

“Supposing is good, but finding out is better.”
— Mark Twain

Pointers and starters to the latest happenings in the field of design, user experience and ultra-modern technologies.

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Classroom Design Meets Design Thinking



When educators first consider redesigning learning spaces, they might immediately conjure up mental images of free-flowing Starbucks lounges or something out of the Cult of Pedagogy blog’s Classroom Eye Candy series. Yet the impulse to tackle aesthetics first is often premature, according to Rebecca Hare, who teaches art and design in St. Louis and has served as a design consultant for various schools. Before coming to education, Hare spent a decade in Italy designing commercial and retail spaces, where she learned to tailor her work to the

end user. She returned to pursue a master’s in education and has since helped schools locally and in Miami rethink their environments, often under tight budgets. Selak, who works at the private pre-K through 8 Hillbrook School in the Bay Area, has worked for years on a similar goal, playing a major role in a continuous series of redesigns and remodels aimed at centering learning on student needs, as opposed to asking them to adapt to the space provided.

Excerpted from the story <https://www.edsurge.com/news/2018-04-30-where-classroom-design-meets-design-thinking>

Oppression by design: The costumes of 'The Handmaid's Tale'



Atlanta (CNN) — When Offred appears in her distinctive red dress, cloak and winged, white-lined bonnet, there's no doubt about her lowly rank as handmaid. Nor do we doubt the higher rank of the wife, Serena Joy, dressed in the teal required of all wives. In the fictional future of Gilead, Commander Fred Waterford and other men wear clothes that communicate their absolute authority over the women in their orbit, whether they be their wives, handmaids or domestic servants. In Bruce Miller's televised

adaptation of "The Handmaid's Tale" -- Margaret Atwood's seminal 1985 novel about a male-dominated theocracy after a second American Civil War-- the clothes communicate everything about who has power in this dystopia and who does not. That's thanks to costume designer Ane Crabtree, who's also the creative powerhouse behind the costumes in the television series "Masters of Sex," "Westworld" and "Pan Am."

Excerpted from the post at <https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/handmaids-tale-costumes/index.html>

How Paris’s Newest Hotels Are Redefining French Design

France has long been defined by traditional Baroque interiors that were established with the construction of the Palace of Versailles in the 17th century. The neoclassical style became the pinnacle of design, often replicated throughout the Île-de-France region and eventually settling in aristocratic homes and landmarks throughout Paris, punctuated by the Haussmannian style of the mid-1800s. Centuries later, hotels adopted the heritage form to offer international jet-setters a glimpse into the historical je ne sais quoi of the city. However, time has slowly shifted Paris's uniform approach to design, and a new crop of boutique accommodations is reinventing the very meaning of French style. While Parisian institutions like The Ritz and Le Bristol will always remain destinations that celebrate French customs, a crowd of contemporary hotels is rebelliously throwing age-old tradition to the wayside. Lively color palettes, mixed materials, and unconventional room layouts are what characterize this new wave of accommodations, and they are ramping up construction throughout the city at a swift pace.

Excerpted from the story at <https://www.architecturaldigest.com/story/paris-new-hotels-french-design-dress-code-amastan-hoxton>

NID Ahmedabad hosts SEWA academy event to honour 30 of its women leaders



The Indian Academy for Self Employed Women (IASEW), popularly known as SEWA academy hold a function at the National Institute of Design (NID) on Tuesday to honour 30 women grassroots leaders from various fields. But you may not have had heard of them. For, sometimes their achievements are as simple as mustering the courage to step out of their home, ensuring that they help teach other women despite their own limited education etc. The academy has helped train over 1.2 lakh women of which 40% have become leaders carrying out their own training.

Excerpted from the story at <http://www.dnaindia.com/ahmedabad/report-sewa-academy-to-honour-30-of-its-women-leaders-2610323>

TOP 5 QUICK BYTES

Apple Watch Saved A Teen’s Life

A warning appeared notifying Deanna Recktenwald (18) that her resting heart rate hit 190 beats per minute.

"It was alarming that the watch was telling us to seek medical attention," said Stacey Recktenwald, Deanna's mother. "I didn't even know that it had the capability of giving us that alert."

Read more at <https://www.abccactionnews.com/news/region-hillsborough/hillsborough-teen-apple-watch-saved-my-life>

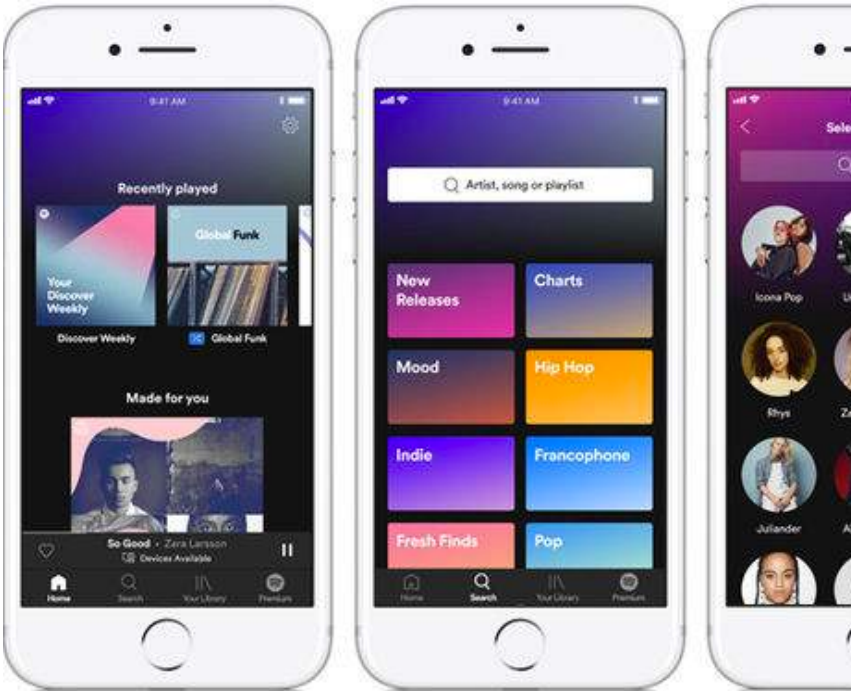
Leap Motion shows off a stunning AR user interface for Project North Star

Read more at <http://www.e-flux.com/announcements/190576/superhumanity-design-of-the-self-book-launch-at-miss-read-2018/>

Google I/O 2018 Preview Would Have New Android P, Gesture Navigation, GA Slices, TV Dongle

Read more at <https://www.microcapobserver.com/technology-news/new-android-p-gesture-navigation-ga-slices-tv-dongle-are-expected-in-google-io-2018-preview>

Spotify launches all-new design



Read more at <https://www.express.co.uk/life-style/science-technology/951067/Spotify-New-Design-Free-App>

Designing Sensory Lunch Experience

Attendees at the Sensory Lunch at Watertown High School on Friday experienced just that for several minutes while listening to videos about blind artists, photographers and former visually impaired and blind students from Watertown High School.

"This is a snapshot of what it would suddenly be like to lose your vision, but it doesn't reflect the experience of people who are visually impaired," said Kristin Grender, vision teacher at Watertown High School.

Excerpted from the story at http://www.wdtimes.com/news/local/article_9abfad3a-4c96-11e8-9611-c78216ac0b8a.html