

## Today's News - December 6, 2006

We lose a chronicler (and prickly critic) of Modernism. – The first (of what we're sure will be many) reviews of Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art. – Urban Design Awards bode well for London, Ontario. – Seattle wants to improve the building design review process (if only everyone could agree). – Libeskind plan for Denver's Civic Center has new voices sounding off with ideas. – Louisville's Museum Plaza gets more expansive - and expensive. – Gehry's Princeton library opening delayed. – Plans for Perth tower get a makeover, hopefully with a bit more "originality and flair." – The pressure is on to preserve Neutra's Cyclorama at Gettysburg. – Shanghai cathedral to be restored (or just prettified?). – U.S. architects better have deep pockets if they want to take part in 2010 Shanghai World Expo. – It's Rogers vs. Ikea's BoKlok houses (and a traditionalist calls them architects who "can't resist getting their sticky fingers all over housing.") – Hawthorne sees big bucks for Case Study homes as "an effective mechanism for preservation." – Q&A with Moriyama. – Scully reflects on Johnson's Glass House. – An "iPad" for Dubai: "Why do buildings have to be static objects?" (no, it doesn't spin).

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[Obituary: Peter Blake, 86, architect, critic and former editor of Architectural Forum who was known for his lively critiques of Modernism...- New York Times](#)

[A vision fulfilled at harbor's edge: Institute of Contemporary Art a frame on surroundings...the most inventive, most interesting piece of local architecture since the Hancock Tower of a generation ago. By Robert Campbell -- Diller Scofidio + Renfro \[slide show, links\]- Boston Globe](#)

[Boston's \\$41 Million Art Museum Brings the Harbor Light Inside: I should be bothered by the discontinuity of interior and exterior, but it seems a good fit..interior has architectural presence without getting in art's way. The outside pugnaciously asserts this old upstart's new place on the harbor -- and in the city. By James S. Russell -- Diller Scofidio + Renfro-Bloomberg News](#)

[Designs on downtown: With courage, strong planning and lots more people, London's core could be Ontario's envy...Urban Design Awards...start the process of people talking about design" ... -- Larry Beasley, Tillmann Ruth Mocellin; Murphy Hilgers:: Vafiades Landscape Architect; Murphy and Murphy Architect; etc.- The London Free Press \(Canada\)](#)

[City seeks to improve building design review: Growth is straining process...all see ways to improve Seattle's design review process, although they disagree on just how flawed it is now.- Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#)

[Locals add voices to Civic Center Park fix: Presentations tonight by local architects will provide an alternative to Daniel Libeskind's vision. -- Cygnet Group; THK Associates; Saarinen Landscape Architecture; Civitas; Architecture Denver- Denver Post](#)

[Museum Plaza plan expands, cost grows: Proposal calls for change in traffic along waterfront...will be larger than previously planned and cost an extra \\$85 million by the time it opens in 2010. -- Joshua Prince-Ramus/Ramus Ella Architects; West 8 \[images\]- Courier-Journal \(Louisville, KY\)](#)

[Lewis Library opening delayed: University fires contractor, has no set date for final completion -- Frank Gehry- Daily Princetonian](#)

['Cassette rack' tower plans get makeover...after Perth City Council's planning committee carpeted 37-storey city apartment project for a lack of originality and flair. -- MacCormac Architects- West Australian](#)

[The Recent Past Preservation Network Sues to Prevent Demolition of Historic Cyclorama Center at Gettysburg -- Richard Neutra \(1961\)- BusinessWire](#)

[Shanghai's Anglican cathedral to rise again: Holy Trinity, a classic piece of empire neo-Gothic designed in the 1860s by Sir Gilbert Scott...Even the spire, which was knocked down in the Cultural Revolution, is to be rebuilt. -- Peter Hibbard; Zhang Ming Architectural Design- Telegraph \(UK\)](#)

[U.S. Presence at 2010 Shanghai World Expo Remains Doubtful: With no federal funds available for a U.S. pavilion, the State Department is looking to business to stump up the necessary \\$75-100 million...offers little hope for architects without deep pockets. By Fred A. Bernstein- BusinessWeek](#)

[Top architect Rogers tries it the Ikea way...in a battle to remodel the British home...has designed his first new house for 37 years, to be followed by 145 more...will be available in up to a dozen combinations of size and layout.- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[Priced to preserve: Case Study homes, built for the middle class, now sell for millions...astronomical prices now attached to the Case Study houses...may turn out to be an effective mechanism for preservation. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Koenig; Eames; Saarinen; Neutra; Ellwood; van der Rohe- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Five questions with Raymond Moriyama: architect of Canadian War Museum talks about his philosophy on design, humanity and the gift his father gave him that he still thinks about. - Hamilton Spectator \(Canada\)](#)

[More Reflections on the Glass House: Vincent Scully shares his memories of Philip Johnson and his iconic residence. By Martin C. Pedersen- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[Redefining house: An architect's interactive vision...for the first time his chameleon-like computerized apartment will be the model for rooms in a planned residential complex in Dubai...iPad, a 24-story apartment complex with 280 units... -- James Law Cybertecture International- CNN](#)

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