• Hockenberry waxes eloquently (as always) about indigenous architecture and its “important lessons in building with nature rather than against it. Resilience is everywhere. Do we see it?”
• “For safer, prettier cities pick a woman to build them” (“prettier”???)! This headline wins our groaner-of-the-year award.
• Perhaps a social housing project in Perth (sort of) proves the point; designed by the winner of Australia’s National Emerging Architect Prize, she focused on “identity, authenticity, and atmosphere.”
• The Detroit Future City plan takes a softer, gentler approach to urban renewal, avoiding any mention of “eminent domain,” but some planning experts wonder whether it can succeed “without harder-edged tools.”
• Schwarzer traces the historic roots of container architecture, from Corbu and the Metabolists to Envelope A+D and LOT-EK (fascinating read!).
• Life in the age of instant architecture: “would you sleep soundly in a cut ‘n’ shut skyscraper?”
• Betsyk parses the winners of the Cincinnati Live/Make Competition that hearken back to the Arts & Crafts days — “it is a romantic notion.”
• King cheers the news that work has (finally) started on DS+REHDD’s Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive.
• An architectural historian recalls John Andrews, “a hero of Australian architecture,” and makes a plea to save one of his important remaining public buildings, the Sydney Convention Centre (great pix).
• Meier beats Foster and Zaha for plum job in Hamburg’s HafenCity.
• Lamb Hart’s A New Humanism: Part 9 is all about creating a sense of place: “Experiencing a sense of community is one of the great pleasures of the places we build.”
• The World’s Top 10 Most Innovative Companies in Architecture (and they’re not all starchitects; some interesting comments).
• World’s Top 10 Happiest Cities (great infographic, too).
• One we couldn’t resist: the Community Cat Café project at Florida Southern College to provide Frank Lloyd Wright-styled dorms for stray cats (purr-purr).

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Florida Southern College’s Stray Cats Getting Own Frank Lloyd Wright Styled Dorms: Treasured for its storied collection of Wright buildings...college is making room for six more structures inspired by the famed architect...the Community Cat Café project in concert with the SPCA. -- Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects [image] - The Ledger (Florida)

Call for entries: Call for projects: “FitNation” exhibition on active design in the U.S.; looking for the best examples of completed projects that demonstrate active design; deadline: February 22 - Center for Architecture / AIANY (NYC)

Call for entries: Detroit Revitalization Fellows Program is looking for a few more good men and women to help advance the renewal of Detroit; application deadline: March 6 - Model D (Detroit)

One-on-One: Revolution in Architecture: Interview with Gregg Pasquarelli, SHoP Architects: “We never limit ourselves to simply designing an image. Part of our initial concept is always about knowing how something is going to be built.” - By Vladimir Belogolovsky [images] - ArchNewsNow

-- "Le Corbusier Redrawn - The Houses" by Steven Park: the only collection of consistently rendered original drawings of all 26 residential works
-- Fran Silvestre Arquitectos: House on the Cliff, Calpe, Alicante, Spain
-- Berger + Parkkinen: Ice Sports Center, Vienna, Austria

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