

Today's News - May 18, 2006

Call for entries to design a national library in Prague. -- Spanish architects win Thailand's Tsunami Memorial with "Mountains of Remembrance" (most reports did not name architects, but we found two of three; at least this one has an image). -- BedZed not as eco-friendly as hoped; hopefully there's "light at the end of the tunnel." -- High hopes for a "landmark housing development" in East London. -- A decidedly L.A. kind of day: Arch Record talks to and shows off just about everyone and everything (this goes into our bookmarks). -- An L.A. transplant from NYC reflections on Jane Jacobs. -- A Brentwood dog park glows: it's on an old radioactive waste dump (are they serious about a development project?). -- A Beverly Hills art center with Lincoln Center dreams (on a smaller scale). -- Griffith Observatory about to re-join L.A.'s architectural constellation. -- L.A. Business Council honors innovative developments (architects included). -- Chicago's Hyde Park Art Center is open, but still a work in progress with one big "wow." -- U.K. may come down hard on second homes to prevent spread of "ghost villages." -- Ailing historic British churches' greatest bane is not the rain, but red tape. -- On view in Japan: Modernist On Kunio Maekawa, a student of Corbu and mentor to Tenge.

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[International Competition: National Library of the Czech Republic, Prague; registration deadline: June 30-](#) National Library of the Czech Republic

[Spanish architects take honors in tsunami memorial contest "Mountains of Remembrance" -- Ana Somoza Jimenez, Juana Canet, Architecture: Naga Concepts Company \[image\]-](#) ThaiDay (Thailand)

[Living in a dream: Residents moving in to the BedZed development believed they would be at the forefront of an eco-friendly existence - then things started to go wrong...But now they "see light at the end of the tunnel"...](#) -- Bill Dunster- Guardian (UK)

[Abbott's Wharf Housing: On a former industrial site in East London...a landmark housing development. By Terri Whitehead -- Jestico + Whiles \[images\]-](#) ArchitectureWeek

[Record Reveals: Los Angeles -- news, interviews, projects, critiques-](#) Architectural Record

['Radiant & Endearing,' Jane Jacobs Reminded Planners How to Appreciate the 'Visceral City: Sam Hall Kaplan reflects on his friendship with and admiration for the late Jacobs.-](#) The Planning Report

[Real Hot Property: A popular Brentwood dog park on Veterans Administration property is built over an old radioactive waste dump that may soon be unearthed by proposed development-](#) LA City Beat

[Dream approaches reality for Beverly Hills arts center: Transformation of the city's 1933 post office -- its purpose now clear \["a little Lincoln Center"\] -- can move ahead with a new architect. -- SPF:architects \[images\]-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Griffith Observatory to Re-Join L.A.'s Architectural Constellation This Fall: Director Ed Krupp offers a glimpse into an updated version of L.A.'s scientific, educational, and architectural landmark. -- Levin & Assoc.; Pfeiffer Partners-](#) The Planning Report

[36th Annual Los Angeles Architectural Awards: L.A. Business Council Honors 19 Project Teams for Innovative Developments Enhancing the Urban Fabric -- Richard Meier & Partners; Shigeru Ban/Gensler; Barton Pehls & Assoc.; Johnson Fain; Machado and Silvetti; Perkins + Will; Lorcan O'Herlihy; Moore Ruble Yudell; RTKL; etc.-](#) DMO Newswire

[The Building isn't Finished, But at Least the Art is Ready: The new Hyde Park Art Center is officially open, but the building may not be finished for at least a month. So this is a limited preview..."You've seen the movie 'Money Pit'?" By Blair Kamin -- Garofalo Architects; Inigo Manglano-Ovalle-](#) Chicago Tribune

[Councils may be allowed to stop sales of second homes: ...Affordable Rural Housing Commission has asked the Government to explore ways of preventing the spread of scenic "ghost villages" - developments which would be largely unoccupied in winter.-](#) Telegraph (UK)

[The most important financial appeal I know is new roofs for old churches: Places of worship in the local parish were once vital resources....their greatest bane, not leaking roofs but red tape. By Simon Jenkins-](#) Guardian (UK)

[On Kunio Maekawa \(1905-86\)...a pivotal figure in the inception and development of modern architecture in Japan...a crucial link in the import of Western architectural concepts and techniques into Japanese architectural design, construction practices, and even urbanism.-](#) Artscape (Japan)

[Under construction: Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects: Renée & Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall/Samueli Theatre, Orange County Performing Arts Center, Costa Mesa, California](#)

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