Today's News - Thursday, October 31, 2013

- Azaroff’s TEDxTalk re: meta-resiliency: "The beginning of resiliency is not buildings - it is us." (well worth a watch!).
- "Eyesful of Smith + Galf's winning design for the World EXPO 2017 in Astana, Kazakhstan - a self-sufficient, 500-acre neighborhood powered simply by wind and sun" (pretty astounding-looking!).
- Holl beats out OMA and Hadid for a four-museum "art islands" complex in China (great video - "porosity" included).
- Heathcott tapped to design what "could be one of the most expensive works of public art in the world" for Manhattan's $15 billion Hudson Yards.
- Dunlap delves into Calatrava’s Greek Orthodox Church near Ground Zero: "The design will almost certainly renew debate over the role of religion at or around the World Trade Center."
- Mori heads to Maine again for another museum.
- Rudolph in the cross-hairs of a wrecking ball again - this time his 1974 Shoreline Apartments complex in Buffalo.
- The saga of efforts to save Detroit’s crumbling Packard Plant gets stranger and stranger: the Texas doctor (who could use some writing lessons) is out; next up is a Chicago developer - or might it be a conquistador from Peru?
- "Weber wakes most eloquently about the "competing ambitions" of Arthur Erickson and Ron Thom, "the most celebrated architects in Canadian history...who seduced the country’s leaders into believing that architecture could shape and define it - and they might have been right."
- Horton x 2: he ponders whether the Disney Concert Hall has really made a difference to Grand Avenue: "No," but "maybe it’s really been here these past 10 years to teach us one thing. L.A. ain’t Bilbao. Fine by me."
- He rebuts Outram’s "Why I Left the Architecture Profession" diatribe: "Poor architects. Nobody understands them and they don't understand anybody. Nonsense. You do it or you don't. You do it well or you don't. That's it."
- After much study and (sometimes contentious) debate, the GSA gets behind LEED and Green Globes.
- The ICC approves stringent new requirements for historical structures: "Architects now must prove that their historical projects are worthy of exemptions from the International Energy Conservation Code."
- The AIA proposes legislation that "combines student debt relief with community design support" (dare we hold our breath that our do-nothing Congress might actually do something about it?).
- Winners all: Ottawa Urban Design Awards announced + 4th annual Bulfinch Awards celebrate classicism.
- Two we couldn’t resist for your Halloween Trick or Treat pleasure (both are fab!): 10 Modernist Houses in Scary Movies + The United States Devil Map highlights sinister locales like Satan Hill, Lucifer Falls, and Mount Evil.

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International Code Council Approves Stringent New Requirements for Historical Structures: Updates to the 2015 IECC update parameters for historic buildings and set guidelines for their renovation: Architects now must prove that their historical projects are worthy of exemptions from the International Energy Conservation Code...

Proposal Combines Student Debt Relief with Community Design Support: Let's repay architecture student loans with community service: The AIA is proposing legislation...National Design Services Act (NDSA)...not yet a law, but is being presented to members of Congress... By Shervan A. Sebastian [links] - AIArchitect

Winners of Ottawa Urban Design Awards announced: ...three projects...will move on to compete nationally in the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada’s (RAIC) 2014 Urban Design Awards Program... Colizia Bruni Architecture; Christopher Simmonds Architect; Farrow Dreessen Architects; CSV Architects; Teeple Architects; Delcan Corporation; The Planning Partnership; Vélo-Québec; Greenberg Consultants; David S. McRobie Architects; DTAH; MMIM Group - Canadian Architect

Fourth annual Bultenheim Award winners: Founded in 2010 by the New England chapter of the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art to foster the appreciation of classicism and its allied arts... By David Brussat – Carpenter & MacNeil; John Lawrence Upton; Catalano Architects; Gerald Pomeroy Design Group; TsaoKobus & Associates; Catalano Architects; Shawmut Design and Construction; John Canning Studios; Adriance Furnituremakers [images] - Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

10 Modernist Houses in Scary Movies: Just in time for Halloween, Azure has gathered the best 10 modernist houses that serve as the sinister backdrop for thrills and chills on film. Be warned! Spoilers follow. -- John Robert Nilsson; John Lautner; Belzberg Architects; Skylab Architecture; Peter Tolkin Architecture; Frank Lloyd Wright; Drew Mandel Architects [images, links] - Azure magazine (Canada)

Take a Hellish Tour of America’s Most Satanic Landmarks: A national obsession with the supernatural has led to sinister locales like Satan Hill, Lucifer Falls, Mount Evil, and Lake Chaos...The United States Devil Map, available in full-screen for your pre-Halloween perusal... By John Metcalfe - The Atlantic Cities

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

-- HARQUITECTES + dataAE: Residence for Architecture Students, Barcelona, Spain
-- Álvaro Siza: Leça Swimming Pools, Porto, Portugal
-- Ateliers Jean Nouvel: ...persistence, insatiable urge for the creative experimental and his resistance against the ordinary...