

## Today's News - Tuesday, July 16, 2013

- Lange takes a long (and fascinating!) look at architecture's "lean-in moment": Scott Brown's Pritzker controversy is "a wake-up call for an entire profession struggling for relevancy and respect - more than its treatment of women has to change."
- The end of an era (we're sure to see lots of these in the coming months): WNYC's "New York Remade: The Bloomberg Years" series includes a look at Bloomberg's building boom: "making the city more attractive has also made it less affordable" (click through to some other great reports, too).
- Badger looks at the affordability issue: the challenge for Bloomberg's successors "is how to expand the geography of desirable, healthy, safe neighborhoods while also expanding the population of locals who can afford to call those places home."
- Chaban reports on MAS's Penn Station report that "predicts the development of 20 million to 30 million square feet of new offices, hotels and apartment buildings in the area."
- Manhattan finally in line for its own "Zaha moment" next to the High Line (where else? only one image, but it's a wow - sort of).
- An interesting look at how L.A.'s downtown low-rise, suburban-style building spree is missing "a chance to create residential density where it makes the most urban planning sense."
- Ransford is a bit riled about Vancouver's planning for change: "Managing growth in a smart way means making trade-offs. The problem is that the trade-offs should have been explicitly identified early on, about 25 meetings or so ago."
- An Italian architect is making his mark with green medium-rise buildings in Mindanao.
- The Nasher Sculpture Center in Dallas continues to broil under the Museum Tower's reflections: "despite many efforts, it doesn't look like a resolution is coming anytime soon."
- The 101-year-old Toledo Museum of Art gets a 21st-century energy upgrade and actually goes off the grid.
- Wainwright "applauds a master" with high praise for Rogers' 50-year career, and his "Inside Out" show that "gives an overarching sense of a man dedicated to making places for all people - and having a good time doing so."
- An architect thinks it's time for black to be the new black in architecture.
- A good reason to start making plans to head to Manila this fall: Habitat for Humanity's Asia-Pacific Housing Forum 4: Housing as a Foundation for Breaking the Poverty Cycle.
- One we couldn't resist: Plunkitt explains that LA's answer to gridlock would be a "streamlined planning & permitting process!"
- Call for entries: IE School of Architecture's Houses for Change - Architecture for Social Responsibility (international).

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**Architecture's Lean In Moment: The recent controversy over Denise Scott Brown and the Pritzker Prize served as both a litmus test on the status of women in the field, and a wake-up call for an entire profession struggling for relevancy and respect...more than its treatment of women has to change.** By Alexandra Lange - Metropolis Magazine

**New York, the Vertical City, Kept Rising Under Bloomberg: ...building boomed...both in terms of sheer numbers and in terms of height...making the city more attractive has also made it less affordable...administration crafted an affordable housing program early on, though..."It's not a perfect answer."** [link to "New York Remade: The Bloomberg Years" series]- WNYC.org

**Is There Really an Upside to Manhattan's Unaffordability? A provocative argument on Bloomberg's legacy: ...the benefits of a thriving city don't necessarily spread to the city's existing population...the ultimate challenge...is how to expand the geography of desirable, healthy, safe neighborhoods while also expanding the population of locals who can afford to call those places home.** By Emily Badger - The Atlantic Cities

**New Penn Station seen triggering building boom: Study finds that moving Madison Square Garden to allow for a re-developed rail hub could spur development of 30 sites in the area...Municipal Art Society "Unlocking Penn's Potential: Establishing a Penn Station Redevelopment and Revenue Capture District" report predicts the development of 20 million to 30 million square feet of new offices, hotels and apartment buildings in the area... By Matt Chaban [link to MAS report]- Crain's New York Business**

**The Zaha Moment: The architect will finally get to land one of her spaceships in New York...an 11-story condo at 520 West 28th Street, next to the High Line...comes off like the delightful Earth home for the weary intergalactic super-rich...anything as adventurous as this in a more established city neighborhood would be "impossible"... -- Zaha Hadid; Patrik Schumacher [image]- New York Magazine**

**Is Downtown Los Angeles's Low-Rise Building Spree Hurting the Community? ...parking lot sites that could accommodate high-rises instead are being filled by five- to seven-story, wood-framed apartment complexes...Gone is a chance to create residential density...where it makes the most urban planning sense...Instead, Downtown is getting the type of buildings that predominate in suburban areas. - Los Angeles Downtown News (LA Downtown News)**

**City needs plan to manage inevitable neighbourhood updates: ...a plan is needed to manage change because change occurs whether we like it or not. The problem is with the way we go about planning for neighbourhood change in Vancouver...Managing growth in a smart way means making trade-offs...The problem is that the trade-offs should have been explicitly identified early on, about 25 meetings or so ago... By Bob Ransford - Vancouver Sun**

**'Bahay Kubo'-inspired designs for MRBs: An Italian architect with an eye for endemic Filipino design models like the "bahay kubo" is fast making a name in the...green architecture industry...ItalPinas built the first green medium rise building (MRB) complex in Mindanao... -- Romolo V. Nati/ItalPinas Euroasia Design and Eco-Development Corporation - Manila Standard Today (Philippines)**

**Under the Bright Lights: Nasher glare debacle continues: Dallas' Nasher Sculpture Center continues to bake under the harsh reflections of the neighboring 42-story Museum Tower...despite many efforts, it doesn't look like a resolution is coming anytime soon. -- Renzo Piano; Peter Walker; Scott Johnson [images]- The Architect's Newspaper**

**Historic Toledo Museum of Art Receives State-of-the-Art Retrofit: Solar panels and micro-turbines enable an art museum to reduce its electrical usage 79%...can now boast that its 101-year-old Beaux Arts building recently went off the grid...- Architectural Record**

**Richard Rogers: the world as it could be: From pop-up houses to predictions of cities that came true, Rogers has had a remarkable 50-year career. As the new show "Inside Out" opens at the Royal Academy in London...gives an overarching sense of a man dedicated to making places for all people - and having a good time doing so. By Oliver Wainwright - Guardian (UK)**

**Black beauty: Love it or hate it, using black in architecture and interior design can create an impact like no other. By Arthi Balasubramanian/White Design Allies - The Hindu (India)**

[Asia-Pacific Housing Forum 4: Housing as a Foundation for Breaking the Poverty Cycle; a biennial conference organized by Habitat for Humanity, Manila, October 2-4;](#)- Habitat for Humanity

[LA Roast - \(TJ\) Plunkitt explains it all... LA's Answer for Gridlock: A Streamlined Planning & Permitting Process! "Los Angeles appears...to be a city that grows not according to an informed, innovative planning process, but opportunistically, project-by-project, catch as catch can."](#)- The Planning Report

[Call for entries: Houses for Change - Architecture for Social Responsibility \(international\); open to architecture students and recent graduates; no fee; registration deadline: December 10 \(submission deadline: December 16\)- IE School of Architecture and Design \(Madrid\)](#)

[A Conversation with Gordon Young, Author of "Teardown: Memoir of a Vanishing City": Place is not always the result of the work of well-intended design professionals. By Kenneth Caldwell \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

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