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The role of "place" and lessons from/for U.S., U.K., New Orleans (waiting for Katrina Cottages and Donald Trump), New York, Washington, DC, Seattle, and Orlando. -- Historic San Jose suburban neighborhood offers lessons for today. -- Plans for a former Canadian military base criticized for lack of public input in selecting design team (but what a team!). -- Is a World's Fair the answer for Toronto's waterfront revival? -- SOM's green tower in China (this report with pix). -- "Biological architecture": thinking outside the blob (once they figure out how to make it smell better). -- Wright's last design, intended for Baghdad, is right at home in Arizona. -- Lovegrove as "Captain Organic." -- V&A show sells Modernism to Britons (and the rest of us). -- Call for submissions for exhibition of performance spaces for the next generation.

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[Replacing lost housing is off to a slow start: "Everybody's drooling, waiting for the building boom to begin"...-](#) USA Today

[Finding Space for a Million More New Yorkers: Across the country, cities have come to realize they must join in a regional growth strategy...It is time for the New York region to embark upon this kind of effort. By Robert Yaro-](#) Gotham Gazette

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[San Jose tower restoration offers landmark lesson: Edgewood Plaza is a significant part of the history of suburban development...Its example, though long neglected, is needed today...the full potential of suburbia as an urban form. By Alan Hess -- RMW Architects; Build Design; Joseph Eichler; A. Quincy Jones-](#) Mercury News (California)

[\[Canadian Forces Base\] Rockcliffe development gets "bad start": Design team for former base chosen without public input...planners have talked about making the 336-acre site a showcase of environmentally sustainable design. -- Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg; Ken Greenberg; Barry Padolsky; Phillips Farevaag Smallerberg-](#) Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

[If Toronto builds Expo, will they come? Toronto debates whether to bid on 2015 world's fair...about to fish in a bygone era for the future of its waterfront?...the use of Expos to promote innovative architecture has been overtaken by a new push to build permanent, individual masterpieces into the fabric of urban centres.-](#) Toronto Star

[SOM aims to build a zero-energy office tower in Guangdong -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \[images\]-](#) Architectural Record

[Spatium gelatum — or maybe just a blob: Forget about the box, now architects must think outside the blob. At least that's the case with Zbigniew Oksiuta...who has spent the last three decades exploring his idea of "biological architecture." By Christopher Hume-](#) Toronto Star

[Wright's final design blends desert form, function: Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium \[at\] Arizona State University...Even though it was originally planned for Baghdad, the building has a look that is rooted in Southwest... \[images\]-](#) OnMilwaukee.com

[Objects of Affection: Although he has created a dizzying array of products, Ross Lovegrove \(a.k.a. "Captain Organic"\) has his sights set on bigger issues...turning into an eco-warrior. \[images\]-](#) Metropolis Magazine

[At the Victoria and Albert Museum, Selling Britons on Modernism: ...if Modernism is most identified with architecture, it is because architects were the most effective, or at least the most visible, in translating their ideas into reality.-](#) New York Times

[Call for submissions: PQ2007/Prague Quadrennial Exhibition: Performance Spaces for a New Generation - Training facilities for the performing arts in the U.S.; preliminary submissions due April 28-](#) United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT)

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