

Today's News - Tuesday, October 1, 2013

- South Auckland, "often seen as the city's badlands," is "reinventing itself" and showing some "cheering signs that times are changing."
- Hawthorne is a bit heartened that the ongoing "turmoil" swirling around grand Grand Avenue plans could "help the design" and perhaps bring Gehry back to a lead role.
- Pearman accesses the Serpentine Sackler: the extension "is visually problematic externally: clumsy, uneasy, a troubling clash of materials and textures. Inside, it's another story" (and Zaha, "once an outsider here, is now officially part of the establishment").
- Gallagher cheers the construction start of Link Detroit - 10 miles of greenways on the city's east side that will "create more opportunities for bicycle commuting" (and strollers and joggers and...).
- The University of Essex puts the kibosh on Libeskind's Institute for Democracy and Conflict Resolution; meanwhile, he still insists "his controversial Peace Building and Conflict Resolution Centre on the site of the former Maze prison in Belfast will still be built."
- The design team behind the Crystal Cathedral's revamp is "eager to begin."
- Wainwright queries some of the "living listed" architects behind some of the buildings highlighted in "Brutal and Beautiful" re: whether they feel vindicated.
- Finalists for 2013 FT/Citi Ingenuity Awards: Urban Ideas in Action program offer "groundbreaking solutions to urban challenges that benefit cities, citizens, and urban communities."
- ASLA announces lots of winners of the 2013 Professional Awards and Student Awards (great presentation).
- The Belarusian Union of Architects names the country's best architect.
- A good reason to be in Vancouver later this week: the inaugural Lighting Architecture Movement Project.
- Call for entries (and lots of 'em!): Int'l. Architectural Concept Competition for Parramatta Square Precinct development in Sydney + NEA Our Town Grants to support creative placemaking projects + 6th Int'l. Archizinc Trophy Contest + International VELUX Award 2014 for Students of Architecture: "Light of Tomorrow" + "Fairy Tales": The World's First Architecture Storytelling Competition.
- EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks to a few spoiled brats in Congress, Yosemite National Park celebrates its 123rd birthday today - alone. And friends visiting NYC will not get to visit the Statue of Liberty. But all is not lost - Archtober launches today!

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[Reinventing South Auckland: Long seen as poor and crime-ridden...reinventing itself as a vibrant business centre: ...often seen as the city's badlands...an unenviable reputation for poverty and deprivation. But there are cheering signs that times are changing...Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa would establish its northern outpost...as part of the Hayman Park development, which is being touted as a key site in the rejuvenation of Manukau.](#) - New Zealand Herald

[In the end, turmoil over Grand Avenue plan could help the design: ...will present an opportunity for the design to be significantly reassessed — and an opportunity perhaps for Frank Gehry...to return to a lead role...will make an uninspired proposal less likely to win approval...And it will clarify the fact that the proposal rejected last week was not meant as a complete design but a master plan.](#) By Christopher Hawthorne -- Gensler; Robert A.M. Stern Architects - Los Angeles Times

[Commentary: Zaha Hadid's Serpentine Sackler Gallery Opens in London: This extension is visually problematic externally: clumsy, uneasy, a troubling clash of materials and textures, the soft and the hard. Inside, it's another story...an airy, almost ethereal space...a highly significant cultural event for the British capital. It means that Zaha, once an outsider here, is now officially part of the establishment.](#) By Hugh Pearman -- Liam O'Connor; Julian Harrap [slide show] - Architectural Record

[New greenways to link RiverWalk to Eastern Market, Midtown, Hamtramck: Construction is under way on more than 10 miles of greenways...part of Link Detroit, a \\$25-million project to create or expand the network of trails and linear parks on Detroit's east side...One goal...is to create more opportunities for bicycle commuting.](#) By John Gallagher - Detroit Free Press

[Daniel Libeskind's Essex University project ditched: The University of Essex has shelved plans by starchitect to design a new Institute for Democracy and Conflict Resolution \(IDCR\): Meanwhile Libeskind has insisted his controversial Peace Building and Conflict Resolution Centre on the site of the former Maze prison in Belfast will still be built.](#) - The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Architects eager to begin Crystal Cathedral's renovation: re-vamping the interior of the cathedral to make it suitable for Catholic worship...the integration of the rest of the campus, including its six other buildings, into a unified whole.](#) -- Philip Johnson (1980); Johnson Fain; Rios Clementi Hale Studios - Catholic News Agency (CNA)

[Learning to love concrete: meet the 'living listed' buildings and architects: As some of Britain's most divisive buildings earn listed status years after they were built, do their designers feel vindicated? "Brutal and Beautiful: Saving the Twentieth Century" is full of familiar brutalist monoliths that have courted love and hate in equal measure...](#) By Oliver Wainwright -- Michael Manser; Peter Aldington; Christopher Woodward - Guardian (UK)

[Financial Times and Citi Name Finalists for 2013 FT/Citi Ingenuity Awards: Urban Ideas in Action program: ...recognise individuals, teams, organisations and community groups that have developed groundbreaking solutions to urban challenges that benefit cities, citizens and urban communities.](#) - Wall Street Journal

[ASLA Announces Winners of the 2013 Professional Awards and Student Awards; Award of Excellence to: Halvorson Design Partnership; LaGuardia Design Landscape Architects; Design Workshop; Reed Hilderbrand \[images\]](#) - American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

[National Library originator named Belarus' Best Architect by the Belarusian Union of Architects.](#) -- Viktor Kramarenko - BelTA / Belarusian Telegraph Agency

[Lighting Architecture Movement Project in Vancouver: Four Vancouver architectural designers have been chosen to participate in the first annual LAMP event, a live design installation exhibition and creative challenge...October 3 - 5.](#) -- Bryn Davidson/Lanefab Design/Build; Oliver Neumann; Simon Montgomery/Evoke International Design; Jorge Siemsen Architecture & Design - Canadian Architect

[Call for entries: International Architectural Concept Competition for Stages 5 and 6 of the Parramatta Square Precinct development, Sydney; deadline: October 25- Parramatta City Council \(Australia\)](#)

[Call for entries: National Endowment for the Arts Releases Funding Guidelines for Our Town: Grants ranging from \\$25,000 to \\$200,000 available to support creative placemaking projects; application deadline is January 13, 2014- National Endowment for the Arts \(NEA\)](#)

Call for entries: 6th International Archizinc Trophy Contest: Individual Housing, Collective Housing, Public Buildings and Commercial Buildings for the quality of their architecture, integration into the environment, and that highlight zinc through appropriate new applications; deadline: December 31- VMZINC

Call for entries: International VELUX Award 2014 for Students of Architecture: "Light of Tomorrow"; cash prizes; registration deadline: March 3, 2014 (submission deadline: May 2, 2014)- VELUX

Call for entries: "Fairy Tales": The World's First Architecture Storytelling Competition (international); cash prizes; early registration (save money!): December 6 (submission deadline: January 17, 2014)- Blank Space



-- Kengo Kuma & Associates: ...works with elements of Japanese tradition to create human friendly architecture for the 21st century.

-- Zaha Hadid Architects: Serpentine Sackler Gallery

-- Snøhetta/craig Dykers/Kjetil Trædal Thorsen: ...has become one of the most discussed and sought-after practices today, due to their radical rethinking of the relationship between building and landscape

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