

Today's News - Wednesday, May 11, 2016

- Dickinson minces no words about the profession facing its own "Donald Trump moment. The vast majority of us do not feel part of the discourse," and "that 'silent majority' needs to have a voice or the split becomes toxic" (read it!).
- Appelbaum takes a long look at how suburban governments are making it difficult for young families to find walkable neighborhoods: "Some voters still conflate smaller dwellings and higher density with poverty."
- Great Q&A with Hawthorne re: his big "The Third Los Angeles" project examining "what the changing city is becoming."
- Now there's some guidance in dealing with an often overlooked dimension of sustainable planning: extreme heat, with AIANY Design for Risk and Reconstruction Committee's new report "Extreme Heat: Hot Cities - Adapting to a Hotter World," which focuses on science, policy, and design (written by Millard - one of our faves).
- Stephens takes a long look at Houston's attempt to "become a model for equitable urban growth" - growing pains included: "we have not yet figured out the best path for encouraging that to happen."
- Birnbaum explains why San Antonio is much more than The Alamo and Riverwalk - the city has "ambition, vision, nerve, and, it appears, well-conceived game plans."
- WXY shares its updated Brooklyn Strand Action Plan to connect Borough Hall to Brooklyn Bridge Park, offering "heavily researched and well-thought-out recommendations."
- Carter of Morphosis explains all the reasons any sustainable urban plans should include a "tranquility goal - dense cities without tranquility will fail."
- A look at "Canada's starchitect invasion" that is giving the architectural landscape "a jolt of international energy."
- Conley explains why Detroit "should be your next weekend getaway. The old city may never return, but the new one might become something better."
- Kamin considers the "power and beauty" of Chicago's great gates that "remind us that there's an art to the architectural assignment of making an entrance."
- ZHA, Benoy, Grimshaw, and HOK make the shortlist for Heathrow expansion.
- Welton looks at how Raleigh "has not been the same" since now-retired Frank Harmon opened his practice in 1982.
- The Society of Architectural Historians gets an NEH grant to enhance and expand the SAH Archipedia, the (very cool!) online encyclopedia of American architecture.
- The Auckland Architecture Awards had "one category that did not perform as hoped - multi-unit developments remain 'weak in quality'" and "mediocre."
- The inaugural RIBA International Prize shortlist is a very long list of "star-studded" projects vying to be named the "world's best new building."
- Very few stars stud the 2016 Aga Khan Award for Architecture shortlist filled with some amazing projects.
- Another very long international list vying for Interior Design Magazine/ICFF's inaugural NYCxDESIGN Awards.
- Call for entries: The ARCHITECT Studio Prize to recognize "thoughtful, innovative, and ethical studio courses at accredited architecture schools."

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Will Architecture Have Its Donald Trump Moment? ...the perception is real and growing that there is an architectural apartheid...The vast majority of us...do not feel part of the discourse...It's simplistic to say that it's a style split...Architecture, like politics, is devolving into an "us" and "them"...that "silent majority" needs to have a voice or the split...becomes toxic. By Duo Dickinson - Common Edge

Choosing the Unwalkable Suburbs, or Settling for Them? Suburban governments across the U.S. may be making it difficult for young families who want something different to find it: Some voters still conflate smaller dwellings and higher density with poverty...Any zoning that assigns families, the poor, and seniors to sprawl makes the urban experience a perk for only the childless or the wealthy. By Alec Appelbaum - CityLab (formerly The Atlantic Cities)

Q&A with Christopher Hawthorne: ...his big project "The Third Los Angeles." It's what the changing city is becoming...What do you think the city of Los Angeles is going to look like in a generation or so? "...we are in the midst of reshaping the whole landscape of the city...We'll do some things well. We'll do some things not so well. But we're already further into this transition than people realize." By Jon Christensen and Dana Cuff - Boom: A Journal of California

AIANY Design for Risk and Reconstruction Committee Publishes Report on Extreme Heat Adaptation and Mitigation: "Extreme Heat: Hot Cities - Adapting to a Hotter World" by Bill Millard...summarizes keynotes and presentations by 30 experts on the dangerous effects of extreme heat...focusing on science, policy, and design... [link to report]- Dexitgner

What If Houston Fell in Love With Planning: Can a booming city known for laissez-faire zoning become a U.S. model for equitable urban growth? ...Plan Houston..."we want to encourage compact, walkable development around transit...but we have not yet figured out the best path for encouraging that to happen"...What is arguably the most oil-dependent city in the world...could eventually be one of the greenest. By Josh Stephens [images]- Next City (formerly Next American City)

