

Today's News - Monday, January 28, 2013

- ArcSpace brings us MAD's Marilyn Monroe towers in Mississauga, Barreca & La Varra in Milan, and an eyeeful of "ARCHIGRAM - A Guide to Archigram 1961-74."
- Peirce reports on the Mayors Innovation Project and the value of truly multigenerational cities: "Today's imperative is to design our cities as if every age group matters."
- Interboro's D'Oca shares GSD student work that "proposes creative ways to support aging in place."
- Heathcote x 2: "Cities are expanding because they are incubators of opportunity" + FT/Citi Ingenuity Awards call for entries.
- He gives thumbs-up - and down - to some tech companies' new HQs (Apple's planned UFO is "a smooth, seamless and slick product rather than a piece of architecture").
- Washington D.C. gives a green light to a massive new waterfront redevelopment project (with an impressive design pedigree).
- First look at the next new tower for Manhattan's Hudson Yards that "will turn slightly to catch the sunshine as well as views."
- Gardner tries to be optimistic about yet another new Manhattan tower: "To judge from its renderings, this new building will not disgrace the neighborhood, but I doubt that it will add much to it either."
- The Sustainable Warburton Project "to improve the living conditions of local Indigenous communities" in remote Western Australia "belongs in this difficult, protracted yet deeply rewarding field of activist projects."
- The Grid emergency shelter hits the road: "Its modest materials and clean interior belie a bevy of sophisticated ideas."
- Russell pens an eloquent tribute to Michael Graves, Contract's 2013 Legend, "who brought a stylistic freedom and exuberant romance to architecture in the 1980s - a bracing breath of fresh air after the dour Brutalism of the 1970s"; now, his Wounded Warrior Home "is packed with interior insights."
- Unslumming Kibera (Nairobi) wins grand prize in AECOM's Urban SOS Student Competition.
- Huxtable still hovers: Brussat offers two columns from long ago: a review of "The Unreal America," and Henry Hope Reed's "battle" with ALH + a fascinating revisit of her "warning to Syracuse and how to avoid creating a downtown 'dreary wasteland'" + Wright's In Memoriam: "I doubt anyone else will ever achieve her impeccable balance of historical knowledge, aesthetic judgment, political savvy...In joyful remembrance, let's each strive to uphold those qualities as best we can."
- One we couldn't resist: a massive fire turns a Chicago warehouse into an "ice palace" (interior shots are stunning!).
- Time to start thinking about heading to Denver: 2013 AIA National Convention registration is now open (a most impressive line-up of keynoters).
- Call for entries: U.S. State Department opens competition for U.S. presence at the 2014 Venice Architecture Biennale.

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-- MAD: Absolute Towers ["Marilyn Monroe" towers], Mississauga, Canada
-- Barreca & La Varra Studio: B5 Building, Milan, Italy
-- "ARCHIGRAM - A Guide to Archigram 1961-74" by Pamela Johnston, Catherine Crompton, Philip Mann, Christian Steiner & Toni Stooss

Cities for All: No Skipping Generations: ...the value of truly multigenerational cities was embraced by a group of liberally oriented city leaders, the "Mayors Innovation Project"...For decades...American communities were designed as if only people with cars mattered. Today's imperative is to design our cities, our entire economies, as if every age group matters... By Neal Peirce- Citiwire

Studio Report: The Good Old Days: Daniel D'Oca of Interboro shares Harvard GSD student work that proposes creative ways to improve seniors' comfort, mobility, safety, and happiness to support aging in place. [images]- Urban Omnibus

Local answers to global issues: Cities are expanding because they are incubators of opportunity...The FT/Citi Ingenuity Awards: Urban Ideas in Action are all about recognising the freshest, brightest, most innovative ideas, wherever they come from. By Edwin Heathcote- Financial Times (UK)

Call for entries: 2013 FT/Citi Ingenuity Awards: Urban Ideas in Action: ...aims to discover and promote the most ingenious ideas, inventions and innovations that help ensure cities remain centres of creativity and progress; deadline: March 31- FT/Citi Ingenuity Awards

A place for cyberspace: Do tech companies' headquarters live up to the cool innovation of their products? No matter how slickly envisaged some of these companies' new buildings may be, they are doing nothing to address the problems of consumption that their products create. By Edwin Heathcote -- Foster + Partners; Frank Gehry; Eliot Noyes; Paul Rand; Renzo Piano; AHMM; Jump Studios- Financial Times (UK)

