

Today's News - July 11, 2006

ArcSpace brings us Nouvel's Guthrie (great pix!). – We lose a master of skyscrapers. – Pittsburgh picks team for riverfront cultural district, a "green," mixed-use, arts/residential neighborhood. – A renewed downtown underground for Oklahoma City. – Architectural storms brewing in Sarasota: the city considers a "sky plaza" - "a sort of elevated concrete park" (no design credit given, but do take a look). – Sky plaza called a "beast" and brings to mind the probable loss of Rudolph's Riverview school: Gwathmey is saddened, and Foster is furious. – On a brighter note, in another part of Florida, new life for Wright's "waterdome." – Study shows more Brits are interested in history than celebrity. – BBC revives "Restoration." – Gehry joins a Singapore casino team (bids still pending). – But his UConn project comes up \$70 million short. – Dyson to deliver a "green" school for design innovation to encourage engineering careers. – Beijing's new "back garden." – AIA's first African American president discusses race and architecture (and more). – Cruz discusses architectural and urban planning solutions for international border zones. – 70th anniversary of New York's Triborough Bridge sparks an exhibition and a reappraisal of Robert Moses. – Dilbert take note: cubicles are getting hip. – One we couldn't resist: some want to rename Penny Lane - say it ain't so!

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[Jean Nouvel/Architectural Alliance: Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis, Minnesota](#)

[Obituary: Hugh Stubbins Jr., 94, Creator of Emblematic Skyscrapers: ...best known for the angular tower of the Citicorp Center in Manhattan...the Reagan Presidential Library in California and the tallest building in Japan-](#) New York Times

[Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Selects The RiverParc Team: winner for its Cultural District Riverfront Development and Design Competition...\\$460 million project...will be the country's first master-planned "green," mixed-use, arts/residential neighborhood -- Behnisch Architekten; architectsAlliance; Gehl Architects; Transsolar; WTW Architects \[link to images\]-](#) Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

[Downtown tunnel renovation to be 'interesting, educational': Rand Elliott is determined to make the system, which will be renamed "The Underground," a source of pride and a worthy component of downtown Oklahoma City's revival.-](#) The Oklahoman

[Sarasota asked to consider 'sky plaza': ...a sort of elevated concrete park for pedestrians on their way from downtown to the water. \[image\]-](#) Herald- Tribune (Florida)

[Debating the merits of buildings: ..."sky plaza"...three facets of good architecture...commodity, firmness and delight...This beast looks strong, but useful and delightful? No...principles also bring to mind the debate over the fate of Riverview High School, designed \[by\] Paul Rudolph... -- Norman Foster; Charles Gwathmey-](#) Herald- Tribune (Florida)

[Lord Foster weighs in on Riverview: "I am writing to lend my support of the campaign to preserve Riverview High School from the impending threat of destruction...Designed by Paul Rudolph...it is a building that has served as an inspiration not only for me, but for generations of architects..."-](#) Herald- Tribune (Florida)

["Waterdome" To Reign Once Again At Florida Southern College: It's been a long time since a new Frank Lloyd Wright building has risen from the campus...pool and fountain has been sealed in concrete for most of its existence.-](#) WUSF Public Broadcasting (Florida)

[Lessons from the past show history has a future: The new campaign comes on the back of a Mori poll showing that far more people are interested in the past than in celebrities and football...69% of Britons thought that history was a "cool" subject and almost two thirds...believed that the Government was not doing enough to protect the nation's heritage.-](#) Telegraph (UK)

[BBC revives television series to rescue rural heritage sites: "Restoration"...would aim to regenerate entire villages by focusing on buildings that were crucial to rural communities.-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Kerzner Names Gehry As Architect For Singapore Casino Bid-](#) Easybourse (France)

[Grand UConn Plan \\$70 Million Short: School Passes Hat For New Arts Center: ...raising money isn't always easy, even for Gehry projects. -- Frank Gehry; Herbert Newman-](#) Hartford Courant (Connecticut)

[Dyson School of Design Innovation 'to boost engineers': ...aimed at encouraging young people to consider engineering careers. -- Wilkinson Eyre; Buro Happold \[image\]-](#) BBC (UK)

[Beijing awaits new 'back garden': "It will be a cultural heritage of the 2008 Olympic Games and a new landmark for the capital city"... -- Tsinghua University Landscape Design and Planning Institute; Sasaki Associates-](#) People's Daily (China)

[Future AIA President Discusses Race and Architecture: ... AIA's first African American president... -- Marshall Purnell, FAIA/Devroux + Purnell-](#) Architectural Record

[Teddy Cruz explores architectural and urban planning solutions for global political and social problems that proliferate in international border zones. An AIA San Francisco/SFMOMA public lecture. \[audio, video\]-](#) Architecture Radio

[Reappraising a Landmark Bridge, and the Visionary Behind It: The Triborough opened 70 years ago today, and the anniversary is prompting a reappraisal of Robert Moses, who...rolled out a concrete carpet to the suburbs that changed the face of New York.](#)- New York Times

[Redrawing the Cube: Your workstation is going to get smaller, chummier and a lot more hip. Dilbert, take note -- Robert Propst; Steelcase; Doug Ball; Herman Miller; Knoll; \[slide show\]](#)- Time Magazine

[Renaming row darkens Penny Lane's blue suburban skies](#)- Guardian (UK)

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