Today's News - July 27, 2005

A sterling shortlist for Stirling Prize. – An all-time high for tall buildings around the world. – A call to stop the "gushing" and enter into "thoughtful civic debate" about Calatrava's Chicago spire. - It's time to start making buildings better, not bigger. – Add to our lexicon: "Megalopolis": a "secret to America's 21st-century survival and success"? – Big plans to preserve Edinburgh's history - and still allow striking architecture - built well). – New airport terminal: very big, lots of art, no sense of place. – More on the Antarctic research station (more pix, too). – Two art and design colleges may merge. – AlA adds New Orleans and Alexandria Township N.J. to its Sustainable Design Assistance Team (SDAT) Program. – Seattle (again) tops list of most expensive U.S. cities. – An exhibition looks at L.A.'s architectural and urban experiments from decades past. – For your amusement and edification: a lexicon and fairy tale of "plannerese": fauxburb, doczilla, and more.

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Scottish parliament shortlisted for Stirling Prize: the shortlist: Enric Miralles/RMJM; Bennetts Associates; Foster and Partners; Zaha Hadid; O'Donnel and Tuomey; Will Alsop-Guardian (UK)

The Desire for Tallest Building Persists: The 9/11 terrorist attack has done little or nothing to diminish a global appetite to touch the sky. — Santiago Calatrava; Skidmore Owings & Merrill- New York Times

Save the gushing; it's time to fill in blanks on lakefront spire: Tower may be art in motion, but how would it move terrorists? ...We need great architecture -- and the thoughtful civic debate that is essential to creating it. By Blair Kamin -- Santiago Calatrava- Chicago Tribune

Voluntary Simplicity: Making Smaller Better: As creators of places, our profession has a responsibility to prove that simplicity can coexist with a high standard of living. By Bill Valentine/HOK- EarthVision

The "megalopolis" century: ...strings of major metro areas working together...might just be a secret to America's 21st-century survival and success. By Neal Peirce- Seattle Times

Thinking big to preserve city's history: Edinburgh World Heritage trustees...raised fears that its striking architecture and splendid views could be damaged by shoddy workmanship and inappropriate building materials... -- Colvin & Moggridge-The Scotsman (UK)

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport new terminal lacks sense of place: So what impressions will travelers get of Dallas as they pass through the new \$1.7 billion Terminal D? Big, bland and boring. By David Dillon -- Corgan Associates; HKS; HNTB [images]-Dallas Morning News

Futuristic design for new Antarctic base: ...design will provide a safe, stimulating place for scientists to live and work, in a building designed to minimize its impact on Antarctica's pristine environment. -- Faber Maunsell; Hugh Broughton Architects [images]- Gizmag (Australia)

Two colleges of art may combine: Atlanta College of Art is considering a plan to fold into its new neighbor, the Savannah College of Art and Design...- Atlanta Journal-Constitution

AlA Adds Two Communities to Sustainable Design Assistance Team (SDAT) Program to Promote Long-term Community Sustainability: New Orleans and Alexandria Township N.J. to Participate in Pioneering Community Assistance Program-American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Most Overpriced Places In The U.S. 2005: Seattle, once again, took the highest spot...-Forbes

Exhibition: "Whatever Happened to LA? Architectural and Urban Experiments 1970 – 1990" at SCI-Arc Gallery -- Frederick Fisher; Hodgetts + Fung; Coy Howard; Koning Eizenberg; Anthony Lumsden; Moore Rubell Yudell; Morphosis; Eric Owen Moss; Cesar Pelli; Studioworks; etc.- Art Daily

Op-Ed: From NIMBYs To DUDEs: The Wacky World Of Plannerese: ...a selected glossary of the terms...'A Modern Fairy Tale in Plannerese,' which looks at a typical planning issue through the humorous lens of planning jargon. By Ric Stephens- PLANetizen

Rethinking Form and Function: Swarthmore College Unified Science Center becomes an intellectual and social magnet for an entire campus. — Einhorn Yaffee Prescott; Helfand Architecture [images]- ArchNewsNow

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- -- Under construction: Raimund Abraham: JingYa Ocean Entertainment Center, Beijing, China
- -- Randall Stout: Art Museum of Western Virginia, Roanoke, Virginia
- -- Design Hotel: Niall D Brennan & Associates: The Morgan, Dublin, Ireland

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