

## Today's News - Thursday, February 14, 2013

- We lose Basilico, a master of urban landscape photography.
- Goodyear says Hoboken, NJ, which lies at or below sea level, "could provide a perfect laboratory where solutions suitable to similar communities could be tested."
- A new storm barrier (hopefully) in the works for a 4-mile stretch of Manhattan's East River - including a beach under the Brooklyn Bridge (great pix!).
- Is green infrastructure as widely used as it could be? If not, what's holding us up? Take the survey.
- Fujimoto tapped for 2013 Serpentine Pavilion - a "cloud-like" structure (with pix to prove it).
- Brussat on Koolhaas's plans for a "kooky" Venice Biennale: "he may be the perfect choice to trace how modern architecture seeks to crush traditional culture in every nation, as reflected in its architecture."
- Rosenbaum on the 20 architecture critics who have called on the New York Public Library to reconsider Foster's renovation plan: "I'll say one more thing: Don't mess with Ada Louise, even posthumously!"
- An "ambitious bid" is in the works to save Preston's iconic Brutalist bus station from demolition.
- ProtoHouse 2.0 - the next entry in 3D printing - no bolting, screwing, or welding required (it's plastic).
- Bentonville, Arkansas, is betting on Berke to help put it on the map (along with Crystal Bridges).
- Gorlin, the architect, and Arsham, the artist, share their influences, from Duchamp to Frank Lloyd Wright.
- Lubell reports on Kanner Architects closing its doors, and its archives heading to UC Santa Barbara (after flirting with a handful of purchase offers).
- NYU launches the Marron Institute on Cities and the Urban Environment (a \$40 million donation helps!).
- One we couldn't resist: bee hives to be installed on buildings in Birmingham, U.K.
- In honor of Valentine's Day: special tours of the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Brooklyn ("Nothing says 'I love you' like wastewater," Birnbaum told us).
- Eyefuls of "Heartwalk" in Times Square (we saw it yesterday - it's great!).
- Call for entries: the search is on for President & CEO for the American Academy in Rome.

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**Obituary: Gabriele Basilico, 69: The master of urban landscape photography...favoured the setting over the actors: he is the one who rekindled landscape photography...began as an architect – travelled the world, took many photographs, striving to represent cities in their raw appearance.- Art Media Agency**

**Hoboken Could Be a Model for Dealing With Urban Flooding: Much of its two-square-mile area lies at or below sea level...could provide a perfect laboratory where solutions suitable to similar communities...could be tested...The question is, will the state and federal government be ready to participate in the experiment? By Sarah Goodyear- The Atlantic Cities**

**New Storm Barrier Proposed for Manhattan; Developed by WXY Architecture + Urban Design, the East River Blueway Plan will redevelop a 4-mile stretch...calls for the creation of wetlands, parks, bicycle and pedestrian pathways and bridges, and the redevelopment of a disused beach under the Brooklyn Bridge. [slide show]- Architect Magazine**

**New Survey Asks How Can Cities Become Ecological? Now that we have become an urban species...are ecological functions really being prioritized? Is green infrastructure...as widely used as it could be? If not, what's holding us up? Take the survey.- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)**

**Sou Fujimoto chosen for 2013 Serpentine Pavilion: ...will be cloud-like in appearance and be made from a latticed structure of 20mm steel poles forming a semi-transparent irregular ring. [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)**

**Rem Koolhaas plans kooky Venice Biennale: "Fundamentals"...a genuinely interesting theme...will thus look backward, not forward! But the mandatory quota of complexity and contradiction will be maintained...he may be the perfect choice to...trace how modern architecture seeks to crush traditional culture in every nation, as reflected in its architecture. By David Brussat- Providence Journal (Rhode Island)**

**20 Architecture Critics Call on NY Public Library to Reconsider Norman Foster Renovation Plan: The skeptical sensibility of our city's preeminent architecture watchdog, Ada Louise Huxtable, lives on through her devoted disciples. By Lee Rosenbaum -- Foster + Partners; Martin Filler; Joseph Giovannini; Cathleen McGuigan; Victoria Newhouse; Suzanne Stephens; Michael Kimmelman; James S. Russell- ArtsJournal**

**Plan to save Preston bus station revealed: A Lancashire businessman has mounted an ambitious bid to save iconic Brutalist bus station from demolition...would see the landmark BDP-designed 1969 structure transformed to include new retail and leisure uses alongside a smaller bus station. -- Frank Whittle Partnership- The Architects' Journal (UK)**

**3D printed plastic house will be assembled "in a day": ProtoHouse 2.0...A rival 3D printed house project...dismissed its claims. "We actually don't even consider that a 3D printed building"... -- Softkill Design; Universe Architecture [images]- Dezeen**

**Betting on Bentonville (and Berke): The success of a boutique 21c Museum Hotel in Bentonville, Ark. (population 35,000), depends on the draw of Crystal Bridges. But Crystal Bridges depends on architect Deborah Berke Architects to help put Bentonville on the map. [slide show]- Architect Magazine**

**ARTST TLK: Pharrell Williams sits down with Alex Gorlin, architect known for bringing warmth to modern design, and Daniel Arsham, an artist who blurs the line between art & architecture, challenging convention by placing shapes in unexpected places. Gorlin and Arsham share their influences including Marcel Duchamp and Frank Lloyd Wright. [video]- ARTST TLK**

**End of an Era: Kanner Architects closes; archives headed to University of California, Santa Barbara: The company flirted with a handful of purchase offers from other architecture firms...In the end, Cynthia Kanner said, she preferred to "preserve the legacy rather than having it subsumed into another person's vision." By Sam Lubell [images]- The Architect's Newspaper**

**Studying the Soul of a City at NYU: New York University Marron Institute on Cities and the Urban Environment...Students across multiple continents could collaborate on research spearheaded through the institute.- Wall Street Journal**

**Bee hives to be installed in Birmingham buildings: Cushman & Wakefield to extend measures aimed at halting drop in bee population...has in recent years kept hives at several properties across London and said it would now be rolling out the idea nationwide.- BD/Building Design (UK)**

**Wastewater Is for Lovers: Love stinks. For the second year, NYC's Department of Environmental Protection is offering Valentine's Day tours of the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Greenpoint, Brooklyn...."we didn't exactly predict the tour would catch fire the way it did" -- Ennead Architects - New York Times**

Situ Studio's Valentine's Day Installation Opens in the Heart of Times Square: Times Square Alliance and Design Trust for Public Space officially opened Heartwalk...constructed of salvaged boards that once made up the boardwalks...taking its cue, in subject matter and materials, from the "collective experience of Hurricane Sandy"... [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

Call for entries: Search for President & CEO for the American Academy in Rome [pdf]- American Academy in Rome

One-on-One: Revolution in Architecture: Interview with Gregg Pasquarelli, SHoP Architects: "We never limit ourselves to simply designing an image. Part of our initial concept is always about knowing how something is going to be built." By Vladimir Belogolovsky [images]- ArchNewsNow



-- "Le Corbusier Redrawn - The Houses" by Steven Park: the only collection of consistently rendered original drawings of all 26 residential works

-- Fran Silvestre Arquitectos: House on the Cliff, Calpe, Alicante, Spain

-- Berger + Parkkinen: Ice Sports Center, Vienna, Austria

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