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ArcSpace brings us two competition winners in Denmark and Korea, and a college in the Netherlands. – What are citizens' rights in a nation doomed to sink into the sea? – Qatar's radical plan to transform its "soulless cities." – Kamin gets serious: "Americans have no excuse for overlooking infrastructure." – The U.K.'s "Blueprint for A Green Economy." – Perhaps it will assuage Farrell's dim view of the country's "lack of planning vision." – French president taps starchitects to help shape his legacy. – Bayley on Bath's "virulent hatred of all things modern." – Saffron on the potential loss of two more Philadelphia treasures. – Baltimore adds two to its landmark list, and faces two very different attitudes by owners. – Becker's take on Chicago Children's Museum plans to move into Grant Park. – In Milwaukee and Halifax: whose view is it anyway? – Modifications to Cornell's Milstein Hall plans may be costly, but may be worth it. – Glancey finds "worthwhile architecture and quiet delight" in a new London inner-city school. – Boston's public television station's new HQ is (mostly) "a spectacular piece of architecture," says Campbell. – Winners announced in Living Steel 2nd International Architecture Competition for Sustainable Housing. – Cooper-Hewitt opens online voting for 2007 People's Design Award today.

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[What Will Become of Tuvalu's Climate Refugees? International legal experts are discovering climate change law...The Polynesian archipelago is doomed to disappear beneath the ocean. Now lawyers are asking what sort of rights citizens have when their homeland no longer exists.](#)- Der Spiegel (Germany)

[Qatar's bid to transform our soulless cities: ...announced plans to cut its expatriate workforce by more than two-thirds...by 2025...has the potential to radically transform the Gulf's soulless cities, or at least make Doha less of a drag.](#)- ArabianBusiness.com

[The way we move--and live: The national infrastructure crisis...now sits menacingly on the doorstep of "The City That Works." By Blair Kamin -- Helmut Jahn; Myron Goldsmith/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(1984\); R. Shankar Nair/Teng-](#) Chicago Tribune

[Gummer and Goldsmith's green plans for construction: Special report: More detail on Tory proposals for construction including the merger of building and planning control and a new sustainability Government department..."Blueprint for A Green Economy"...](#)- Building (UK)

[UK's lack of planning vision 'tragic' says Terry Farrell: "Town planning is at best deeply disrespected. The anti-big picture stuff is a tragedy...We're not looking at it holistically."](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Sarkozy invites top architects to help shape presidential legacy: Speculation centres on Île Seguin in the Seine...aware of the power of architecture to shape a French president's image. -- Foster; Rogers; Hadid; Nouvel-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Is Bath Britain's most backward city? When designer James Dyson offered to put up half the £25 million for a new school of design, he can't have imagined the bureaucrats...would turn him down. But he's not the only one to have been left frustrated by a city with a virulent hatred of all things modern. By Stephen Bayley -- WilkinsonEyre; Grimshaw; Eric Parry-](#) Observer (UK)

[More Broad St. buildings face execution: This time the state wants them torn down...has now managed to take a routine building-code violation and pump it up into an emergency situation it says justifies immediate demolition of these important National Historic Register structures. By Inga Saffron -- Romaldo Giurgola-](#) Philadelphia Inquirer

[Preservation hearings produce same result, different attitudes: Twice this summer, Baltimore's preservation commission voted to recommend adding a building to the city's landmark list...Mechanic Theatre and Scottish Rite Temple... By Edward Gunts -- John M. Johansen \(1967\); Clyde N. Friz/Charles Friz/John Russell Pope \(1933\) \[images, links\]-](#) Baltimore Sun

[Forever Open Clear and Free: Chicago Children's Museum calls on old-style political muscle to win its gambit to insert a new 100,000 square foot building on the city's lakefront \[Grant Park\]...The debate isn't about the architecture...The question comes down to this: are we still committed to open land? By Lynn Becker -- Krueck & Sexton-](#) Repeat (Chicago)

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[general public.](#) [By Whitney Gould](#)- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Twisted Sisters foes lose appeal: ...highrise development has cleared a major hurdle..."We need some densification in downtown Halifax and this is certainly a step in the right direction."](#) -- [Siamak Hariiri/Hariri Pontarini Architects \[image\]](#)- The Chronicle-Herald (Halifax)

[Costly modifications to Milstein Hall plan may allow Cornell to bypass Board of Public Works](#) -- [Rem Koolhaas](#)- Ithaca Journal

[A new London underground: ...the ingenious expansion of an inner-city school...St Marylebone school...proves to be something of a small architectural miracle: at once a fine example of intelligent urban design, thoughtful landscape gardening, worthwhile architecture and quiet delight.](#) [By Jonathan Glancey](#) -- [Gumuchdjian Architects](#); [Todd Longstaffe-Gowan](#)- Guardian (UK)

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[Living Steel 2nd International Architecture Competition for Sustainable Housing Announces Winners in Brazil, China and the United Kingdom](#) -- [Andrade Morettin Arquitetos](#); [David Knafo](#) [Tagit Klimor](#); [Cartwright Pickard Architects \[images\]](#)- Living Steel

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