

Today's News - Tuesday, November 20, 2012

- ENR offers extensive news, analysis, and resources re: Hurricane Sandy recovery: it has "changed the nature of the debate over infrastructure and how to protect lives and property."
- Bernstein on Sandy's impact: street-front locations may no longer be prize real estate (and Governors Island's Leslie Koch is glad she hired a Dutchman).
- The superstorm puts in jeopardy the "biggest lakefront redevelopment project between Chicago and Milwaukee."
- A fascinating look (great slide show) of storm surge barriers around the world that actually work.
- Climate strategist Cohen comes up with a Top 10 list of the smartest European cities "working the hardest to be the most advanced urban landscape."
- Bergen finds a "city of architects" in India: "Young architects passing through Auroville are taking the lessons of sustainability and innovation back to urban centers."
- Lackmeyer doesn't mind that Oklahoma City's "first truly mixed-use urban neighborhood" is "partially based on a memory that isn't completely real."
- Q&A with Speck re: walkable cities: "doctors, economists, scientists have begun to realize that [walkable] neighborhoods are much more sustainable environmentally, much more successful economically, and much, much better for us in terms of our health."
- Hume fumes over Toronto's decision to remove bike lanes: "it's self-destructive. It empowers drivers as it disenfranchises cyclists and pedestrians. How stupid is that?" (that's one of his more calm sentiments).
- A good reason to head to Kansas City early December: City Age: The Summit on the New American City conference.
- Davidson finds "an unexpected monument" in H&deM's Parrish Art Museum with its "subtlety and sophistication smuggled into the plain shed," and proves that sometimes "imagination costs less and is worth more than sumptuous materials and showy design."
- Eisenhower Memorial approval delayed (again) as the general's family continues to say the design is "too extravagant"; the commission "made serious attempts" to address their concerns: "We have not received a single substantive comment from the family. They have expressed only opposition."
- In Illinois, not all are pleased that plans for an arts center have been "wiped off Rock Valley College's drawing board": "Jeanne Gang is going to be the Frank Lloyd Wright of our generation. I'd just hate to lose this opportunity and look back in 20 years and say oh, we let that one get away."
- Meanwhile, in Ohio, Kent State University picks a fine list of finalists in competition to design its new College of Architecture and Design.
- The Chicago Architectural Club announces the winners of the "2012 Chicago Prize Competition: Future Prentice."
- The U.K.'s ARB to set new rules "to prevent repeat of Piano/Libeskind gaffe" (a.k.a. "fiasco") when it asked BD to stop calling them architects.
- Kieran Long named senior curator of architecture, design and digital at V&A: he wants to use the position to "wage war on parochialism" in design (our heartiest congrats!).
- After 25 years, Adele Chatfield-Taylor will be stepping down as president of the American Academy in Rome next year; a search committee will begin "a wide and comprehensive search" for her successor in January.
- One we couldn't resist: Kapoor gathers fellow artists to take part in Gangnam Style video parody to show solidarity with Ai Weiwei (link to Ai Weiwei's own Gangnam video - a hoot!).

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[Sandy Recovery: News, Analysis and Resources: When Hurricane Sandy made landfall in New Jersey and ravaged much of the U.S. East Coast, it changed the nature of the debate over infrastructure and how to protect lives and property.](#) - Engineering News-Record (ENR)

[It Happened Here: Hurricane Sandy's Impact: When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005, New Yorkers watched in horror...\[they\] believed that "it could never happen here"..."I'm glad I hired a Dutchman"...The whole point of "Rising Currents" was "to shift the emphasis. If we accept that water is going to come, how do we manage it?"](#) By Fred A. Bernstein -- Alex Gorlin; Adriaan Geuze/West 8; Guy Nordenson; Pei Cobb Freed- Architectural Record

[Waukegan Harbor another victim of Superstorm Sandy: ...on the verge of a permanent shutdown, threatening what's left of its once-mighty industrial base as well as its potential as the biggest lakefront redevelopment project between Chicago and Milwaukee.](#) - Crain's Chicago Business

[Storm Surge Barriers Work: Exposed towns, cities and even nations, such as The Netherlands, have slowly and quietly been building up storm surge defenses to protect themselves for decades, averting millions of dollars in damages as a result...the will to build storm surge defenses arose from the mud, death, and heartbreak of disasters...](#) [slide show]- Architectural Record

[The Top 10 Smartest European Cities: Which city in Europe is working the hardest to be the most advanced urban landscape? Cities need not all adopt similar strategies to achieve desired outcomes, but all cities should strive to have smarter economies, smarter environmental practices, and smarter mobility.](#) By Boyd Cohen [links]- Fast Company

[Can India's 'City of Architects' Green the Building Industry? ...national construction is on pace to heighten emissions by nearly 400% in less than 40 years. But these designers are trying to change that...Young architects passing through Auroville are taking the lessons of sustainability and innovation back to urban centers. It is...a gradual, uphill process.](#) By Mark Bergen -- Buildaur; INTACH [images]- The Atlantic Cities

