

Today's News - Tuesday, January 24, 2012

- Healthy cities in the spotlight: Lorinc looks into the challenges of creating neighborhoods that work for all ages; Penalosa's 8-0 Cities initiative offers some answers: "We have to stop building cities as if everyone is 30 years-old and athletic."
- Carlson catches up with Dr. Jackson, who is "taking his message to the public" that one of our greatest health threats is poor urban design: "his work has made good urban planning more politically palatable" + Heilig's Q&A with Jackson: "good solutions solve multiple problems. That's what working on better built environments is about" (check your local PBS listings for Jackson's 4-part series "Designing Healthy Communities" - previews were great!).
- Studies of 1950-70s urban renewal programs show some surprising results: they "had some lasting benefits in economic growth, researchers say, despite the bad rap it currently has."
- Litt gives (mostly) thumbs-up to Cleveland Clinic's new master plan by Foster + Partners, but "it's natural to ask whether it might be doing more to heal the city around it."
- Onion Flats "hopes to raise the bar on development in Philadelphia" with the largest net-zero mixed-use development in the U.S.
- Reisz visits Doha as it amps up preparations for the for the 2022 World Cup: "Almost everyone in Doha (like Berlin in the 1990s) talks about architecture" (terrific slide shows, too).
- An eyeeful of Pawson's £80 million plans for the Design Museum's new home in London's landmarked Commonwealth Institute: a scheme hailed as "a soft touch approach."
- Will Shapero's proposal for a 67-story skyscraper close to Liverpool's historic waterfront be as welcome?
- Silverstein is pulling out all the stops to find tenant(s) for RSH+P's 80-story 3WTC to avoid having to top it off at 7(!) stories.
- Dvir x 2: Israeli architects are practically up in arms over the National Library competition as 8 (mostly big-name) firms have gone directly to the second round: "terms of the competition constitute a death blow for the architectural sector...a colossal humiliation."
- He looks into the life of one of Israel's most important architects: while his "buildings are largely forgotten in Israel, his ground-breaking work still resonates around the globe.
- Rawsthorn on the difficulties of preserving "important landmarks from the history of design" imperiled by a tight economy and "because design, with its short history, is less likely to get what limited funding exists."
- Groves reports on the "un-Zen-like uproar" being raised by UCLA's plans to sell its world-renowned Japanese garden.
- Perhaps ASAP will have better luck creating its 21st-century archive that "aims to expand how we document the built environment."
- The not-yet-open Laurentian University appoints a Director of School of Architecture - snagged from Dalhousie University - so Dalhousie turns to a Portuguese architect.
- Call for entries: "Spontaneous Interventions: Design Actions for the Common Good" for the U.S. Pavilion at the Venice Architecture Biennale (deadline looms!) + :output Award international student competition for young talents in design and architecture.

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The 8 to 80 Problem: Designing Cities for Young and Old: How can cities create neighborhoods that work well for all generations? "We have to stop building cities as if everyone is 30 years-old and athletic"... By John Lorinc -- Gil Penalosa/8-0 Cities [links]- The Atlantic Cities

America's Health Threat: Poor Urban Design: ...Richard J. Jackson [is] taking his message to the public...his work has made good urban planning more politically palatable...miniseries called "Designing Healthy Communities"...on public television...as much emphasis on our need for social connection and beauty as on our need for physical activity. By Scott Carlson -- John Norquist/Congress for the New Urbanism/CNU- The Chronicle of Higher Education

Building for Health: Improving our cities, homes, and lives: How does where we live impact our health? It's a big and complex question, but Richard Jackson is leading the way towards answers -- and interventions..."good solutions solve multiple problems. That's what working on better built environments is about." By Steve Heilig- San Francisco Chronicle

Urban Renewal's Record Shows It Wasn't All Bad: Large-scale federal investment in American cities between 1950 and 1974 had some lasting benefits in economic growth, researchers say, despite the bad rap it currently has.- Miller-McCune

Cleveland Clinic's new master plan envisions bigger, greener campus with ample room to grow for decades: ...plan does not discuss issues ranging from historic preservation and transportation to redevelopment of the largely poor, African-American neighborhoods that flank the institution...It's exciting that the Clinic's new plan indicates a strong commitment to Cleveland. At the same time, it's natural to ask whether it might be doing more to heal the city around it. By Steven Litt -- Foster + Partners; William Blunden; Peter Walker; Westlake Reed Leskosky [images, links]- Cleveland Plain Dealer

