

Today's News - Wednesday, May 15, 2013

- In our fourth Nuts + Bolts, Whitehorn puts a focus on internal organization and clearly defined workflows that will put you on the right track to long-term growth.
- Russell ruminates on NYC's "grimy Madison Square Garden," the 50 years of hope "that one day the wrecking ball will swing," and MAS "turning up the heat."
- Cala calculates the trials and tribulations that have befallen some of Calatrava's "flowing, modernist projects."
- Woodman parses a debate between classicists and modernists: are the architectural style wars over? ("we shouldn't fool ourselves - it's still us and them")
- Willis and Banner debate: "When should spouses or partners be retroactively considered in the presentation of an award, honor or place in history?" (could they possibly be referring to the Pritzker Prize?!?)
- Wainwright wanders the Correa exhibition at the RIBA with the architect to find out why, after "a monotonous diet of Mies van der Rohe, he glimpsed the future and decided it wasn't for him" (then there's Mumbai's skyline of "idiot buildings").
- What the first female president of the Federation of Caribbean Association of Architects has on her agenda: "she hopes to raise the standards of architecture in the Caribbean."
- Gensler's I.D.E.A. District in San Diego is "aimed at businesses in innovation, design, education and the arts" (with housing included).
- Sunset Magazine sets its sights on Seabrook, not far from Seattle, to develop the Sunset Idea Town to showcase the principles of a New Urbanist Town.
- An eye-ful of DawnTown's 2013 Landmark Miami Competition winners (wow!).
- Toronto's Green Line Ideas Competition winners offer some pretty cool visions to transform a piece of infrastructure into exemplary public space.
- An impressive shortlist of creative directors (teams, actually) for Australia's entry in the 2014 Venice Architecture Biennale.
- Two we couldn't resist: the "10 Most Inspirational TED Talks for Architects" that "might enlighten, educate or even enrage you." + TJ Plunkitt predicts L.A.'s next mayor from "the modest food stand on the depressingly drab second floor of City Hall."
- Call for entries: Metropolis/Staples Workplace of the Future Design Competition + Registration deadline reminder: FAR ROC [For a Resilient Rockaway].

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Nuts + Bolts #4: Spring into Growth Mode: Organize Your Process to Maximize Your Potential: Internal organization, clearly defined workflows, and a focused approach to the things you do best will put you on the right track to long-term growth. By Steve Whitehorn- ArchNewsNow

Fix Penn Station Now; Raze \$1 Billion Knicks Garden Later: New York's grimy Madison Square Garden has been an eyesore for all of its 50 years and hope has never died that one day the wrecking ball will swing...Now the Municipal Arts Society is turning up the heat...essential improvements are also architectural opportunities. By James S. Russell -- Diller Scofidio + Renfro; H3 Hardy Collaboration Architecture; SHoP Architects; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM)- Bloomberg News

Star Spanish architect's work draws praise - and costly repairs: Santiago Calatrava's flowing, modernist projects are tourist attractions all over the world. But several have also been subjects of legal dispute over their need for repairs. By Andrés Cala- Christian Science Monitor

Is this the end of the architectural style wars? The Future of Classicism debate saw a tentative rapprochement between classical and modern..."A lot of us started in the 1970s...The fact that the polarisation is now less extreme is quite something but we shouldn't fool ourselves — it's still us and them." By Ellis Woodman -- George Saumarez Smith/Adam Architects; Demetri Porphyrios; Craig Hamilton; Peter St John/Caruso St John; Stephen Taylor- BD/Building Design (UK)

And the Award Goes to...: When should spouses or partners be retroactively considered in the presentation of an award, honor or place in history? "Honor the Individual, Not the Partner" says Lois Banner, professor of history and gender studies, USC; "The lone heroic architect is passé," says Beverly Willis Beverly Willis, Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation -- Robert Venturi; Denise Scott Brown- New York Times

'Architecture has become too mundane' says Charles Correa: 'India's greatest living architect' on environmental design, cosmic principles and why architecture is not like music: Trained in the US...on a monotonous diet of Mies van der Rohe, he glimpsed the future and decided it wasn't for him. By Oliver Wainwright [images]- Guardian (UK)

Building on a grand design: Sue Courtenay made history when she was elected the first female president of the Federation of Caribbean Association of Architects (FCAA), in September 2012...she hopes to raise the standards of architecture in the Caribbean...- Trinidad Guardian

Offices, housing planned for East Village: First I.D.E.A. District project proposed for college district surplus site...aimed at businesses in innovation, design, education and the arts, hence the initials. By Roger Showley -- Gensler [images]- San Diego Union-Tribune

Sunset Magazine to Develop First-Ever Sustainable Idea Town in Seabrook, Washington: 2013 Sunset Idea Town...is working with community architects and designers to build a number of houses to showcase the principles of the New Urbanist Town... By Bridgette Meinhold -- Brian Paquette/BP Interiors/ Peter Brachvogel/BC&J Architects; Stephen Poulakos [images]- Inhabitat

2013 Landmark Miami Competition Announces Winning Entries: In DawnTown's sixth international ideas competition they challenged designers to explore the iconography of cities by creating a new landmark for the future of Miami that could be placed in Bayfront Park. -- Studio Dror; REMED; Mauricio Gonzalez/Alfredo Anida; Vojtech Kolár + VIZarch.cz [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

Green Line Ideas Competition winners announced: ...an overall vision for the public use of a 5-kilometre-long hydro corridor...how a piece of infrastructure could be transformed into exemplary public space... -- Brown + Storey Architects; Gabriel Wulf; Windmill Developments/Susan Spiegel Architect; Antti Auvinen [link to images, info]- Canadian Architect

Australian creative directors shortlist announced for the 2014 Venice Architecture Biennale: Seven teams have progressed from a record number of submissions to stage two...selected by the Australian Institute of Architects' Venice Biennale Committee...- ArchitectureAU (Australia)

The 10 Most Inspirational TED Talks for Architects (in no particular order): Some might enlighten, educate or even enrage you... -- Thomas Heatherwick; Bjarke Ingels/BIG; Joshua Prince-Ramus/REX; Cameron Sinclair/Architecture for Humanity; Magnus Larsson; Liz Diller/Diller Scofidio + Renfro; Frank Gehry; Daniel Libeskind; David Byrne- ArchDaily

LA Roast - Thomas Jefferson (TJ) Plunkitt explains it all... and Predicts LA's Next Mayor: TJ was encountered at the modest food stand on the depressingly drab second floor of City Hall. - The Planning Report

Call for entries: Workplace of the Future Design Competition: How will we work in 2020? cash prizes; no entry fee; deadline: July 31 - Metropolis Magazine / Business Interiors by Staples

Call for entries registration reminder: FAR ROC [For a Resilient Rockaway]: seeking best practices for sustainable developments in waterfront areas; cash prizes; Phase I registration deadline: May 31 (submission deadline: June 14) - NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development / L+M Development Partners / AIANY/ etc.



- Foster + Partners: Musée de Préhistoire des Gorges du Verdon, Quinson, France
- Hotels: Tree Hotel, Harads, Sweden
- Richard Meier & Partners: Museum of Contemporary Art, Barcelona, Spain

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