

Today's News - Thursday, October 24, 2013

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our apologies for late posting...we've been without Internet for much of the morning (ahhhh technology!). And a forewarning: we'll be at AIANY's annual Heritage Ball and Party@theCenter tonight, so may be posting a bit late tomorrow (having nothing to do with technology).

- Our Nuts + Bolts #6 offers "practical steps to make time for business development when you've been avoiding it."
- We lose Lynn, "one of the defining figures of post-war British architecture."
- Hanscom talks to coastal geologist Coch (a.k.a. Dr. Doom) re: why "Sandy wasn't the Big One" and his concern that "Americans are incapable of strategic mitigation - that is, solving the problem, versus fixing it over and over again."
- Schwartz says if a superstorm hit tomorrow, we'd suffer the same, but "it's not that we haven't learned - it's that creating a culture of resilience is an extremely slow process."
- NYC's Rockaway is on its way to making itself more resilient with Stockholm-based White Arkitekter's winning design in the FAR ROC design competition.
- Menking has a few issues with Bloomberg's legacy: "neglect of official planning may explain some of the more obvious blunders" - not there wasn't any, such as the resiliency efforts and department heads who "made design an important."
- The Center for American Progress just issued a report that "highlights cities that are making strides in climate resiliency."
- MIT just issued a "groundbreaking new white paper" that "highlights the importance of people in defining place, a critical aspect that is all too often forgotten by those in architecture, planning, and other related disciplines."
- Hough takes issue with Lau who is irritating landscape architects and planners with "an unnecessary us-versus-them scenario" when it comes to designing parks and public spaces.
- Weeks reports on the 3rd annual report on the AIA 2030 Commitment initiative: it "shows improvement, but also a lot of work that still needs to be done."
- Q+A with Graham, "the city building architect," re: density and city revitalization: "there's a synergism, a symbiotic or organic relationship between the density of housing and the amenities that make living in the city a pleasure."
- Brady makes the case for China's need to move away from "undercooked master plans" resulting in "Genghis Khan meets Disney," and consider "slow design."
- After much "uproar," it looks like Japan is going to scale back Hadid's 2020 Tokyo Olympics stadium: "the design concept will be kept."
- After a few design tweaks, Seattle gives the go-ahead to Apple's "bubble building."
- Preservationists are fighting an uphill battle to save a St. Louis library they deem "an architectural marvel" from the wrecking ball.
- Landon cheers H&deM's efforts to bring new life and great sound to the Board of Officers room in NYC's "strange beast," a.k.a. the Park Avenue Armory.
- Merrick brings us eyefuls of the "sacred wow-factor" in a competition shortlist "to find the 10 best churches built in the last 60 years."
- Call for entries: 61st Annual P/A Awards deadline extended (but not by much - so hurry!).

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[Nuts + Bolts #6: Changing Habits: The Secret to Successful Time Management: Some practical steps to make time for business development when you've been avoiding it or aren't sure how to fit it into your day-to-day practice.](#) By Donna Maltzan - ArchNewsNow

[Obituary: Jack Lynn, 86: "Any fool can come up with a solution; the key is to find an elegant solution"...the professional approach of one of the defining figures of post-war British architecture...\[with\] David Whitham...jointly credited with the planning, design and vision that led...to the construction of the Park Hill Estate, which remains the largest listed structure in Europe \(it's current reinvention recently short-listed for the RIBA Stirling Prize\).](#) -- Kendrick & Lynn Associates-BD/Building Design (UK)

[NYC hurricane expert: "Sandy wasn't the Big One": Nicholas K. Coch...had been warning for almost two decades that a major hurricane could take out New York...Bloomberg's climate resiliency plan is "a good first step." Still, he doesn't have much faith that our fixes will be long-term: "Americans are incapable of strategic mitigation — that is, solving the problem, versus fixing it over and over again."](#) By Greg Hanscom - Grist Magazine

[A Year Later, Has The East Coast Learned Anything From Hurricane Sandy? If another massive storm hit the region tomorrow, the outcome could be much the same. But it's not that we haven't learned - it's that creating a culture of resilience is an extremely slow process...One year after Hurricane Sandy...communities are still reeling... By Ariel Schwartz -- Robin Guenther/Perkins+Will \[links\]](#) - Fast Company

[Stockholm-based White Arkitekter Wins "For a Resilient Rockaway" \(FAR ROC\) design competition: "Small Means & Great Ends" offers a set of design strategies to transform an empty swath of land, known as Averte East...into a resilient, mixed-use community.](#) -- AIANY; Arup; Gensler; Ennead Architects; Lateral Office; Seeding Office [\[link to images, info\]](#) - The Architect's Newspaper

