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• AANY's Bell reflects on the future of Ground Zero: “What is happening at the WTC site? And why is there a need to get together on 6/11 to turn 9/11 around, yet again?”

• Stewart questions whether too many publicly-funded British quangos might ultimately devalue the promotion of good design.

• Should architects become more active in politics? Yes, says a district councilor; no, says DEGW’s Duffy.

• Irish architects up in arms over competition to redesign the ESB headquarters in Dublin.

• “There is more to obesity than diet”: Friedman calls for local governments to rethink the way they design communities to promote physical activity instead of encouraging a sedentary lifestyle.

• While Lincoln Center re-do gamers high praise, a few discordant voices are raising an alarm that it may be changing too much.

• Cannell considers whether modernist landscapes are the next wave for preservation, and the irony that preservationists largely ignore the outdoor portion of the sites they're trying to preserve.

• A big cheer for San Jose's new airport terminal: it's "the best piece of public architecture since the new City Hall" (too bad it's mostly hidden by a blob of a garage).

• Procidence does contemporary: Brown University breaks ground on DS+H's Granoff Center for the Creative Arts; the "biggest surprise may be on the inside" - Shipping containers take shape as a new office building for start-up businesses and artists (we can imagine Brussat boiling them in)

• A paint attack on Rome's Ara Pacis Museum while the mayor backs off of wanting to tear it down and "has begun talks with Richard Meier to 'rethink' its design."

• Bayley celebrates Big Ben's birthday: "Pugin's crazy, magnificent clock tower."

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• Architects may complain to Brussels over design contest: The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) says criteria for entering the competition to redesign the ESB headquarters in Dublin would debar most Irish architects. - Irish Times

• Should architects become more active in politics? Yes, architects need to get involved, says Kensington & Chelsea councillor Emma Dent Coad, but Frank Duffy/DEGW counters that architects should spend their time on good design ideas not the nitty-gritty of politics - BD/Building Design (UK)

• Op-Ed: Ain't it black? On June 11th, Mayor Bloomberg will bring together...some of the key individuals who will determine the future of the World Trade Center site's redevelopment...What is happening at the WTC site? And why is there a need to get together on 6/11 to turn 9/11 around, yet again? By Rick Bell -- Grimshaw; Calatrava; Libeskind; Pei Cobb Freed; Pelli Clarke Pelli; Louis Braverman; Poisik; Foster; Rogers; Maki; Snøhetta - World Architecture News (UK)

• Follow that CABE - how many quangos do we need? Without devaluing the promotion of good design, one has to question the number of bodies publicly funded to do so...it should be obvious from the number of dull buildings under construction out there that this fragmented, costly approach isn't working. By Dan Stewart - Building (UK)

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• Let's put all the MPs in a home: Should architects get more involved in politics, or should politicians learn a little more about architecture? I have a plan... By Jonathan Glancey - BD/Building Design (UK)

• Architects weigh in on creating skinny cities: “When we look at how we house ourselves, there is more to obesity than diet...” local governments have to rethink the way they design our communities. Urban planning should include ways to promote physical activity instead of encouraging a sedentary lifestyle. -- Avi Friedman - Saskatoon Star-Phoenix (Canada)

• When Renovation Meets Redo: A few discordant voices are raising an alarm with worries that Lincoln Center may be changing too much. By Robin Pogrebin – Diller ScOFico & Renfro; Dan Kiley; Gordon Buntschul; Max Abramovitz; Docomono; Hugh Hardy - New York Times

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