- We are saddened to learn that we've lost Hull of Miller Hull Partnership much, much too soon.
- Davies pays eloquent tribute to Toomath: "His passing ends the career of one of the last purist modernists in New Zealand."
- Betsky cheers the Rebuild by Design proposals that "range from sexy to modest to radical—and everything in between. Through this effort we know how we can do it. Now we just have to do it—or move to Ohio."
- Goldberg cheers progressive cities "becoming laboratories for progressive policy innovation," and becoming "new sources of hope" ("We stop with the beautifying of the city, and we now dedicate ourselves to the bottom 20%," says Sassen).
- Barber explains why "nation states no longer work," and why we need to take our mayors more seriously: "Cities are a great place for social experiments."
- Heathcote calls out the current call for "garden cities": it seems the way to pacify Nimby protest is to "apply the pastoral prefix 'garden'—represents a complete, perhaps deliberate, misunderstanding of a term founded on a utopian socialist dream."
- Steuteville parses a new National Realtors survey that shows walkable places are preferred: "Now that markets have shifted, Realtors are potentially influential supporters of urban place."
- Booth delves into Gehry's Battersea project - with no affordable homes: "he walked straight into a raging debate about London's affordable housing crisis" ("I can't demand there will be social housing in the middle of this project," says Barrow). By Robert Booth [video]
- As a $40 billion Egyptian affordable housing project gets underway, "some analysts expressed caution over the viability of the project." By Robert Steuteville
- Chipperfield beats out local talent to design the Nobel Prize HQ in Stockholm (lots of pix).
- Brooklyn's Barclays Center to don a green toupee with hopes it will help muffle pounding concert music - and give upcoming residential towers a nice, green view. By Robert Steuteville
- Lamster minced no words about those opposing the tearing down of Dallas’s I-345 who "have issued forth with a series of red herrings and straw men in the hopes of derailing discussion - we've reached new heights in disingenuousness."
- Two architects tackle the task of "transforming China's poor rural areas through innovative design."
- High hopes that the Comfield could be Los Angeles's own High Line, becoming "an urban catalyst" for mixed-use development.
- Anderton leads a lively conversation re: Ban and his humanitarianism, Hadid, ethics, and responsibilities of architects + Tom Saunders channels the feelings of vực.
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A Roof Grows on Barclays Center: Brooklyn Arena Is Getting Dome Coated With Vegetation: ...slated to get a lot greener on the outside and possibly become a quieter neighbor in the process...resurrecting an idea that was cut years ago in an effort to contain costs...would help muffle concert music...to help contain the sound. -- SHoP Architects [image] - Wall Street Journal

The I-345 Tearout Plan Demands Reasoned Debate, Not Divisive Misdirection: ...it's been interesting—that is a generous word for it—to watch opponents scrambling to react...a host or respondents, becoming ever more desperate, have issued forth with a series of red herrings and straw men in the hopes of derailing discussion...we've reached new heights in disingenuousness. By Mark Lamster - Dallas Morning News

David Chipperfield triumphs in Nobel Centre contest: Only Brit on shortlist pulls it off...to create a new home for the Nobel Prize in Stockholm. -- Johan Celsing Arkitektkontor; Wingårdh Arkitektkontor [images]: BDBuilding Design (UK)

DnA/ Frances Anderton: Shigeru Ban is praised for humanitarianism; Zaha Hadid iscriticized for inhumanity. What are the ethics and responsibilities of architects? With Naomi Pollock, Guy Horton and Andrea Cohen Gehring/DLR + Everything Talks/Tom Saunders channels the feelings of MoMA and the American Folk Art Museum in light of the decision to tear down AFAM - KCRW (Los Angeles)

Williamson Chong Architects named recipient of RAIC’s 2014 Emerging Architectural Practice Award: ...recognized for an award-winning practice which combines teaching, research and community involvement. - Canadian Architect

iSaloni Peeks Into the Homes of Architecture's Biggest Players: ...“Where Architects Live”...seeks to represent not only where the architects under consideration live, but also how they live...the homes show the formal differences among the profiled designers, but underscore their shared devotion to the design practice. By Anna Kats - Zaha Hadid; Daniel Libeskind; Massimiliano and Doriana Fuksas; David Chipperfield; Marcio Kogan/Studio MK27; Mario Bellini; Bijoy Jain/Studio Mumbai; Shigeru Ban [slide show] - Artinfo

Call for entries (deadline looms!): CTBUH 13th Annual Awards; includes new “Urban Habitat Award”; deadline: April 30-Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH)

ANN Feature: Crowdsourcing Design: The End of Architecture, or a New Beginning? Why the criticism that crowdsourcing design sites like Archbazar are taking jobs away from architects doesn't wash. By Michael J. Crosbie - ArchNewsNow