City Shaping VII: Connecting San Antonio: ...it's clear that civic leaders, design and planning professionals, foundations, conservancies, and other agents involved have ambition, vision, nerve, and, it appears, well-conceived game plans. By Charles A. Birnbaum/The Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF) -- Muñoz & Company; Lake/Flato; Christy Ten Eyck Landscape Architects; Emilo Ambasz; Gustafson Guthrie Nichol; Ford, Powell, Carson; Rialto Studio [images]- Huffington Post

WXY Architecture + Urban Design Shares New Vision for Brooklyn Strand: ...calls for projects from Borough Hall to Brooklyn Bridge Park...Action Plan offers heavily researched and well-thought-out recommendations...for making the reinvention of the Brooklyn Strand a reality. -- Sam Schwartz Engineering; Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects; Domingo Gonzalez Associates; Arup; Superflex [images]- Commercial Property Executive

Sustainable cities: the tranquility goal: Balancing our cities with sufficient amounts of tranquil places should be a goal of our sustainability movement. It...improves mental wellbeing...Dense cities without tranquility will fail ...Cities with the right mix of intensity and tranquility will be the most creative. By Simon Carter/Morphosis - The Fifth Estate (Australia)

Canada's Starchitect Invasion: ... the country's architectural landscape gets a jolt of international energy. -- Kengo Kuma; Ole Scheeren; 3XN/Kirkor Architects; BIG - Bjarke Ingels Group; NADAAA;OMA; Allied Works Architecture/Kasian Architecture [images]- Azure magazine (Canada)

Why Detroit Should Be Your Next Long Weekend Getaway: This vibrant city has the coolest art scene and hottest restaurants this side of Brooklyn...The old city may never return, but the new one might become something better. By Kevin Conley [images]- Town & Country

The power and beauty of gateways: They beckon, intimidate: "Gates of Harvard Yard"...has led me to think anew about the phrase "making an entrance"...If there is a beauty in gates, then, it's an ambiguous beauty. How you see them depends on where you stand... Chicago's great gates remind us that there's an art to the architectural assignment of making an entrance. By Blair Kamin [images]- Chicago Tribune

Zaha Hadid Architects and Benoy on Heathrow expansion shortlist: Grimshaw and HOK also finalists. [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Frank Harmon builds architects as well as buildings: The retired architect credits his success to those with whom he's worked. Here's a look at 5 of his creations and how they were influenced by others: He set up his Raleigh practice in 1982. The city has not been the same since. By J. Michael Welton \[images\]- News & Observer \(North Carolina\)](#)

[Society of Architectural Historians Receives National Endowment for the Humanities Grant for SAH Archipedia: ...to commission new content and site enhancements to SAH Archipedia...online encyclopedia of American architecture...- Society of Architectural Historians \(SAH\)](#)

[Auckland Architecture Awards showcase best houses but few apartments: ...there was one category that did not perform as hoped - multi-unit developments remain "weak in quality, even as quantity is increasing. "Good multi-unit housing is desperately needed in Auckland," says Michael O'Sullivan. "But many of the developer-driven projects of this type are mediocre." \[images\]- Stuff \(New Zealand\)](#)

[RIBA unveils star-studded longlist for world's best new building: ...30-strong longlist for the first RIBA International Prize...vying to be named the "most significant and inspirational building of the year"... \[images\]- Dezeen](#)

[2016 Aga Khan Award for Architecture Shortlist: ...19 projects selected from 348 entries received from 69 countries...will compete for \\$1 million dollars in prize money. \[images\]- ArchDaily](#)

[Interior Design Magazine and ICFF Name Inaugural NYCxDESIGN Awards Honorees: ...inaugural event celebrates outstanding talent across major areas of design such as architecture, interiors, furnishings, lighting, and technology...- Interior Design magazine](#)

[Call for entries: The ARCHITECT Studio Prize recognizes thoughtful, innovative, and ethical studio courses at accredited architecture schools; cash prizes; deadline: June 17 - Architect Magazine](#)

[ANN feature: SFMOMA and Us: How Botta and Snohetta each captured something about who we are - as dueling outlooks on our relationship to the world. By Geoffrey Scott Gainer \[images\]- ArchNewsNow.com](#)



[Breathe Architecture: The Commons, Melbourne, Australia: ...a raw and captivating piece of architecture. It's also the prototype for a new development model, called Nightingale...It sits in stark contrast to current housing models, which remain unaffordable and conservative in their ambitions. \[images\]](#)

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