

Today's News - June 28, 2005

ArcSpace takes us to Meier's museum in Rome. – New Urbanists called on the carpet: are their ideas about sprawl and smart growth valid or "utopian nonsense"? – On the other hand, "New Urbanism is a hot term in the world of Christian community development." – A call to "make the public domain as exciting and alive as the private one" around San Diego's Petco Park. – Two experts debate the Supreme Court's recent ruling on eminent domain. – A look at how architecture commemorates tragedy in New York and Berlin. – Modernist gems by Stone, A. Quincy Jones and Paul R. Williams, and Pelli soon to be lost? – In Washington, DC, rejecting the contemporary "doesn't mean creativity is dead." – San Francisco's Bay Bridge solution is a "monument to squabbling." – Plans for NYC's East River esplanade are "unsentimentally humane." – A young Chennai firm takes a "zero-tolerance approach towards slick-talking Vaastu consultants and superstitious clients." – Dallas condo tower will not be a beige block. – A "glass circus to rival Sydney Opera House" among the proposals for Melbourne suburb. – Architecture Biennale Rotterdam was a hit.

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[-- Richard Meier & Partners: Ara Pacis Museum, Rome, Italy](#)

[Picture imperfect? A question for the New Urbanists: If sprawl is so bad, how come life is so good for so many in Orange County? ...it's crucial to consider whether these influential urbanists have a point or whether their ideas amount to utopian nonsense.](#)- Orange County Register (California)

[Urban planning, with Christian values: Eric Jacobsen is one of a growing number of Christian leaders nationally who are thinking theologically about urban design...many Christians resist or ignore his appeals to New Urbanism.](#)- San Gabriel Valley Tribune

[Has the City Hit the Ball Out of the Park at Petco? Urban design red flags unfurl around East Village...its future must be driven by a simple urban design principle -- make the public domain as exciting and alive as the private one.](#) By Lawrence Herzog- Voice of San Diego

[Seizing Property: A narrowly divided Supreme Court ruled local governments may take possession of people's homes and businesses against their will for private development. Experts debate the court's ruling.](#) -- Bart Peterson, mayor, Indianapolis; John Norquist, former mayor, Milwaukee- PBS NewsHour

[How Architecture Commemorates Tragedy: "Remembering the Unimaginable: Berlin and New York," was a stab at figuring out how to use architecture to represent memory, loss, and renewal.](#) -- Peter Eisenman; Michael Arad- Metropolis Magazine

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[Plaza fans concerned over plans: Palm Springs Modern Committee concerned that the Town & Country Center will be demolished in the proposed renovation of the Desert Fashion Plaza.](#) -- A. Quincy Jones and Paul R. Williams (1946)- The Desert Sun (Palm Springs)

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