

Today's News - Wednesday, April 28, 2010

- Lerner looks deep into the urban planning movement to "change development patterns to address the cause-and-effect relationships of built environment and public health."
- A Cornell study "opens up a fat opportunity for architects and designers" to design school cafeterias that will get kids to eat their veggies (by 250-300% - "that's not a typo").
- Wilson takes an in-depth look at the Passive House movement, and offers some "recommendations for tweaking the standard to make it work better in North America and expand the market penetration."
- Hosey wonders what it will take to get "more than 7% of us to feel 'angry or disgraced' about the sorry state of our buildings."
- de Botton on how the "cool, classless and fun" Tate Modern has become "an advertisement for what Britain should be like...a temple to the best of our contemporary selves."
- Hawthorne on the shortlist just announced for the Berkeley Art Museum's (post-Ito) new home.
- Another impressive shortlist named for the Art Gallery of Saskatchewan.
- Some impressive names named to represent the U.S. at the 2010 Venice Architecture Biennale.
- London's King's Cross square competition winner plans "a new public square to rival Trafalgar Square."
- Russell tools around Maki's MIT Media Lab: "In the face of the sheer quantity of stuff, he shapes an environment that is oddly, quietly beautiful."
- A much-needed makeover for Long Beach Airport will respect its Streamline Moderne history - and be green to boot (great fly-through video).
- An inspiring tale of Five Fellows bringing a dead house back to life in Detroit.
- Betsy's (sort of) tribute to Warnecke: "I hope that life and [his] intentions, not his buildings, will be what we remember."
- AIA Architecture Billings Index indicates "predictions that the industry would be emerging from its recession by the middle of the year may be spot on" (fingers crossed!).
- New Zealand Architecture Award Winners 2010 honor everything from landmarks to a minimalist cave.
- Call for entries: 7th International Emirates Glass LEAF Awards; and registration deadline reminder: 2010 ASLA Student Awards.
- Editor's note: We're saddened by the news that Building Design & Construction (BD+C) has closed; even its website - and treasure-trove of an archive - will fold on Friday (another one bites the dust - sigh).

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[How Urban Planning Can Improve Public Health: A growing movement looks to change development patterns...taking important steps to address the cause-and-effect relationships of built environment and public health.](#) By Jonathan Lerner -- Congress for the New Urbanism/CNU; Ellen Dunham-Jones; - Miller-McCune

[Uncommon Act of Design: The Secret of Getting Kids to Eat Veggies? Move the Salad Bar: A new study out of Cornell produces bigger results than any food revolution or food-policy change could hope for...opens up a fat opportunity for architects and designers...](#) - Fast Company

[Passive House Arrives in North America: Could It Revolutionize the Way We Build? an overview of the ultra-low-energy standard...recommendations for tweaking the standard to make it work better in North America and expand the market penetration.](#) By Alex Wilson - Environmental Building News/BuildingGreen.com

[Danger Signs: If buildings' environmental impact were clearer, would we demand greater change? If the impact of architecture weren't hidden, how would the public react? What will it take for more than 7% of us to feel "angry or disgraced" about the sorry state of our buildings?](#) By Lance Hosey - Architect Magazine

[Tate Modern: a symbol of Britain as it would like to be: Never mind the art -- in the 10 years since it opened, \[it\] has become our favourite destination. How did the building -- cool, classless and fun -- win its place in our national psyche?...has become an advertisement for what Britain should be like...a temple to the best of our contemporary selves.](#) By Alain de Botton -- Herzog & de Meuron - Telegraph (UK)

[Three finalists named for new Berkeley Art Museum: ...\(there are some valid reasons for wondering why the museum doesn't simply pay to retrofit the 1971 Ciampi building.\)](#) By Christopher Hawthorne -- Toyo Ito/Diller Scofidio + Renfro; Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects; Ann Beha Architects; EHDD - Los Angeles Times

[City Council announces shortlist of design teams for new Art Gallery of Saskatchewan: ...winning team will be announced at the end of June. -- Gibbs Gage Architects/Frederick Fisher Architects; KPMB/Smith Carter; Number Ten Architectural Group/Klypac Rusick/Diamond and Schmitt; Teeple Architects/P3 Architecture- Saskatoon Star-Phoenix \(Canada\)](#)

[Workshopping Venice: U.S. Department of State has announced that "Workshopping: An American Model of Architectural Practice" will represent the United States at the 2010 Venice Architecture biennale... -- Guy Nordenson; Adam Yarinsky/Architecture Research Office \(ARO\); Catherine Seavitt; Michael Sorkin Studio; cityLAB- The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[Architect appointed to design King's Cross square: The area will be a new public square to rival Trafalgar Square. -- Stanton Williams - BBC News](#)

[MIT Brains Get Media Lab to Handle Chaos, Meshing Ideas: ...Maki has...methodically disciplined its sprawling idea factory while keeping all the experimentation on display...In the face of the sheer quantity of stuff, \[he\] shapes an environment that is oddly, quietly beautiful...has](#)

reworked urban analogies to break into the ivory towers. By James S. Russell -- Fumihiko Maki; Leers Weinzapfel [images]- Bloomberg News

A Fitting Airport Design: With the proposed airport modernization designers were challenged to create a new facility that builds upon the positive aspects of the current airport while improving those negative features. -- W. Horace Austin and Kenneth Wing (1941); HOK; Melendrez [video fly-through]- Long Beach Post (California)

Bringing a Dead House Back to Life: ..."Five Fellows: Full Scale"...bought one of Detroit's infamous eyesores and started tearing it apart. Then, they built it back up...isn't habitable. But it offers the viewer insights into how architects work, how housing trends develop and why this project has changed not only the neighborhood but the people who worked on it. -- University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning; Cathlyn Newell; Ellie Abrons; Meredith Miller; Thomas Moran; Rosalyn Shieh; Design 99 [images, links]- Time Magazine

John Carl Warnecke: I prefer to remember him as the man who had an eye for talent...who was earnest and concerned about architecture's role, and who was a raconteur who knew how to live his life with gusto. I hope that life and those intentions, not his buildings, will be what we remember. By Aaron Betsky - Architect Magazine

Turning the Corner: The worst may be over as AIA billings point toward full recovery: ...AIA Architecture Billings Index (ABI)...firms saw their best billings in two years last month...predictions that the industry would be emerging from its recession by the middle of the year may be spot on. - The Architect's Newspaper

New Zealand Architecture Award Winners 2010: From landmarks to minimalist cave...are among outstanding designs recognised... -- Jasmx; RTA Studio; Fearon Hay; Tennent+Brown; Sheppard & Rout/Royals Associates; Warren and Mahoney; Patterson Associates; Athfield Architects; Modern Architecture Partners; Pacific Environments Architects; Bull/O'Sullivan; Studio Pacific Architecture; Boon Goldsmith Bhaskar Brebner [images, info]- New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA)

Call for entries: 7th International Emirates Glass LEAF Awards 2010; deadline: July 1 - designbuild-network.com / The LEAF Review (UK)

Call for entries reminder: 2010 ASLA Student Awards Deadline Quickly Approaching: Entry forms due May 14; submissions due May 28. - LAND Online (ASLA)

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