EDITOR’S NOTE: Tomorrow will be a no-newsletter day; we’ll be back Thursday, October 1.

• ArcSpace brings us Kiser's great gathering of Gehry Partners projects: "A Gehry building begins with a sketch."

• Lange x 2: The Broad Museum is made for "the instagram age." It's exciting to see DS+R try out a largely new bag of tricks - but perfection is just out of reach.

• She cheers the comeback of Buffalo, NY, where landmarks and infrastructure are being "maintained, upgraded, restored, and repurposed for the 21st century. It's too soon to declare the recovery complete," but it's looking very promising.

• Wainwright bemoans the Birmingham New Street station's value-engineered makeover: "Writhing in tortured twists" and "ending up with a mangled monument to an age of icon-hungry hubs" (ouch! But it's not all the architects' fault).

• Jaffe reports on "a series of absurd anti-bike arguments that somehow won the day" in Coronado, CA ("paint stripe pollution" and "graffiti on the streets" anyone?).

• Saffron, on a brighter note, hails a new school that is the result of "an inspiring collaboration between a high-profile architecture firm and young men who otherwise might have spent the last seven years in jail."

• MASS Design Group plans to open "the Bauhaus of Africa" in Kigali, Rwanda, "to help address the ‘dearth of professional designers’ across Africa."

• Perkins+Will Toronto "goes back to school" at the University of Toronto Mississauga.

• An interesting take on several NYC architects who are taking control of their own projects by acting as their own developers.

• Banksy's Dismaland is being dismantled, and the timber is to be used to build shelters for migrants in Calais: "No online tickets will be available."

• The Architects Foundation issues its first annual report on the National Resilience Initiative.

• A look at why Britain's Green Deal was such "a disaster" while Germany's EnEv program has been so "extremely successful."

• Why the MacArthur Foundation is doubling down on climate change with a new Climate Solutions program that awarded $50 million in grants.

• A look at the "24 extraordinarily creative people" just named 2015 MacArthur Fellows (an environmental engineer, environmental health advocate, and an urban sociologist among 'em).

• Meet the RAIC's new executive director Jody Ciufo, currently a national affordable housing advocate.

• A good reason to be in Scottsdale, AZ, next week: AIA/Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation's 2015 Taliesin Colloquium: New Conversations in Holistic Sustainability and Preservation.

• 2015 ASLA Professional Awards go to 34 winners (link at the bottom leads to fab presentations!).

• 2015 Toronto Urban Design Awards celebrated its 25th anniversary by handing out 13 Awards of Excellence and 7 Awards of Merit.

• Call for entries: 8th Advanced Architecture Contest: PRODUCTIVE CITY (cash prizes; no fee).
Dismaland to be taken down and sent to Calais to build shelters: Banksy said his 'bemusement park' is to be dismantled and timber used to build shelters for migrants near French port. "No online tickets will be available." - Guardian (UK)

Architects Foundation issues first annual report on National Resilience Initiative: ...includes the work of three schools, examines how architects work with communities through the National Resilience Design Network...resilient design studios geared toward helping communities become more resilient to natural disasters and climate change..."In Flux: Community Design for Change, Chance and Opportunity" [link to report]- Building Design + Construction (BD+C)

How not to promote energy efficiency: The Green Deal, a British government program supposed to assist the uptake of energy efficient retrofits and recently cancelled, was a disaster...To see why, let's compare it to an extremely successful German version of the same scheme...the EnEv programme... - The Fifth Estate (Australia)

Why the MacArthur Foundation is doubling down on climate change: "As a down payment this year, our new Climate Solutions program awarded $50 million in grants." By Robert Kropp- GreenBiz

Meet the 2015 MacArthur Fellows: 24 Extraordinarily Creative People Who Inspire Us All- MacArthur Foundation

Introducing the RAIC’s new executive director: Jody Cufo is currently the Executive Director of the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA), the national voice for affordable housing issues...assumes her duties at the RAIC in December.- Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC)


34 Top Landscape Architecture Projects Win 2015 ASLA Professional Awards -- Reed Hilderbrand; ArquitectonicaGEO; OLIN; AECOM; Stephen Stimson Associates Landscape Architects; Surfacedesign; Sasaki Associates; dlandstudio Architecture + Landscape Architecture; Hargreaves Associates; Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects; Mia Lehrer + Associates; Design Workshop; Landscape Architecture Foundation; etc. [link to images, info]- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Winners of 2015 Toronto Urban Design Awards announced: ...celebrated the 25th anniversary of Toronto’s awards...13 Awards of Excellence and 7 Awards of Merit. -- Paul Raff Studio; Quadrangle Architects/Phil Goldsmith Architects; Taylor Smyth Architects/Goldsmith Borjial & Company; Core Architects; Page + Steele/IBI Group Architects; Saucier + Perrotte Architects/ZAS Architects; MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects (MJMA); Kearns Mancini Architects/Patkau Architects; thinc design; etc. - Canadian Architect

Call for entries: 6th Advanced Architecture Contest: PRODUCTIVE CITY (international): envisage what the city and the habitat of the 21st century will be like; cash prizes; no fee; deadline: January 18, 2016- Institute for Advanced Architecture of Catalonia / FabLab Barcelona

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