

Today's News - June 1, 2005

ArcSpace takes us to the Norwegian Coast-Cultural Center. – Three must-reads for today: Sudjic deconstructs the Edifice Complex. – Dunlop asks "the architectural question of the decade": are we turning cities into playgrounds for the rich? – Rich calls Ground Zero "pure unadulterated farce." – Big plans for Manhattan's East River (beach included). – Toronto's modernist Regent Park South looks doomed. – Meanwhile, Milwaukee gets "a refreshing touch of modernism." – Stadiums are the new urban cathedrals (or museums or opera houses). – Does Kansas City stadium resemble another that's making a big splash in the news these days? – Charlotte races after NASCAR. – Seattle's new air terminal "will send travelers' spirits soaring." – New student housing in Ontario is green and sexy. – Prefab is British Columbia's latest big export. – Montana State University Native American Student Center designed by a Native American. – ASLA awards abound. – Canadian Centre for Architecture names an architect as director.

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[Gudmundur Jonsson: Norveg Coast-Cultural Center, Rørvik, Norway](#)

[Towering egos: From Hitler's vision of a new Berlin to Tony Blair's Dome and Michael Eisner's EuroDisney, tyrants, kings and tycoons have erected grand monuments to their own vanity. Deyan Sudjic deconstructs the Edifice Complex -- Speer; Giesler; Gehry; Isozaki; Rossi; Arad; Dixon; Pawson-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Commentary: City in the Sky: Are we turning our cities into theme parks for the very rich? This might indeed be the architectural question of the decade for most of America's "hot" cities... By Beth Dunlop \[images\]-](#) Miami Herald

[Op-Ed: Ground Zero Is So Over: Perhaps it was inevitable we'd end up at pure unadulterated farce...A 1,776-foot Freedom Tower with no tenants - and no prospect of tenants - has been abruptly sent back to the drawing board... By Frank Rich-](#) New York Times

[Bloomberg Unveils Plans For East River Waterfront Esplanade, Pavilions And New Open Space: with \\$150 million in post-9/11 funds. -- SHoP Architects; Richard Rogers Partnership; Ken Smith \[link to images\]-](#) AllAmericanPatriots.com

[Towers of Regent Park South should be saved: But it's very possible that none of the five modernist structures by Peter Dickinson \[1958\] will survive the planned redevelopment.-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[A refreshing touch of modernism: ...buildings that "fit in" with the neighborhood context...can be the architectural equivalent of taxidermy...King Drive Commons complex...should help dispel lingering fears that modernism means overbearing and impersonal. By Whitney Gould -- Miller Architectural Group \[images\]-](#) Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Crowd pleasers: ...stadiums are becoming keynote urban buildings, as cathedrals were in the Middle Ages and opera houses more recently. -- Herzog + de Meuron; HOK; Archibald Leitch-](#) Financial Times (UK)

[Downtown arena looks familiar: It didn't take long for a couple of cosmopolitan readers to point out \[Kansas City's Sprint Center\] could have a doppelganger in Munich, Germany, if it winds up looking that way. -- Herzog + de Meuron; HOK Sport/360 Architecture/Ellerbe Becket \(Downtown Arena Design Team\)-](#) Kansas City Star

[Curve captures sport's drama: Pei Cobb Freed & Partners design, with signature 'wrapper,' is dynamic architecture...proposed NASCAR Hall of Fame...captures the essence of racing.-](#) Charlotte Observer

[Collision of speed, spectacle: Boosters deliver bid; now they'll wait for NASCAR to choose \[between Charlotte, Atlanta, Kansas City, Richmond, Va., and Daytona Beach, Fla.\] -- Pei Cobb Freed & Partners \[link to images\]-](#) Charlotte Observer

[Sea-Tac's elegant Central Terminal will send travelers' spirits soaring: No buildings today are more demoralizing, dehumanizing and disorienting than airport terminals...But it's interesting to see how far architecture can go to redeem them. -- Fentress Bradburn Architects; NBBJ \[image\]-](#) Seattle Post-Intelligencer

[Downtown sophistication up at York: York University's Pond Road Residence by architectsAlliance is Ontario's first 'green' student housing, but it also offers a dash of the city's sexy 'condo style'-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[The Prefab Home Is Suddenly Fab: Many are made in British Columbia. Are they a real housing solution? Let's hope that the mod prefab architects think long and hard about whether it's possible to "mass-customize" ethically and with as much environmental and social consciousness as possible. -- Rocio Romero; Michelle Kaufmann; Peter Johnson; Piercy Conner; Douglas Garofalo; Sandy Hirshen; Todd MacAllen/Stephanie Forsythe; Resolution: 4 Architecture; Jennifer Siegal/Office of Mobile Design; Teddy Cruz-](#) The Tyee (Vancouver)

[College friendship is impetus to proposed Montana State University Native American Student Center -- Dennis Sun Rhodes/AmerINDIAN Architecture; Jim Dolan-](#) Bozeman Daily Chronicle (Montana)

[ASLA 2005 Medals and Firm Award Recipients Selected -- Jane Silverstein Ries, FASLA; Laurie D. Olin, FASLA; SWA Group; Robert S. "Doc" Reich, PhD, FASLA; Stephen D. Livingston, ASLA; The Regional Plan Association; etc.- American Society of Landscape Architects \(ASLA\)](#)

[Mirko Zardini appointed as new director of the Canadian Centre for Architecture: ...practicing architect, professor...architectural author and editor...Founder Phyllis Lambert Continues as Chair of the Board- Canadian Architect](#)

[Sustainable Urbanism Tops the Agenda as World Environment Day Comes to the U.S. June 1-5 \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)

[Build Business: Client Loyalty -- What You Don't Know Could Hurt You. By Stephanie Craft, CPSM](#)

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