Today's News - Tuesday, March 26, 2013

- Pedersen takes down The New Republic's take-down of Make It Right (yay we say...).
- Hawthorne doesn't just rain on Mayne - he dumps a verbal typhoon on his Perot Museum in Dallas: it "belongs to a preening old breed"; "a thoroughly cynical piece of work"; "a kind of bullhorn urbanism" (and that's the good news).
- On a more positive note, SANAA's González talks about how architects have become "the voice of the people" in post-earthquake/tsunami Japan.
- MacGillis ponders the urbanization of Beltway sprawl: can municipalities "redeem the planning and development sins of the second half of the 20th century" ("nothing says bright lights, big city like Potemkin retail in shipping containers designed by a handful of 20-year-olds!").
- Glaeser offers "five somewhat contradictory lessons from Detroit's sad history that relate to the larger national debate" (beware of big-project binges).
- Wainwright is a bit wary of (and hopeful about) Farrell's independent review into the U.K.'s architecture policy: it's "something of a surprise, given that we don't have an architecture policy."
- Betsky is more than bothered that an upcoming NYT sustainability conference includes no architects: "Is that because architects have created too many bad buildings and planners too many dysfunctional city plans?"
- Davidson plays mayor in SimCity: "The game is a totalitarian dream...a candy-colored illustration of city planning at its most brutally amoral" (a hoot of a read!).
- Indianapolis transforms its old 1931 art deco ballpark into loft apartments - a home run for all.
- Goodyear reports on a new initiative that "gives domestic violence agencies resources and models for fundamentally changing the way shelters are structured" ("It does something wonderful to see all this beautifulness," says one resident).
- Darley calls for less concrete and more jungle for kids: "Schools need to equip children with the landscapes that can charge their imagination."
- If you'll take Oklahoma City's 1958 gold geodesic dome off the developer's hands, he'll give you a hundred grand.
- Forget archiving your life on FB - McDonough will be the first living archive at Stanford University.
- One we couldn't resist: Hill brings us eyefuls of uncommissioned work by 10 architectural photographers.
now wants to get rid of a unique geodesic dome built in 1958... By Bill Menking -- Bailey, Bozalis, Dickinson, and Roloff [images] - The Architect's Newspaper

The Era of Deep Archiving Begins: Soon everyone may be digitally archiving their lives. The architect William McDonough offers a glimpse of where we’re going...will be the first living archive at Stanford University. - New York Times

Viewpoints: Uncommissioned work by architectural photographers: 10 photographers from around the world...three photos and three questions and answers... By John Hill -- hepler, brunier; Philipp Schaerer; Peter Aaron; Brigida González; Hugo Moura; Frederik Vercruysse; Anja Schlamann; Albert Vecerka; Upasana Jain; Aaron Dougherty - World-Architects.com

Preservation Alert: P.S. 199, by Edward Durell Stone (1963): The public school on Manhattan's Upper West Side could be facing demolition if a developer takes up New York City's offer to sell the site. By Fred A. Bernstein - ArchNewsNow.com