

Today's News - Wednesday, October 9, 2013

- Hume pays tribute to Ventin, who "helped Ontarians value their past" - and only recently received Ontario's 2013 Governors' Award.
- Townsend poses a scary question, "What if the smart cities of the future are chock full of bugs?" (with some scarier answers - and a real bug!).
- Bernstein reports on Arch Record's Innovation Conference 2013, where a who's-who in architecture explored how to find "simplicity in high-tech" (not quite so scary).
- A look at Copenhagen's "visionary steps to ensure its resilience" that is proving "doing the right thing for the environment brings jobs - and higher living standards."
- Goodyear delves into how Carlsbad, CA, set a goal to be a livable community with a growth management plan starting back in the 1980s.
- Metcalfe marvels at Hadid's new "looming deathship" of a library in Vienna; "it would fit right in with a fleet of Star Destroyers blasting some unfortunate rebel ship with turbolasers" (with pix to prove it!).
- Schumacher reports that Beloit College has tapped Studio Gang to transform a former power plant "into a recreation center that will showcase sustainable design and revitalize the river front" (Wisconsin's own Tate Modern on the Rock River?).
- Eyefuls of the "12 architectural heavyweights competing to design the Nobel Foundation's new home" in Stockholm.
- Big plans to transform "a former asphalt-covered dead zone" in L.A. into a walkable community.
- Bey gives us a look at the planned new \$251 million Malcolm X College and School of Health Sciences in Chicago: "Architecturally, the new complex looks like a hospital, which is fitting."
- A Finnish architect combines Scandinavian and El Paso design aesthetics for an infill housing project in the Texas town.
- Gehry "takes a look back at his life, and gives some advice to his younger self."
- The Flint Public Art Project's Flat Lot Competition winner sparks an almost contentious debate about the role of architectural photographers: do photos lie? (pix prove it depends on the weather).
- Eyefuls of the World Monuments Watch 2014 List (FLW home and St. Louis Arch included).
- Eyefuls of the 2013 World Architecture Festival winners (and lots of 'em!).
- Eyefuls of the three "Designing Recovery" winners that will aid communities affected by devastating natural disasters.
- Two we couldn't resist: eyefuls of dollhouses designed by some of the world's top architects and designers that will be auctioned off for charity + A fashion line inspired by urban planning (if only we were size 2).
- Call for entries: 51st Invitation to Exhibit & Call for Papers for the 2014 International Making Cities Livable Conference.

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Obituary: Heritage architect Carlos Ventin, 74, helped Ontarians value their past: The Argentinean-born master saved countless historic buildings across the province, bringing his enthusiasm for preservation to towns big and small. By Christopher Hume- [Toronto Star](#)

Smart Cities: What if the smart cities of the future are chock full of bugs? Cloud-computing outages could turn smart cities into zombies...Layered atop the fragile power grid, already prone to overload during crises and open to sabotage, the communications networks that patch the smart city together are as brittle an infrastructure as we've ever had. By Anthony Townsend- [Places Journal](#)

RECORD Innovation Conference 2013: Finding Simplicity in the High-Tech: Among the most provocative presenters of the day were the members of a panel on how "big data," the vast amount of information available to architects and planners, can shape the physical world. By Fred A. Bernstein- [Architectural Record](#)

Tackling climate change: Copenhagen's sustainable city design: Global warming poses a real threat to cities but planners in the Danish capital are taking visionary steps to ensure its resilience - and success - as far ahead as 2100...Copenhagengers have realised that doing the right thing for the environment brings jobs - and higher living standards - to the city. - [Guardian \(UK\)](#)

Carlsbad, California, Lays the Groundwork for a Livable Community : ...111,452 people live in the city, many in master-planned developments of recent vintage...With all that growth, how has the city maintained a pleasant, livable atmosphere? ...chose to set performance standards for developments that didn't just measure the usual amenities... By Sarah Goodyear- [Build a Better Burb](#)

Zaha Hadid's New Library in Vienna Looks Like a Looming Deathship: A Star Destroyer from George Lucas's fevered imagination, perhaps? ...Library and Learning Center squats on the campus of the Vienna University of Economics and Business...it would fit right in with a fleet of Star Destroyers blasting some unfortunate rebel ship with turbolasers. By John Metcalfe [\[images\]](#)- [The Atlantic Cities](#)

Beloit College hires Jeanne Gang for power plant conversion into a recreation center that will showcase sustainable design and revitalize the river front. By Mary Louise Schumacher -- [Studio Gang Architects \[\\[image\\]\]\(#\)](#)- [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#)