[Editorial> Contesting the Bloomberg Legacy; William Menking on the mayor's efforts to improve Manhattan parks and gentrified areas of Brooklyn and Queens: "...neglect of official planning...may explain some of the more obvious blunders...This is not to say that some planning was not undertaken...such as the resiliency efforts...park and open space development... -- David Burney; Amanda Burden; Janette Sadik-Khan](#) - The Architect's Newspaper

[Five Cities That Are Taking Climate Preparation Seriously: One year after Superstorm Sandy..."Storm-Ready Cities: How Climate Resilience Boosts Metro Areas and the Economy" published by the Center For American Progress...highlights cities that are making strides in climate resiliency... \[link to report\]](#) - Think Progress

["Places in the Making": MIT Report Highlights the "Virtuous Cycle of Placemaking": "...groundbreaking new white paper...highlights the importance of people in defining place, a critical aspect that is all too often forgotten by those in architecture, planning, and other related disciplines. \[link to report\]](#) - Project for Public Spaces (PPS)

[Design Matters: Creating parks that benefit and reflect the needs of the communities that use them is the goal for both planners and landscape architects: "Thinking about the Park Planning Profession" irritated a lot of landscape architects...Although the writer, Clement Lau...goes out of his way to say his intention is "certainly not to criticize or discredit practitioners of landscape architecture," he does so anyway.](#) By Mark Hough [\[links\]](#) - PLANetizen

[Architects are Tracking Carbon, But Not at Scale: The AIA's third-annual progress report on the organization's 2030 Commitment shows improvement, but also a lot of work that still needs to be done: "...we still need to have energy modeling become standard for every design project if we are going to meet our ultimate goal of carbon neutral buildings."](#) By Katie Weeks [\[link to report\]](#) - Architect

Magazine

Q+A: David Graham, the city building architect, and how Minneapolis can meet its density goals with an ecosystem approach to city revitalization..."there's a synergism, a symbiotic or organic relationship between the density of housing...and the amenities that make living in the city a pleasure." -- Elness Swenson Graham Architects (ESG)- [The Line \(Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota\)](#)

Why China needs 'slow design': ...RIBA/UKTI trade mission witnessed an unceasing appetite for mega new ambitious cities. But what is alarming is the speed at which these cities are emerging, some based on undercooked masterplans...Genghis Khan meets Disney...Lack of design time kills innovation and forces developers to fall back on stock solutions. By Angela Brady/Brady Mallalieu Architects - [Building \(UK\)](#)

Japan scaling down planned main stadium for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics after experts protest: ...following an uproar from some prominent architects who think it's too big and expensive..."Urban planning must meet people's needs"...the design concept will be kept. (AP) -- Zaha Hadid- [Washington Post](#)

Amazon's bubble building gets OK from design panel:...signed off on design for a five-story office building formed by three intersecting spheres, perhaps the most eye-catching element of its massive, three-block Denny Triangle campus...subtle changes now create an effect that "is visually lighter, and geometrically organic and sculptural"... -- NBBJ- [Seattle Times](#)

St. Louis County Library Plan Will Raze North County Architectural Gem: ...an architectural marvel - a midcentury, modernist design with stained glass windows...Preservationists have been fighting for over a year to protect the branch... -- Modern STL; Fredrick Dunn (1963) [IMAGES]- [Riverfront Times \(St. Louis\)](#)

Herzog & de Meuron Bring Back a NYC Landmark Room: The Park Avenue Armory is a strange beast...The latest fruit of their effort: the Board of Officers room by the Herter Brothers. By Robert Landon; photos by Paul Clemence -- Platt Bayard Dovell White Architects [images]- [Metropolis Magazine](#)

The sacred wow-factor! Architects creating Britain's most eye-catching places of worship are part of a group at the cutting edge of modernism...shortlisted in a competition to find the 10 best churches built in the last 60 years. By Jay Merrick -- Gillespie Kidd and Coia; George Pace; TE Wilson; FX Velarde [slide show]- [Independent \(UK\)](#)

Call for entries: 61st Annual Progressive Architecture Award: Late entry deadline extended! Submit your best work by Oct. 30 for the 61st Annual P/A Awards, which recognize unbuilt projects demonstrating overall design excellence and innovation. - [Architect Magazine](#)

You Get Learning Units for This? A Weekend at the Monterey Design Conference: Dinners were better, breakfast was not, but the weather was stunning, and the AIACC did a great job recruiting regional, national, and international architects. By Kenneth Caldwell- [ArchNewsNow](#)



- Richard Meier & Partners: Teachers Village, Newark, New Jersey
- Toyo Ito & Associates: Friendly and socially responsible buildings that challenge the spatial conventions of modernist architecture.
- Ripoll Tizón Estudio de Arquitectura: Social Housing in Sa Pobla, Mallorca, Spain

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