## Today's News - Monday, June 22, 2015

- ANN feature: Q&A with HOK's Drucker re: Architect-US Professional Career Training Program, and the benefits of participating in the program for both U.S.-based firms and young international architects (+ info on his panel at NYC's Center for Architecture this Thursday).
- · Zeiger parses the curatorial and theme selection for next year's Venice Architecture Biennale: "Call it the Floating City meets Motor City."
- Five young architects whose ideas could make a difference in Bangalore, "a city grappling with infrastructural challenges its green spaces making way for the inevitable concrete jungle."
- Preservation fears and woes: Birnbaum hopes that entries in the World War I Memorial competition in DC will "successfully nest the new memorial within a rehabilitated Pershing Park," and not simply obliterate the Friedberg-designed space that is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
- French authorities give the go-ahead for the SANAA-designed makeover of Paris's historic La Samaritaine department store, "saying it 'did not break' local planning regulations" needless to say, many are not at all pleased.
- From one side of the Big Pond: A look at the range of options and costs of overhauling the Palace of Westminster (at the high end: £5.7bn and 32 years).
- Moore makes the case for Kate Macintosh, "one of Britain's great unsung architects of social housing," and the threats facing her "bold, humane buildings for public benefit now under threat from some of the very local authorities that commissioned it."
- · Winston picks "five architectural treasures we must save from the UK's heritage war" from 500-year-old docks to 1960s Brutalism.
- From the other side of the Big Pond: Kamin looks at the "the latest twist in the debate" about what to do with Mies's flood-prone Farnsworth House: the house "is elegant simplicity defined. But protecting the modernist landmark from the floodwaters of the Fox River is turning out to be anything but simple."
- · Groves reports that Beverly Hills' "highly praised preservation ordinance" is taking "a big step backward."
- Hawthorne reports that papers have been filed for permission to demolish Ellwood's "legendary" beachfront Hunt House in Malibu (sigh).
- Green gets a good (and rare) look the new U.S. Coast Guard HQ in DC, where 95% of storm water had to be captured on site: "while the system may look complex, it's actually pretty simple" it's "a testament to the depth of the design" (deer grazing on the green roof! Too bad the public won't be able to share). Six (very cool) international parks are in the running for the 2015 Urban Land Institute Urban Open Space Award.
- Russell weighs in on the sale of Arch Record to BNP: "it will take tenacity, creativity, and innovation to make the merged companies solidly profitable and evolve with the ever-changing media landscape" (and hopefully, it won't be "dumbed down" or just disappear).
- Tomorrow we will find out who won the Guggenheim Helsinki Design Competition it seems fitting to revisit Betsky's December take on the finalists: "Meh."
- Plans for Ralph Nader's "Tort Museum" in Connecticut have been ongoing for 17 years, and the design (by the team behind Orlando's Jurassic Park Discovery Center) "remains under wraps" leaving some townsfolk rather "irked."
- · Cary and Pealer (of the much-missed ArchVoices) offer their opinions on "The Great Intern' Title Debate."
- A good reason to be in L.A. at the end of the week: A+D Museum "Celebrate: Shelter" 2015 celebrates "returning to its downtown Los Angeles roots in the heart of the burgeoning Arts District in a warehouse-turned-museum."
- · Call for entries: New Ideas for Housing London (international, no fee) + 16th Annual AR Emerging Architecture Awards (international).

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A Conversation with HOK's Kenneth Drucker re: Architect-US Professional Career Training Program: The design principal of HOK's New York City office discusses the benefits of participating in the program for both U.S.-based firms and young international architects.- ArchNewsNow.com

Cynthia Davidson and Monica Ponce de Leon to Curate the U.S. Pavilion Exhibition in the 15th International Architecture Biennale in Venice: Call it the Floating City meets Motor City. ...Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan to organize the exhibition...Out of the ashes of Motown and Ford comes an urban archetype that provokes the exhibition title: "The Architectural Imagination." By Mimi Zeiger- The Architect's Newspaper

Designs on the city: Five Bengaluru architects whose ideas can make a difference in a city grappling with infrastructural challenges...its green spaces making way for the inevitable concrete jungle...young architects who could pave the way forward... -- Bijoy Ramachandran/HundredHands; Sharath Nayak/Biome Environmental; Chetan KS/Kham Design; Prathima Seethur/Wright Inspires; Martin Laferriere/Biome Environmental Solutions- Bangalore Mirror (India)

Can Parks and Memorials Happily Co-Exist? Recently a competition was announced for a World War I Memorial...But there's one hitch - that is already the location of Pershing Park...eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places...It would be encouraging to see entries...successfully nest the new memorial within a rehabilitated park. By Charles A. Birnbaum/The Cultural Landscape Foundation -- Lawrence Halprin; ROMA Design Group; Maya Lin; Frank Gehry; M. Paul Friedberg; Oehme van Sweden & Associates [images]- Huffington Post

lconic Paris store finally gets makeover approval: French authorities gave the go-ahead Friday to renovate the iconic former Parisian department store La Samaritaine on the River Seine, ending years of legal wrangling over the historic site...saying it "did not break" local planning regulations...LVMH plans to turn the complex...into a five-star hotel, offices, shops and flats...Critics complained the design would be an eyesore... (AFP) — SANAA- Yahoo News

Overhauling Parliament could cost £5.7bn and take 32 years: Report sets out three options to refurbish Palace of Westminster building: Asking MPs and peers to move out of the Palace will be the cheapest option to overhaul the building...unless significant restoration work is undertaken, irreversible damage may be done to the Palace. -- Aecom; HOK-BD/Building Design (UK)

