

Today's News - Monday, June 25, 2007

ArcSpace takes us to Qatar, Argentina, and NYC. – Litt lights into the bitter debate over the fate of Cleveland's Breuer tower. – A call for ideas: What Would you do with the Breuer Building? – A response to last week's dismal view of Thames Gateway (Tristram Hunt's "Sold down the river"). – An elevated rail line over Tyson's Corner is a looming mistake. – Rhode Island is slow on the uptake of green building (but there's hope). – Hume calls for a waterfront champion, and finds hope in new Irish famine memorial. – In desperate need of urban planners, Spartanburg, SC, offers free design consultations to developers. – Tacoma reinvents public housing. – King finds some of San Francisco's most progressive buildings are affordable housing. – Campbell coos over the "inventive architecture" of a Boston condo (and a developer who's into making great buildings, not just money machines). – Kennicott is more than cautionary about three National Mall projects. – After a decade, the Millennium Dome finally works (with a little ice-cream-and-Egyptianate thrown in). – No planning permit in place for Gaudi's cathedral, but so what - why not tear down the neighborhood and build his plaza project while we're at it. – Australia is proud host to RIBA's Lubetkin Prize for the most outstanding new building outside the EU. – London's Design Museum prepares for Hadid, "a gruff, laughing, scowling, very loud and exotic earth mother in a hard hat." – Winners all: From Fiji to Philadelphia in Building A Sustainable World: Life in the Balance competition. – Young and old take inaugural Jane Jacobs Medal for innovative urban thinking.

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[Tower fight threatens commission's status: The bitter debate over whether to renovate or replace a downtown Cleveland office tower designed by the great Modernist architect Marcel Breuer threatens to cause serious collateral damage...In its zeal to demolish the tower, the county shouldn't also demolish the planning commission. By Steven Litt-](#) Cleveland Plain Dealer

[Call for Entries: What Would you do with the Breuer Building? Two-thirds of Cuyahoga County's commissioners want to demolish it. Architecture critic Steven Litt wants to save it; deadline: July 6-](#) Ingenuity Cleveland

[It's not paradise, but it's no cultural desert: We haven't forgotten the Thames Gateway's rich history, say Heather Kerswell and Christine Pointer...we take issue with Tristram Hunt's dismal view "Sold down the river"-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Fairfax County's Metro Mistake Looms Over Tysons Corner: A tunnel has been strongly favored by almost everyone except the team of contractors designing the elevated rail line...the compelling architectural, urban-design and environmental reasons for not running viaducts or rail lines overhead in dense areas. By Roger K. Lewis-](#) Washington Post

[It's not easy being green: Sustainable design is rising in popularity, but Rhode Island remains slow on the uptake...Dynamo House, an ambitious new residential-retail project...will be among a handful of green buildings...recognized by the USGBC. -- Newport Collaborative-](#) The Phoenix (Boston)

[To revitalize waterfront, first give city hall a shake: ...West Don Lands...what's at stake here is really nothing less than the future of Toronto...what the waterfront desperately needs is a political champion...bold and visionary, but also practical...That someone has yet to appear. By Christopher Hume-](#) Toronto Star

[Irish famine memorial park offers direction for waterfront: It's called Ireland Park but don't expect shillelaghs or green beer...a remarkable landscape-within-a-landscape...Now let's hope the park...will galvanize our no-can-do bureaucrats and dim-bulb councillors into grasping the potential of a revitalized waterfront. By Christopher Hume -- Jonathan Kearns; Rowan Gillespie-](#) Toronto Star

[Wanted: Urban planners: While design trends such as traditional neighborhood development \(TOD\) and the "new urbanism" are grabbing hold in other parts of the country, Spartanburg, South Carolina, continues to lag in thoughtful residential planning...\[the county\] and Upstate Forever have partnered with local architecture firm McMillan Smith & Partners to offer free optional design consultations to area developers.-](#) Spartanburg Herald-Journal (South Carolina)

[In Tacoma, Recreating Public Housing: Salishan...New Urbanist-style neighborhood...embodies the aspirations of a city that has historically languished in the shadow of Seattle... -- Torti Gallas & Partners-](#) New York Times

[Bay Area's best design isn't just for the rich: ...San Francisco chapter of the American Institute of Architects...design awards...reflects a surprising aspect of today's urban landscape: Many of the most progressive buildings...are designed expressly for low- and moderate-income residents. By John King -- Anne Phillips Architecture; David Baker Architects; Van Meter Williams Pollack \[images, links\]-](#) San Francisco Chronicle

[Practical magic: Inventive and savvy, a South Boston condo building meets many needs...Macallen Building...is inventive architecture that is also practical and market-savvy. By Robert Campbell -- Tehrani/Ponce de Leon/Office dA; Burt Hill; Landworks Studio-](#) Boston Globe

[Taking the Wrong View: Three Projects on or Near the National Mall Could Reshape](#)

[More Than the Vistas...offer a disturbing view of shortsighted planning. By Philip Kennicott -- Moshe Safdie; Maya Lin; Polshek Partnership; Ralph Applebaum Associates; Ernest Flagg \(1904\)- Washington Post](#)

[A decade on...the Dome finally works: As the Millennium Dome prepares to reopen \[as the O2 Arena\], what does the venue's former creative director, Stephen Bayley, think of its rebirth? What has happened inside the Tent is extraordinary...at last something coherent has been achieved... -- Richard Rogers; HOK Sport- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Gaudi's Barcelona masterpiece 'did not have planning permission': ...proposed high-speed train link...has turned the public spotlight on the unlicensed status...devotees have dusted off Gaudi's plaza project...would mean...evicting 150 families. They have announced an international competition...- Independent \(UK\)](#)

[Southern Cross Station wins Royal Institute of British Architects Lubetkin Prize, which it bestows on the most outstanding new building located outside of the European Union. - Grimshaw Architects- The Age \(Australia\)](#)

[Doyenne of the drawing board: As a major exhibition of her work opens, Zaha Hadid's singular vision continues to make waves...Indeed, a force of nature in tabard and site boots. By Stephen Bayley- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Multidisciplinary Teams Tackle Climate Change with Innovative Plans for Healthy, Sustainable Communities: ...four winning teams selected...as part of the RIBA - USA California chapter's competition, Building A Sustainable World: Life in the Balance. -- Toby Kyle/Chris Cole/Kamineli Vuadreu; Gall & Medek Architects/Team D/E/S; Wallace Roberts and Todd \(WRT\); Liu Di \[links\]- Environmental News Network \(ENN\)](#)

[Their Reward for Imagining What New York City Can Be: The Rockefeller Foundation has named the first two recipients of the Jane Jacobs Medals, which carry a \\$100,000 prize for innovative urban thinking. -- Barry Benepe/Greenmarket; Omar Freilla/Green Worker Cooperatives- New York Times](#)

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