Today's News - Thursday, January 17, 2013

- We lose Balthazar Korab, a master of the lens: "Despite what appears to be an attention-grabbing style, he kept a low profile compared with Shulman and Stoller."
- Becker minces no words re: possibility of Jahn's (not-loved-by-all) Thompson Center in Chicago becoming a casino: "You may think me a schlub, but I still think the idea of a civic heart of the city is something worth fighting for" (our must-read of the day).
- With the onslaught of climate change and numerous natural disasters, biomimicry could be the future of architecture, "making our constructed world more likely to survive."
- A great report on the recent British Council for Offices conference re: the office of future (editable edifices included): "The elephant in the room remains the question of whether we will still be heading into the office at all in the future."
- An unusual alliance in the Philippines is paying off: a pilot project by Interface and the Zoological Society of London creates a community-based supply chain for discarded nets that benefits local fishers (and fish), and becomes an innovative source of recycled materials for carpet tiles.
- A fascinating then-and-now look at the Architectural League’s 1987 Vacant Lots study: "what was proposed, and what was built instead" (definitely worth spending time with).
- Will Holf's Sliced Porosity Block supercomplex be successful? Only time will tell.
- Some Institute of Architects of Brazil members don Niemeyer and Costa masks to protest Brasilia handing over master plan contract to a Singapore firm.
- Q&A with Ma Yansong re: culture, design, and architecture: "The architectural design industry in China is seeking to affirm its identity."
- Campbell and Crosbie offer their tributes to Ada Louise: "She was the first to point out to me that the term 'authentic reproduction' is an absurd oxymoron" + She "made her readers want better architecture, even if they often didn't get it."
- Brussat hands out his "roses and raspberries" for 2012 - and already sees potential roses for 2013.
- One we couldn't resist: the "happiest (and saddest) countries in the world" (the U.S. "is a nation in decline" - perhaps it's time to consider Norway).
- Call for entries: 2013 Ceramics of Italy Tile Competition (deadline looms!) + 8th International Outdoor Furniture Design Contest for students and young professionals.
Call for entries: 8th International Outdoor Furniture Design Contest; open to design students or young professionals, aged between 18 and 35 years; cash prizes; deadline: June 28 - Gandia Blasco

-- OMA: CCTV Headquarters, Beijing, China
-- “Torre David: Informal Vertical Communities” by Alfredo Brillembourg & Hubert Klumpner
-- “Invisible Cities” at MASS MoCA, North Adams, Massachusetts - ArcSpace

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