

Today's News - Thursday, March 7, 2013

- Sperry reports on the growing support behind ADPSR's effort to encourage human rights changes to AIA Code of Ethics when it comes to designing prisons.
- Saddest news of the day: Legorreta's beautiful Casa del Agua in South Korea bit the dust yesterday, despite international efforts to save it.
- Sorkin at his most eloquent explaining why, "beyond new flood defenses, we need new ways of living with nature. Architecture must lead."
- Killick explains why Breathe - the urban village design competition is "Christchurch's most exciting architectural competition"; there are four finalists, but "it's worth taking time to explore" all 58 international entries in detail.
- Abrams digs into a new survey showing "how few people feel closely connected with their neighbors," and how that "can have an unforeseen impact on mental and physical health."
- Green x 2 from the Innovative Metropolis conference: Three urban experts "explained the legacies that are shaping Mexico City, New York City, and Shanghai, and the approaches they are taking to adapt, with varying degrees of success" + GSD's Mostafavi talks about what design schools can offer cities with a unique role to "advance alternative possibilities, new ideas," though "there's still debate as to whether 'urban design is a true discipline' like architecture or landscape architecture or simply a 'practice.'"
- Vignelli creates a palette for the Bronx Design and Construction Academy as part of Publicolor's project that has already improved students' chances of graduating and going on to college in many other NYC schools (we're a big fan!).
- Quirk's Q&A with sustainability consultant Bakshi re: working with OMA on the Essence Financial Building in Shenzhen, China: it "is exceptionally collaborative, and there is never a napkin sketch."
- Seoul gets a design library stocked with selections by three of our favorite design mavens (unfortunately, if you're not a Hyundai credit card holder, you can't get in).
- Olson Kundig is tapped to design the new Museum of Art at Washington State University (no images - yet).
- Betsky shares his new-found joy of working in an open-office space for the first time ("after years in shared offices, drafting floors, cubicles, and fancy private offices" (where he was "a bit lonely").
- Jiricna wins 2013 Jane Drew Prize "for her outstanding contribution to the status of women in architecture."
- Olin is among the 2013 Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medalists (an interesting mix, to say the least).
- NYC names six finalists in the Reinvent Payphones Design Challenge - the public to select their favorite (great choices!).
- Metcalfe offers a first-hand report from San Francisco re: turning the switch on "Bay Lights" on the Bay Bridge.
- Call for entries: Seoul Urban Design 2013 International Student Ideas Competition: "Toward Urban Integration."

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[Architects Opposing Prisons Gain Support: AIASF and international groups endorse human rights changes to AIA Code of Ethics.](#) By Raphael Sperry, AIA -- Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR)- ArchNewsNow

[The fall of Casa del Agua: Internationally recognized architecture demolished: Despite numerous efforts to preserve it, the Jungmun structure formally...was demolished on March 6...It was one of only two Legorreta designs in Asia, and the only one with public access...Yesterday was the symbolic 'death day' of Jeju culture.](#) -- Ricardo Legorreta [images]- Jeju Weekly (South Korea)

[Beyond new flood defences we need new ways of living with nature: One of the unexpected outcomes of the damage inflicted by Hurricane Sandy has been a remarkably sanguine response from our public officials...Architecture must lead...The current conversation is split between...two approaches to flood mitigation: soft and hard. This division is both sentimentalised and politicised in ways that are instructive but risk being unproductive.](#) By Michael Sorkin - Architectural Review (UK)

[Op-Ed: Grace, chaos in urban village designs: Breathe - the urban village design competition is Christchurch's most exciting architectural competition, and more than one design deserves to be built...it's worth taking time to explore the \[58\] entries in detail...Four entries have been named as finalists... By David Killick -- Hallion Design/ALL Design; Walker Architecture and Design; Jasmx; Ganellen/Design King Company Architects; Architecture Studio; Anselmi Attiani Associated Architects; Green! Architects; Hallion Design; Wilson & Hill/Crosson Clarke Carnachan Architects; Whimbrell Design; Woll, Collier; Raid Architecture; Zedfactory; Steve Hutana \[link to entries\]- Stuff \(New Zealand\)](#)