[Revisionist history is part of the mix in visioning Oklahoma City's Deep Deuce: The rise of Deep Deuce as the first truly mixed-use urban neighborhood in OKC and how its success is partially based on a memory that isn't completely real...quickly becoming the downtown neighborhood people dreamed about, inspired by memories and visions...they thought was once real, and could be real again.](#) By Steve Lackmeyer- The Oklahoman

[Q&A: What Makes A City 'Walkable' And Why It Matters: Jeff Speck has delved into the concept of what makes a city pedestrian-friendly in "Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time"..."doctors, economists, scientists — have begun to realize that...particularly urban neighborhoods are much more sustainable environmentally, much more successful economically, and much, much better for us in terms of our health."](#) - National Public Radio (NPR)

[Toronto diminishes its future by killing Jarvis bike lanes: The decision...is wrong in principle, devastating in perception...in the eyes of the world, it's one more sign of a nation in decline, terrified of change...it's self-destructive...It empowers drivers as it disenfranchises cyclists — and, we might add, pedestrians. How stupid is that?](#) By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

[City Age: The Summit on the New American City: ...will gather decision makers with leaders in business, experts in urban development and urban visionaries from here and abroad; December 3-4, 2012, Kansas City, MO-](#) CityAge

[Hamptons Chalet: The East End's new Parrish Art Museum is an unexpected monument: At first glance, it could be an industrial chicken coop...Yet this is no ordinary bit of banality...subtlety and sophistication...smuggled into the plain shed...imagination costs less and is worth more than sumptuous materials and showy design...cultivates memory, linking the vanishing terrain outside with the painted land within.](#) By Justin Davidson -- Herzog & de Meuron; Arup; Reed Hilderbrand- New York Magazine

[Approval for Eisenhower Memorial planned for Washington likely delayed into 2013 amid dispute: ...World War II general's family continues to say the design is "too extravagant" and "attempts to do too much"...the commission had made serious attempts to address the family's concerns..."We have not received a single substantive comment from the family. They have](#)

expressed only opposition." -- Frank Gehry- Washington Post

Rock Valley College might abandon star architect's arts center designs: ...has been wiped off RVC's drawing board...could play a role in whatever RVC does to recast its rehearsal and performance space..."Jeanne Gang is going to be the Frank Lloyd Wright of our generation. I'd just hate to lose this opportunity and look back in 20 years and say oh, we let that one get away." -- Booth Hansen; Studio Gang Architects - Rockford Register Star (Illinois)

Kent State Names Finalists in College of Architecture and Design Competition: ...the building will serve as a physical and metaphorical link between the university and city. -- Bialosky + Partners Architects/Architecture Research Office (ARO); Richard L. Bowen + Associates/Weiss/Manfredi; The Collaborative Inc./Miller Hull Partnership; Westlake Reed Leskosky-Kent Patch (Ohio)

Chicago Architectural Club announces the winners of the "2012 Chicago Prize Competition: Future Prentice": 81 new visionary proposals for Bertrand Goldberg's Prentice Women's Hospital were collected...on display in "Reconsidering an Icon" at the Chicago Architecture Foundation until February 8, 2013. -- Cyril Marsollier/Wallo Villacorta; Noel Turgeon/Natalya Egon; James Wild/Lauren Haras/Katherine Lee/Andres Lemus/Tom Marquardt/Pedro Melis/Saman Moayer/Kerry Rutz/Katelyn Smith/Ashley Wendela; Anja Buttolo/Tilmann Lohse/Priska Lohse/Michael Pancost [images]- Chicago Architectural Club

New rules at ARB to prevent repeat of Piano gaffe: Architects Registration Board admits email risked "reputational damage"...has been forced to tighten up its procedures in the wake of the Renzo Piano fiasco when it asked BD to stop calling the Italian designer of the Shard an architect.- BD/Building Design (UK)

Kieran Long appointed senior curator of architecture, design and digital at V&A: ...one four new positions...created as part of a move to bring together the fields of architecture, design and digital within the existing department of furniture, fashion and textiles, currently led by Christopher Wilk...he wants to use the position to "wage war on parochialism" in design.- Dezeen

Adele Chatfield-Taylor Stepping Down From American Academy in Rome Presidency at End of 2013: ...a search committee will begin in January a wide and comprehensive search for Adele's successor...- American Academy in Rome

Art world goes Gangnam Style mad in solidarity with Ai Weiwei: Anish Kapoor gathers fellow artists to take part in parody video at his south London studio [links to videos]- Guardian (UK)

Book Review: The Pesky Persistence of Psychological Encounters with Home Design: Edwin Heathcote elegantly meditates on the symbols and myths infusing domestic design in "The Meaning of Home." By Norman Weinstein- ArchNewsNow



-- Under construction: Casanova + Hernandez architects: Ceramic Museum and Mosaic Garden, Jinzhou, China
-- Michael Maltzan Architecture: Playa Vista Park, Playa Vista, California

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