

Today's News - February 26, 2007

ArcSpace brings us Swiss stars doing triangles in Barcelona. -- An environmental report card for American cities (some surprises, too). -- Nobel takes on the global "lust for height." -- Gazprom's "comcob or carbuncle" is nouveau riche "in the worst way possible." -- King finds Mayne's San Francisco federal building "bravado with an imaginative social conscience." (lots of pix, too). -- A colorful Alsop to adorn Salford skyline. -- Foster teams up with GGLO for a much needed civic plaza for Seattle. -- A Manchester housing estate "has taken to a new level the attention-seeking architecture and rhetoric and branding of modern urban regeneration." -- "Beautifully designed" affordable housing in Minneapolis a step in reclaiming a neighborhood. -- Recyclable cardboard tents for festivals and other uses. -- Saffron on architecture moving into the branding business. -- Glancey on supercasinos: bring on the kitsch instead of pretending they're "decent, worthy elements in the regeneration of our cities." -- Foster does green luxury in Italy for those who "want to be environmentally conscious without too much sacrifice." -- St. Louis airport getting a much needed makeover. -- A riverfront resort in the Ozarks. -- New ways to park cars (inspired by bakery trays). -- Awards for Top 10 Indonesian firms.

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[Urban Environment Report: current environmental performance of 72 U.S. cities.- Earth Day Network](#)

[Lust for Height: The terrorist attacks of 9/11 seem to have whetted the global appetite to build taller and taller...Coming soon: the fulfillment of Frank Lloyd Wright's dream of a mile-high building. By Philip Nobel -- Council on Tall Buildings; Norman Foster; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture; Kohn Pedersen Fox; Renzo Piano- The American magazine](#)

[As comcob or carbuncle, all architecture isn't local: "Nouveau riche" certainly figures in the Gazprom debate. In the worst way possible. -- RMJM- Houston Chronicle](#)

[Towering Expectations: S.F.'s new federal building challenges ideas of what a government high-rise should look like -- its humane design is green, dazzling...Like it or not, this is architecture at its provocative best. By John King -- Thom Mayne/Morphosis; Smith Group- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[Bravo to 'Bravia' bravado: Salford's skyline will soon be brightened by a huge £40 million tower block ...will feature a multi-coloured facade. -- Will Alsop \[image\]- Salford Advertiser \(UK\)](#)

[Tower, public plaza planned near City Hall: "The new Civic Plaza will bring new homes, new jobs and a much needed public gathering place to our downtown." -- Foster + Partners; GGLO; Atelier Dreiseitl- Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#)

[The estate we're in: When a crime-ridden area of Manchester was rebranded 'New Blington', everybody laughed....has taken to a new level the attention-seeking architecture and rhetoric and branding of modern urban regeneration. -- Urban Splash; Will Alsop \[links\]- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[An elegant new residence: Beautifully designed, inside and out, the Jourdain is helping transform an inner-city neighborhood...takes reclamation one step further. In addition to the 24 units of affordable housing, it has 17 units renting for market rates. By Linda Mack - Cunningham Group; UrbanWorks Architecture- Minneapolis Star Tribune](#)

[Cardboard tents: a triumph of green entrepreneurship: The first Myhabs should be seen in trials at festivals this summer...could have other uses, such as for disaster relief and housing for the London Olympics. -- James Dunlop- Independent \(UK\)](#)

[Realty company's new digs befit builder of Cira Centre: ...advertising and marketing might have been the means of choice to express that corporate identity. But increasingly we're seeing architecture moving into the communications and branding business. By Inga Saffron -- Cesar Pelli; Kling Stubbins- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[Putting on the kitsch: Manchester's proposed supercasino is polite, tasteful and worthy. Give it a rest. What it needs is glitter, gold, waxworks and robotic fish. By Jonathan Glancey- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Green Living: A new luxury apartment complex \[Santa Giulia\] in Milan is aimed at buyers who want to be environmentally conscious without too much sacrifice. -- Norman Foster \[image\]- Newsweek](#)

[Face-lift for Lambert Field: The biggest renovation in the airport's history...will overhaul just about everything at the Main Terminal, from road signs to window panes. -- David Mason and Associates; HOK- St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#)

[Riva D'Lago launches luxury resort plan: ...a multi-million dollar world-class resort and residential complex...on a 19-acre parcel of land at the 19-mile marker on Shawnee Bend. -- Loeb Schlossman and Hackl \[image\]- Lake Sun Leader \(Missouri\)](#)

[Parking as a Destination: Innovative approaches to parking that operate like automotive warehouses are gaining popularity in space-starved cities around the world. -- Moskow Architects; Annabelle Selldorf; Smart Cities/Media Lab \[slide show\]- New York Times](#)

[BCI Asia Bestows Awards to the 10 Most Active Architectural Firms in Indonesia --](#)

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