Massive Waterfront Redevelopment Receives Green Light in Washington D.C.: ...3.2 million square foot... "The Wharf" - stretches across 27 acres along the historic Washington Channel... -- Perkins Eastman; Rockwell Group; BBG-BBGM; Handel Architects; Cunningham Quill; SK&I Architectural Design Group; MTF Architects; Nelson Byrd Woltz; Michael Vergason; Lee & Associates; Landscape Architecture Bureau-LAB [images]- ArchDaily

Lucky '7' at 3 Hudson Boulevard; The skyline in the Hudson Yards area is taking shape — at least on paper...first look at...1.7 million-square-foot...roughly 1,000 foot-high tower will turn slightly to catch the sunshine as well as views of the Hudson River and public spaces... -- Dan Kaplan/FXFWOLE [image]- New York Post

Cutting corners: Pei Cobb Freed's Seven Bryant Park will probably not achieve design renown, but it could be worse...49 out of 50 buildings look better as renderings...To judge from its renderings, this new building will not, by any means, disgrace the neighborhood, but I doubt that it will add much to it either...one would have hoped for something far better for New York. By James Gardner -- Gensler [images]- The Real Deal (NYC)

The Sustainable Warburton Project: A design research project in remote Western Australia aims to improve the living conditions of local Indigenous communities...belongs in this difficult, protracted yet deeply rewarding field of activist projects. -- AECOM; University of Western Australia (UWA) [images]- ArchitectureAU (Australia)

Off the Grid: Grid emergency shelter by Carter Williamson hits the road after its 2012 Sydney Architecture Festival (SAF) debut: ...can be easily flat-packed and transported to remote or inaccessible locations, and assembled on site by four unskilled workers in a day. Its modest materials and clean interior belie a bevy of sophisticated ideas... [images]- ArchitectureAU (Australia)

Michael Graves, 2013 Legend: Healthcare design is the new passion of the architect who brought a stylistic freedom and exuberant romance to architecture in the 1980s...a bracing breath of fresh air after the dour Brutalism of the 1970s and the

[hardened orthodoxies of late Modernism...Wounded Warrior Home...is packed with interior insights...](#) By James S. Russell [slide show]- Contract magazine

[Multidisciplinary Team Wins AECOM's Urban SOS Student Competition: Unslumming Kibera, a multifaceted proposal for Kibera in Nairobi was awarded the grand prize. \[images, links\]](#)- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

[Double Huxtable blast from the past: ...two columns from long ago about the late Ada Louise Huxtable...One, from 2001, is about her book "The Unreal America." The other, from 2006, is about Henry Hope Reed's invention of the New York walking tour, and his battle with Ada Louise over what itineraries should be offered.](#) By David Brussat- Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

[Ada Louise Huxtable's warning to Syracuse: How to avoid creating a downtown "dreary wasteland": She noted how Urban Renewal planners were all too ready to level precious landmarks..."new and old coexist as bellicose, resentful strangers."](#)- The Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY)

[Ada Louise Huxtable, In Memoriam: I doubt anyone else will ever achieve her impeccable balance of historical knowledge, aesthetic judgment, political savvy and coruscating literary grace. In joyful remembrance, let's each strive to uphold those qualities as best we can.](#) By Gwendolyn Wright- Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation (BAAF)

[Bridgeport Warehouse Fire: Massive Chicago Blaze Leaves Behind A Giant 'Ice Palace' \[video, slide show\]](#)- Huffington Post

[" Building Leaders": 2013 AIA National Convention registration now open; June 20-22, Denver. Education sessions cover topics from ADA to Zero Net Energy; keynote speakers include Blake Mycoskie, TOMS Founder and Chief Shoe Giver; Cameron Sinclair, Architecture for Humanity; and General Colin L. Powell, USA \(Ret.\)](#)- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[Call for entries: State Department Opens Competition for U.S. Presence at 2014 Venice Architecture Biennale; open to U.S.-based non-profit museum, school, galleries, or a visual arts organization; application deadline: April 1](#)- Architect Magazine

[Nuts + Bolts: Mission Possible: Increase Your Value Without Lowering Your Fees; Fact or fiction: Lowering your fees makes you competitive? You decide.](#) By Steve Whitehorn- ArchNewsNow.com

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