Passive Progressive: Philly firm Onion Flats plans largest net-zero mixed-use development...pushing the envelope of sustainability with...The Ridge...expected to become the nation's largest Passive House...hopes to raise the bar on development in Philadelphia. [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

"Doha Is a Colosseum": With the building schedule soon to escalate in preparation for the 2022 World Cup, the domain of transformation is spreading...Almost everyone in Doha (like Berlin in the 1990s) talks about architecture. By Todd Reisz, Editor, Al Manakh [slide shows]- Huffington Post

John Pawson reveals £80m Commonwealth Institute rebirth: ...new home for the Design Museum...in the refurbished 1962 RMJM tent-like landmark, which has stood empty for more than a decade...scheme has been hailed as "a soft touch approach..." -- Roger Cunliffe; Arup; Terence Conran; Rem Koolhaas/OMA; Deyan Sudjic [images]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

Maurice Shapero unveils tallest tower in the north of England: ...67-storey, 199m-tall skyscraper is proposed for the so-called King Edward site close to Liverpool's historic waterfront...inspired by the "notion of the shipping container"... [images]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

Silverstein still hopes to land 3 World Trade Center tenant: Larry Silverstein is talking with several potential occupants for the second of his planned Trade Center towers as he hopes to avoid capping it at seven stories...73 short of its planned height... -- Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners - Crain's New York Business

Israeli architects want to revamp contest to plan National Library in Jerusalem: ...eight architectural firms from Israel and abroad to go directly to the second round...All other Israeli firms must go through a first round of selection..."terms of the competition constitute a death blow for the architectural sector...a colossal humiliation." By Noam Dvir -- Dan Eytan; Arad Sharon; Chyutin; Ada Karmi-Melamede; Mayslits-Kassif; Carlos Prus; Shigeru Ban; Bohlin, Cywinski and Jackson; David Chipperfield; Moshe Safdie- Ha'aretz (Israel)

A look into the life of one of Israel's most important, yet forgotten architects: Alfred Neumann was known for the geometric oddities he built into his designs in the 1950s and 60s; while his buildings are largely forgotten in Israel, his ground-breaking work still resonates around the globe. By Noam Dvir -- Zvi Hecker; Eldar Sharon; Neumann-Hecker-Sharon; Rafi Segal- Ha'aretz (Israel)

[Preserving Fragile Memories of Genius: Some important landmarks from the history of design are imperiled because of the tight economy and because design, with its short history, is less likely to get what limited funding exists. By Alice Rawsthorn -- Achille Castiglioni; Josiah Wedgwood; Eileen Gray; Carlo Mollino; Isamu Noguchi; Charles and Ray Eames; Eames Demetrios \[images\]- New York Times](#)

[UCLA's plan to sell Japanese garden draws criticism: ...the decision to sell the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden in Bel-Air and an adjoining house to raise money for endowments and professorships has the garden world in an un-Zen-like uproar..."It's not the case that we're selling the garden with the intent it would be destroyed"... By Martha Groves -- Nagao Sakurai/Kazuo Nakamura \(1961\); Koichi Kawana \(1969\) \[images\]- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Moving Target: 21st-century archive aims to expand how we document the built environment...Archive of Spatial Aesthetics and Praxis, or ASAP...to document and present the work of a selected group of architects and artists as they create...focus is on not just final products but also what is generated as part of the work process... -- Tina DiCarlo; Danielle Rago \[images\]- The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[Laurentian University appoints Director of School of Architecture: Terrance Galvin...\[school\] scheduled to welcome its first students in September 2013. By September 2018, it will accommodate some 400 students in a landmark building to be designed by Levitt Goodman Architects and completed in 2015.- Canadian Architect](#)

[Portuguese Architect Diogo Burnay to head Faculty of Architecture and Planning of Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada -- Cristina Verissimo/CVDB Arquitectos - Archinect](#)

[Call for entries: "Spontaneous Interventions: Design Actions for the Common Good": theme of the U.S. Pavilion at the 13th International Venice Architecture Biennale; deadline: February 6- Institute for Urban Design](#)

[Call for entries: :output Award international student award for young talents in design and architecture; cash prize; deadline: February 15- The :output foundation \(Amsterdam\)](#)



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