

Today's News - February 13, 2006

ArcSpace brings us a most unusual "tower" (you'll either love it or hate it). – MoMA's "On-Site: New Architecture in Spain" has critics on both sides of the Atlantic a-twitter; architects "flock to land without a Prince Charles." – Roger's new Madrid airport has "elegance and clarity" despite its size. – How does he do it? "He never takes no for an answer." – The story behind Koolhaas's "radical" new skyscraper in Louisville. – New Urbanism finds its way to the Ozarks. – "Eco-modern" finds its way to Connecticut. – London may lose one of its "magnificent" Victorian treasures. – A "design economy" taking hold in South Africa. – Glancey's amusing take on a world of tourist attractions that are either travesties or treasures. – Malta's Valletta has "certain strange characteristics."

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[Gains in Spain: Once-Staid Architecture Soars Ahead of the Curve: ...exhibition...celebrates the role of civic leadership in the creation of bold plans, bold buildings. By Benjamin Forgey -- Richard Rogers/Estudio Lamela; Gehry/Edwin Chan; Jose Antonio Martinez Lapeña/Elias Torres Tur; Jurgen Mayer H.; Herzog & de Meuron; EMBT/Miralles/Tagliabue; Tuñon/Mansilla; Hadid; Ito; Mayne; Nouvel; Siza \[slide show\]- Washington Post](#)

[Spain expands on its sense of place: MoMA captures the dialogue between the local and cosmopolitan in the nation's designs. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Koolhaas; Gehry; Herzog & De Meuron; Ito; Hadid; Iworra; Miralles/Tagliabue/EMBT; Sanaa; Abalos & Herreros; Gehry; Moneo- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Cutting-edge Spain seizes design crown: Architects flock to land without a Prince Charles...there is an appetite for risk-taking among a new generation of Spanish urban planners. -- Richard Rogers; Nouvel; Gehry; Eisenman; Calatrava; Foster; Moneo; Ambasz- Observer \(UK\)](#)

[Jumbo portions: It can take 120 planes an hour, and they had to divert a river to build it. Is Richard Rogers' new airport terminal for Madrid just too big? ...Barajas T4 has been designed not just with elegance and clarity, but with the expectation that cult \[cult of mass flight\] will continue to grow. Jonathan Glancey -- Studio Lamela- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Interview: Building civilisation: Richard Rogers is celebrated for his many stunning buildings and his pioneering views on sustainable cities...what has been his motto? Never take 'no' for an answer.- Observer \(UK\)](#)

[The birth of a building: Here's the story behind the radical Museum Plaza skyscraper -- Koolhaas/Prince-Ramus/Office for Metropolitan Architecture \[images, related links\]- Courier-Journal \(Louisville, KY\)](#)

[New urbanism: A progressive style of community planning that's catching on across the nation has now arrived in the Ozarks...Cross Creek -- Butler Rosenbury & Partners; Hagerman New Urbanism- Springfield News-Leader \(Missouri\)](#)

['Eco-Modern' Homes in Country Setting: Billed as a "green community"...Mooreland Glen \[Connecticut\] will meld modern design and environmentally sound technologies in 35 "high-performance, low-maintenance homes"...With an acknowledged nod to Marcel Breuer -- Chaleff & Rogers Architects; Dean Sakamoto; Balmori Associates- New York Times](#)

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[Wonders or blunders? How far will we go to attract tourists? Jonathan Glancey chooses the best and worst additions to the world's landscapes. -- Edward Cullinan Architects; Muguruza/Mendez \(1940\); Calatrava; Norman Foster/Michel Virlogeux; Imre Makovecz- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[The 'design economy' is a growth catalyst: Design and creative-based businesses are out-performing their peers and offer huge potential for creating jobs, generating wealth and growing local and export markets, says...founder of Design Indaba, Ravi Naidoo.- Bizcommunity.com \(South Africa\)](#)

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