

Today's News - June 30, 2006

EDITORS NOTE: We will be celebrating the 4th of July by making the 3rd an extra day of independence - we'll be back Wednesday, July 5. — Florida and Kotkin on mega-cities and the 'burbs (and links to some other interesting urban articles). — Dubai's big dreams are a chance of a lifetime for architects, and a cause of environmental concern. — Wanted: a new planning director for Vancouver "ready to shake-up the tired planning model of Condos First." — New Urbanism comes to the Scottish Highlands (no, it won't be a copy of Seaside). — Another take on the new Freedom Tower. — School design should make them "centers of community." — Could France's Millau Viaduct be the solution for Seattle's Elliott Bay? — A monumental footbridge as memorial in Australia. — New rules for New Zealand architects. — Herzog & de Meuron at MoMA: they should keep their day job. — A new book looks at the roots of how we became a throw-away society. — ArchVoices essay competition winners announced.

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[The New Megalopolis: Our focus on cities is wrong. Growth and innovation come from new urban corridors.](#) By Richard Florida- Newsweek International

[Building up the Burbs: The suburbs are the world's future because most people love them, so why fight the sprawl? The new urbanism, built around downtown revival and beloved by the celebrated starchitects, will cede pride of place to the "new suburbanism."](#) By Joel Kotkin- Newsweek International

[Dubai: Big Dreams in the Desert: ...a New York/Las Vegas/Miami rolled into one...some of its neighbors are following its lead.](#) -- Thompson, Ventulett, Stainback (TVS); Perkins + Will; Calatrava: Nouvel- Atlanta Journal-Constitution

[Time to Upset Our Best Laid Plans: Vancouver's two planning gurus are out, and we need a new vision..."Living First Strategy"...has actually been so successful that it is turning Vancouver into a bedroom community for its suburbs.](#) By Helena Grdadolnik- The Tyee (Vancouver)

[The Truman Show's architect dreams of a Highland Utopia: ...has been engaged...to help create a blueprint for a proposed new Highland community of some 10,000 homes..."New Urbanism has to be lived, you can't just judge from a picture of it. And Poundbury is not pastiche..."](#) -- Duany Plater-Zyberk (DPZ); Congress for New Urbanism; Leon Krier- The Scotsman (UK)

[Childs Unveils Final Design for Freedom Tower: ...three significant design refinements...](#) -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Peter Walker [images]- Architectural Record

[Former California State Architect Castellanos Proposes Reforms to How Schools Are Designed & Built: "...schools can and should be "centers of community."](#)- New Schools Better Neighborhoods

[Opinion: Look to France for viaduct alternative: The Viaduc at Millau solved the transportation problem and simultaneously created architectural history...a dramatic architectural engineering response to an extraordinarily complex situation roughly analogous to Seattle's...](#) By Earl J. Bell and Arlene Bell -- Norman Foster- Seattle Post-Intelligencer

[Lake plan for monumental footbridge: Immigration Bridge... will be a monument to the contributions of the more than 10 million migrants who have permanently settled in Australia since 1788...will stretch 400 metres from the National Museum grounds across the lake to Lennox Gardens.](#) -- Bligh Voller Nield); ARUP Australia [image]- CityNews (Canberra)

[Consumers and architects benefit from new rules governing the registration, ongoing training and discipline of architects come into force this Saturday...](#) -- New Zealand Registered Architects Board (NZRAB)- Scoop (New Zealand)

[Once Again, Herzog & de Meuron Offer Their Vision of the MoMA: ...should not relinquish their day jobs as high-profile architects...Their Artist's Choice exhibition...is perverse, cerebral and probably the most elaborate one-liner you're likely to encounter...](#)- New York Times

[Them's the Breaks: "Made to Break" reveals the roots of our throwaway culture-](#) Grist Magazine

[ArchVoices Essay Competition Honorees Announced-](#) ArchVoices

[Reference This: Two views on trends in public and academic libraries -- Field Paoli; Chong Partners \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow

[-- Exhibition: Poul Kjærholm, Louisiana Museum, Humlebæk, Denmark](#)  
[-- Competition winner: Rem Koolhaas OMA, Brewery Site, Copenhagen](#)  
[-- Two Books: Peter Zumthor Thinking Architecture, and Atmospheres](#)

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