Kate Macintosh: one of Britain's great unsung architects of social housing: [Her] bold, humane buildings for public benefit began in the 60s with the remarkable Dawson's Heights estate in Dulwich, south London...269 Leigham Court Road in Lambeth has just been listed. And yet much loved work like hers is now under threat from some of the very local authorities that commissioned it. By Rowan Moore [images]- Observer (UK)

Five architectural treasures we must save from the UK's heritage war: From Henry VIII's docks to 60s brutalism, these are glaring omissions from Historic England's protected list...Robin Hood Gardens/Alison and Peter Smithson; Southbank Centre; Western Morning News HQ/Nicholas Grimshaw; Hove town hall/John Wells-Thorpe. By Anna Winston [images]- Guardian (UK)

Trust considers moving Mies van der Rohe home on the Fox River: ...Farnsworth House is elegant simplicity defined. But protecting the modernist landmark from the floodwaters of the Fox River is turning out to be anything but simple...the latest twist in the debate...[NTHP] is pondering a plan to move [it] to a nearby site..."Any one of these solutions is a compromise. There is a risk inherent in all of them." By Blair Kamin -- National Trust for Historic Preservation; Dirk Lohan [images]- Chicago Tribune

Beverly Hills historic homes at risk of demolition, preservationists say: City Council voted to alter the city's highly praised preservation ordinance...would set a higher bar for structures to qualify for local landmark status and for architects to be included on the city's "master architects" list..."This is a big step backward for Beverly Hills"... By Martha Groves -- Los Angeles Conservancy; John Lautner; Richard Neutra [images]-Los Angeles Times

Is Craig Ellwood's beachfront Hunt House in jeopardy? According to documents filed with the city of Malibu, the owner of a legendary beachfront house...wants to demolish it. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Jerrold Lomax [images]- Los Angeles Times

A Rare Look at the New U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters: ...at the restored St. Elizabeth's Hospital in southeast Washington, D.C...95% of stormwater had to be captured on site..."It's low-tech and common sense"...a testament to the depth of the design...it's good news that the biggest government construction project since the Pentagon is covered in green roofs...It's just too bad...that more people can't get in there to see it for themselves. By Jared Green -- Perkins+Will; Andropogon Associates; HOK [images]- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Six International Parks Selected as Finalists in 2015 Urban Land Institute Urban Open Space Award Competition: Celebrated for Providing Healthy, Vibrant Public Destinations: Marina Bay, Singapore; Millennium Park, Chicago; Myriad Gardens, Oklahoma City; Thousand Lantern Lake Park System, Foshan, Guangdong, China; Tongva Park & Ken Genser Square, Santa Monica, California; Washington Canal Park, Washington, D.C. -- Edward Uhlir, et al.; Office of James Burnett; SWA Group et al.; James Corner Field Operations; OLIN/STUDIOS Architecture- Urban Land Institute (ULI)

Architectural Record Sale: Wane or Gain of Architects' Influence? ...the profession, already under siege in many quarters, needs many voices to be heard, since they all make the case for the value of architects...it will take tenacity, creativity, and innovation to make the merged companies solidly profitable and evolve with the ever-changing media landscape. But if Record disappears or is dumbed down, it is unlikely any publication of similar seriousness would arise to serve architects. By James S. Russell --- RNP--lames SRussell net

Guggenheim Finalists: Meh: Aaron Betsky finds little worthy of celebration in the Guggenheim Helsinki Design Competition entries: With tomorrow bringing with it the announcement of the winner of the competition, we felt it was appropriate to revisit his take...from Dec. 9, 2014...- Architect Magazine

Buckle Up for Ralph Nader's 'Tort Museum': Activist began planning the Connecticut attraction more than a decade ago: Some in Winsted...have lost interest in the museum...irked that the town...removed two downtown parcels from the tax rolls...to accommodate a museum that has yet to open after 17 years of talk...The American Museum of Tort Law's contents - designed by Eisterhold Associates, the same team that did Jurassic Park Discovery Center in Orlando - remain under wraps.-Wall Street Journal

Let's Go Further: Answering NCARB's Call to Action: Two of the founders of ArchVoices offer their opinions on "The Great Intern' Title Debate": So what is a non-intern to do? And what are firms to do? Regardless of your personal feelings about titling, one thing is clear...This is a local debate. By John Cary and Casius Pealer- Architect Magazine

Architecture + Design Lovers, You're Invited: A+D Museum "Celebrate: Shelter" 2015: ...returning to its downtown Los Angeles roots in the heart of the area's burgeoning Arts District in a warehouse-turned-museum...5th annual fundraiser June 27...a silent auction of custom designed "shelters" created by architecture and design luminaries...- Guest of a Guest

Call for entries: New Ideas for Housing London (international): What idea(s) would you propose to improve the speed, scale and quality of London's housing supply? no fee; deadline: August 7- New London Architecture/NLA

Call for entries: 16th Annual AR Emerging Architecture Awards (international); cash prizes; deadline: August 28- Architectural Review (UK)

"Snøhetta - World Architecture" at the Danish Architecture Centre in Copenhagen: ...gives a unique insight to the talented people, crazy projects and the alternative thinking that have gained this Norwegian architecture firm worldwide fame...inviting you to step into Snøhetta's office, workshops and universe. June 18 - September 27 [images]

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