[Kind Neighbors Are Scarce, but Important: How much does the decline of communities explain about America's health problems? A new survey shows how few people feel closely connected with their neighbors...the smallest of lifestyle and social factors can have an unforeseen impact on mental and physical health...](#) By Lindsay Abrams - The Atlantic

[Can Cities Adapt and Renew at the Same Time? At the Innovative Metropolis conference...urban experts, Valente Souza, Alexandros Washburn, and Seng Kuan explained the legacies that are shaping Mexico City, New York City, and Shanghai...and the approaches they are taking to adapt, with varying degrees of success.](#) By Jared Green [images, links]- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

[What Can Design Schools Offer Cities? Harvard Graduate School of Design \(GSD\) Dean Mohsen Mostafavi said the academy plays a unique role...design schools..."advance alternative possibilities, new ideas"...there's still debate as to whether "urban design is a true discipline" like architecture or landscape architecture or simply a "practice."](#) By Jared Green-The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

[Custom Colors for a School, New Opportunities for Students: Massimo Vignelli created a palette for the Bronx Design and Construction Academy as part of a nonprofit organization's project to give the walls a new look and improve students' chances of graduating on time and going on to college.](#) -- Publicolor [images]- New York Times

[Behind the Scenes of OMA's Latest Tower with Sustainability Consultant Arpan Bakshi: ...his views on the future of sustainable design -- for both China and the world...How was the experience of working with OMA on the Essence Financial Building \[Shenzhen, China\]? ...\[it\] "is exceptionally collaborative, and there is never a napkin sketch."](#) By Vanessa Quirk -- YR&G [images]- ArchDaily

[Design library opens in Seoul: Hyundai Card Design Library in South Korea's capital city, offering access to over 11,000 books chosen by an international team of curators and critics...can only be accessed by the company's credit cardholders and their guests...](#) -- Justin McGuirk; Paola Antonelli; Alexandra Lange; Choi Wook/One o One [images]- Dezeen

[Jim Olson to design the new Museum of Art at Washington State University: ...will extend from the existing gallery...New spaces will include permanent collection galleries, an outdoor sculpture garden and galleries for special exhibitions.](#) -- Olson Kundig Architects - WSU News (Washington State University)

[The Joys of Open Office: Cincinnati Art Museum's staff now share an open office for the first time.](#) By Aaron Betsky -- Emersion Design [slide show]- Architect Magazine

[Eva Jiricna wins 2013 Jane Drew Prize: 'Incredibly influential ... extraordinary architect' awarded lifetime achievement...for her outstanding contribution to the status of women in architecture.](#) [images]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

2013 Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medals to Be Awarded to Laurie Olin, Wendy Kopp and Robert Mueller: ...Medals recognize the achievements of those who embrace endeavors in which Jefferson...excelled and held in high regard. - University of Virginia / Thomas Jefferson Foundation

NYC awards six Reinvent Payphones Design Challenge finalists, asks public to select favorite -- Sage and Coombe Architects; FXFOWLE; frog design; The Responsive City/Control Group/Titan; Parsons/NYU-ITP/Cooper Union; Syracuse University/UC Davis/Parsons/Rama Chorpash Design/Cheng+Snyder [images] - Engadget

The Bay Lights Finally Turn On, and the Results Are Fantastic: For the next two years, San Francisco will get to stare at a shimmering, ever-changing galaxy of lights on the Bay Bridge. By John Metcalfe -- Leo Villareal [images, video] - The Atlantic Cities

Call for entries: Seoul Urban Design 2013 International Ideas Competition for Students: "Toward Urban Integration"; cash prizes; registration deadline: April 26 - Seoul Metropolitan Government / Space Syntax Seoul Organizing Committee



- "Tietgen Dormitory / An imaginary journey around a real building" edited by Torsten Bløndal
- Richard Meier & Partners: Italcementi i.lab, Bergamo, Italy
- Coop Himmelb(l)au: UFA Cinema Center, Dresden, Germany

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