Proposals Unveiled for Nobel Prize's New Home in Stockholm: 12 architectural heavyweights competing to design the Nobel Foundation's new home... - 3XN; Bjarke Ingels Group/BIG; David Chipperfield Architects; Herzog & de Meuron; Johan Celsing Arkitektkontor; Lacaton & Vassal Architectes; Lundgaard & Tranberg Arkitekter; Marcel Møili, Markus Peter Arkitekten; OMA; SANAA; Snøhetta; Wingårdhs arkitekter [\[images\]](#)- [ArchDaily](#)

High-rise apartment enclave planned for downtown L.A.: Mack Urban hopes to transform several parcels east of Staples Center into a walkable community aimed at a wide swath of rental budgets...\$750-million residential complex...transforming a former asphalt-covered dead zone... -- AC Martin Partners - [Los Angeles Times](#)

A look at the planned new \$251 million Malcolm X College and School of Health Sciences: City college to contain a simulated hospital: Architecturally, the new complex looks like a hospital, which is fitting...main feature will be learning spaces that will look and function like hospital environs. By Lee Bey -- [Cannon Design](#); [Moody Nolan \[\\[images\\]\]\(#\)](#)- [WBEZ Chicago Public Radio](#)

Finnish architect designs condos in Sun City: Breaks ground on development with Scandinavian style...infill housing project...combine Scandinavian and El Paso design aesthetics. What he calls "Scandinavian efficiency" is one of the key elements in...Camelot West Estates... -- Niko Tiula/Tiula Architects [\[images\]](#)- [El Paso Inc. \(Texas\)](#)

Note to Self: Frank Gehry shares challenges of growing up: ...one of the world's leading architects and his unique, modern designs can be seen from Los Angeles to Spain. The 84-year-old Gehry takes a look back at his life, and gives some advice to his younger self. [\[video\]](#)- [CBS News](#)

Do Architecture Photos Lie? The photos of Mark's House, Flint, Michigan's temporary pavilion, place the role of architectural photographers in contention: ...had to use reflective Mylar for the cladding instead of the adhesive mirrored panel...At its sleekest, the cladding passes for shiny metal panels, but at its wrinkliest, it resembles aluminum foil. -- Flat Lot Competition; Two Islands; Flint Public Art Project; AIA Flint [images]- Architizer

World Monuments Watch 2014 List Released: The latest iteration of the list includes nearly 70 monument sites across the globe in need of preservation attention. [images, links]- Architect Magazine

World Architecture Festival Winners 2013: ...given to projects across 29 different categories. -- Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp/FJMT/Archimedia (World Building of the Year.); Cox Rayner Architects (Future Project of the Year; Taylor Cullity Lethlean (Landscape Project of the Year) [slide show]- Architectural Record

"Designing Recovery" Winners: Resilient, Livable Homes for Vulnerable Cities: ...a collaboration between the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Make It Right, Architecture for Humanity, the St. Bernard Project, and Dow Building Solutions...to aid communities affected by devastating natural disasters -- in this case, New York City, New Orleans, and Joplin, MO. -- sustainable.to Architecture + Building; GOATstudio; Q4 Architects [images, links]- ArchDaily

Child's play: architects make 21st-century doll's houses: From Elvis's treehouse to an inflatable jack-in-the-box, 20 of the world's top architects and designers...will be...auctioned off, with all proceeds going to the disability charity KIDS. -- Zaha Hadid Architects; Studio Egret West; SHEDKM; MAKE Architects; Glenn Howells; FAT Architecture; Duggan Morris Architects; Coffey Architects; David Adjaye and Associates/Chris Ofili; AHMM; etc. [slide show]- Guardian (UK)

A Fashion Line Inspired, Quite Literally, by Urban Planning: Cityzen by Azin collection...uses each city's design to draw attention to and pair support with hand-picked nonprofit and relief organizations. -- Azin Vally/Beam Design [images]- The Atlantic Cities

Call for entries: 51st Invitation to Exhibit & Call for Papers: "Successful Designs for Making Cities Healthy for All" at 51st International Making Cities Livable Conference, Portland, OR, June 8-12, 2014; deadlines: November 1 (papers) November 20 (exhibit)- International Making Cities Livable (IMCL)



-- OMA: Educatorium (1997), Utrecht, The Netherlands
-- Alsop Architects: founded by William Allen Alsop - also known as British architecture's enfant terrible...dedicated to modernist ideals and a high degree of user engagement.
-- Dominique Perrault: Fukoku Tower (2010), Osaka, Japan

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