

Today's News - Tuesday, January 29, 2013

- Cheers for Olympic gag order (finally) being lifted (British Olympic Association snagged £2 million from U.K. government for the privilege, says the Guardian), and RIBA Awards extends deadline for 2012 Olympics entries.
- Goodyear cheers New York governor's "willingness to talk in plain English about the new reality" in a post-Sandy world: "Maybe Mother Nature doesn't want you here."
- King parses the new reality for San Francisco Bay conservation agency: now, more than just protecting the coast from over-development, it's rising sea levels.
- New report from U.K. think-tank calls for flattening "ugly" social housing towers and replacing with terraced houses: "demolishing these structures and rebuilding them with higher densities was simply 'repeating the errors of the past.'"
- Preservationists in a battle to save "a model of resort design" in the Canary Islands.
- An "exclusive peek" (lots of pix!) at Abu Dhabi's Masdar City: it "hasn't quite lived up to its original ambitions. But it has come fairly close."
- Elkus Manfredi tapped to design Abu Dhabi's next luxury shopping and dining destinations (a Columbus Circle in the desert).
- Sydney taps SOM and Andersen Hunter Horne for Barangaroo master plan.
- Litt looks at the four shortlisted concepts for Kent State's new architecture school; Weiss/Manfredi "is the best" - but all of them "portray architecture as a profession in a state of confusion, if not crisis, over its future."
- Slevin offers a lively Q&A with Weiss and Manfredi (with a little hero-worship thrown in).
- Chan queries Holl re: his plans for Virginia Commonwealth University's Institute for Contemporary Art: is there "a big message about art that you hope the building communicates?" "No."
- A French architect wins damages from Arles Archaeological Museum for a new wing added "without his consent" - it "violated his intellectual rights" (though wing will be allowed to stay).
- Lamb Hart's New Humanism: Part 7: "Our search for orientation helps us conquer the unknown."
- Winners all: 2012 Annual Design Review Awards are "a unique barometer of the business of architecture" + 34th Annual Interiors Awards winners (great presentations of all!).
- Call for entries: Brazilian Scientific Station in Antarctica + Deborah J. Norden Fund Travel/Study Grants + Call for papers: Nexus 2014: Relationships Between Architecture and Mathematics.

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RIBA welcomes Olympics marketing ban overturn: A 'supplier recognition scheme' set up by the British Olympic Association will allow companies to promote their London 2012 work in tender bids, at trade shows and in industry awards...RIBA Awards extends deadline. - The Architects' Journal (UK)

Tough Talk from Cuomo: 'Maybe Mother Nature Doesn't Want You Here': The governor proposes using some of the money from the Sandy relief bill to buy out property owners in the hardest-hit coastal regions...willingness to talk in plain English about the new reality his state faces is only a beginning. But at least it's an honest one. By Sarah Goodyear - The Atlantic Cities

Rising seas shift bay agency's mission: Bay Conservation and Development Commission's original reason for being - to keep vast portions of San Francisco Bay from being filled by subdivisions and land-hungry local governments - is less of a threat than the rising sea levels that almost certainly lie ahead. By John King - San Francisco Chronicle

Replace 'ugly' tower blocks with streets, argues right-wing think-tank report: According to the Create Streets report by Policy Exchange, flattening multi-story social housing...would improve the lives of thousands of people and increase housing supply...current method of demolishing these structures and rebuilding them with higher densities was simply 'repeating the errors of the past'. - The Architects' Journal (UK)

Preservationists Fight to Save a Model of Resort Design in Canary Islands: ...a last-minute battle wages to save the Maspalomas Oasis Hotel...a model for harmonious intervention in the unique volcanic landscape... -- José Antonio Corrales; Ramón Vázquez Molezún; Manuel de la Peña (1971) [images] - Architectural Record

Inhabitat Tours Abu Dhabi's Energy-Plus Masdar City: Once billed as the world's first zero carbon, zero waste city...Masdar hasn't quite lived up to its original ambitions. But it has come fairly close. [images] - Inhabitat

Related brings Columbus Circle to Abu Dhabi: ...a luxury shopping and dining destination...planning two massive projects, Sowwah Central and The Galleria at Sowwah Square... -- Elkus Manfredi [image] - The Real Deal (NYC)

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM) and Andersen Hunter Horne to design Barangaroo masterplan: ...will help shape the future of Sydney... -- Jeppe Aagaard Andersen; Adam Hunter/Environmental Partnership; Mike Horne/Turf Design Studio - Architecture & Design (Australia)

Weiss/Manfredi concept is the best of four options for KSU's new architecture school building: Kent State University College of Architecture and Environmental Design...concepts under consideration...portray architecture as a profession in a state of confusion, if not crisis, over its future. By Steven Litt -- Bialosky + Partners Architects/Architecture Research Office (ARO); Westlake Reed Leskosky; Collaborative Inc./Miller Hull Partnership; Richard L. Bowen & Associates [images] - Cleveland Plain Dealer

Broadening the Role of Architects: Brooklyn Botanic Garden Visitor Center by Weiss/Manfredi: ...what led to your preoccupation with a reciprocity between landscape and architecture..."we were interested in expanding the role of architecture beyond the limits of the building envelope..." By Jacob Slevin [images] - Huffington Post

Steven Holl on Museum Design and the "Plane of the Present": ...has executed an immense portfolio of built work showcasing his integration of humanist theory and functional design...[discusses] scheme for Virginia Commonwealth University's Institute for Contemporary Art...there is no big message about art that you hope the building communicates? "No." By Kelly Chan [images] - Artinfo

Henri Ciriani wins pay-out for museum extension: French architect wins €30k in damages after council extends Arles Archaeological Museum...without his consent...violated his intellectual rights...stopped short of ordering the regional council to demolish the partly completed wing... [images] - BD/Building Design (UK)

A New Humanism: Part 7: Our search for orientation helps us conquer the unknown: Though we lack the innate homing skills of other animals, we do have an evolved capability to learn how to navigate; it's another way we "master" our environment and feel "in control." By Robert Lamb Hart/Hart Howerton; illustrations by Albrecht Pichler [images] - Metropolis Magazine

2012 Annual Design Review Awards: ...a unique barometer of the business of architecture. -- Lorcan O'Herlihy Architects; El Dorado; Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/Landscape; H3 Hardy Collaboration Architecture; Steven Holl Architects; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM); etc. [links to images/info] - Architect Magazine

34th Annual Interiors Awards winners: 13 categories + Designer of the Year and 2013 Legend Award
– Joey Shimoda; Michael Graves; INNOCAD; Bentel & Bentel Planners/Architects; Rockwell Group; ZGF Architects;
SmithGroupJJR; HGA; One Plus Partnership; FXFOWLE; Marlon Blackwell Architect; Gensler; Nicole Germano [links to
images/info] - Contract magazine

Call for entries: Brazilian Navy and Institute of Architects of Brazil (IAB) are calling for a public architecture bidding and
supplementary designs to reconstruct the Brazilian Scientific Station in Antarctica; deadline: March 14- Institute of Architects of
Brazil (IAB)

Call for entries: Deborah J. Norden Fund Travel/Study Grants: open to students and recent graduates in the fields of
architecture, architectural history, and urban studies; deadline: April 17 - Architectural League of New York

Call for entries/Call for Papers: Nexus 2014: Relationships Between Architecture and Mathematics, June 9-12, Ankara,
Turkey; deadline for abstracts: March 15- Nexus Network Journal

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



– 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

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