slide show] - Architectural Record

Adjaye's Washington, D.C. Libraries: Two new libraries by David Adjaye push accessibility, transparency, and sense of ownership to the forefront...subversion of context and play on the suburban site that he deftly taps into...reclaim the role of the once-vital community center...[they] are as much about the places they occupy as the function they serve. By Gwen Webber -- Wiencek + Associates Architects [images] - The Architect's Newspaper

New Retail Center Being Built in Former San Diego Police Headquarters Building: Terramar Retail Centers...is spending $40 million to configure the space into a shopping mecca near the waterfront. The historic [1939] Spanish Revival complex...will be called The Headquarters...will include an open-air plaza, wide walkways and fire pits to lounge around. -- Heritage Architecture & Planning [image] - California Apparel News

ASLA Launches New Online Animation: "Designing Neighborhoods for People and Wildlife": shows how native plants and designed structures provide what nature needs...includes ten animations that show sustainable landscape design in action. - American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

-- Farshid Moussavi Architecture: MOCA Cleveland [Museum of Contemporary Art], Cleveland, Ohio
-- Guilhem Eustache: Fobe House, Marrakech, Morocco
-- BIG/Bjarke Ingels Group: Kimball Art Center, Park City, Utah

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