

## Today's News - Friday, June 29, 2007

Part 2 of Ed Blakely's discussion about recovery process in New Orleans. – Galveston has big development plans (never mind reports by those pesky geologists). – Big plans for Edinburgh's Old Town approved. – U.K.'s Media City moves ahead (with new players). – High hopes to transform Tysons Corner from "an office park on steroids" to a livable community (and the controversial elevated rail line? just a "distraction"). – A Brooklyn school yard offers an affordable model for reclaiming urban community space. – The future of L.A.'s Pershing Square debated (don't let architects design it). – Boddy on the future of Vancouver housing: "on the cusp of a radical realignment" with a silver lining – "design matters." – Lots of luscious pictures of Asymptote's first Manhattan project. – Chicago Spire just about to break ground (so much for the skeptics). – Copy-cat law gaining ground. – The Pompidou Centre 30 years later: has its original spirit has survived? – And Pearman finds Rogers in reminiscent mood. – An in-depth look at Zaha's saga in Rome. – On view: a Rudofsky retrospective at CCA. – Parking's place in our sense of utopia.

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[Recovery Chief Ed Blakely Discusses Rebuilding New Orleans - Part Two: recovery planning process and the future of the city in the long-term. \[podcast\]](#)- PLANetizen

[Galveston poised to defy geologists: Leaders of this fast-eroding barrier island...are about to approve nearly 4,000 new homes and two midrise hotels despite geologists' warnings that the massive development would sever a ridge that serves as the \[Texas\] island's natural storm shield.](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Morgan McDonnell's scheme for regeneration in Edinburgh's Old Town: ...development proposal for Advocate's Close receives planning approval..will breathe new life into a long neglected part of the World Heritage site. \[images\]](#)- Archiseek (Ireland)

[Sheppard Robson to plan university site at MediaCity: Architect will design faculty for Salford university as Chapman Taylor takes over BBC jobs \[from Wilkinson Eyre\]](#)- Building (UK)

[Tysons Re-Design Called 'One of the Most Exciting Opportunities in U.S.': ...conditions are now ripe to transform it from "an office park on steroids" to the kind of urban center where increased pedestrian activity, thousands of new residences and a wide range of services can all be subsumed by planned, attractive quality design.](#)- Falls Church News-Press (Virginia)

[Report: "A Schoolyard in Brooklyn: Strengthening Families and Communities Through the Innovative Use of Public Space": an affordable model for reclaiming urban community space](#)- Center for New York City Affairs

[Return to Pershing Square: Public and Planners Weigh In on the Future of Downtown L.A.'s Central Park...bare, stark and empty," according to landscape architect Stephanie Landregan. "It is my opinion that architects make sterile outdoor spaces...."](#)  
By Sam Hall Kaplan -- Ricardo Legorreta, Michael Lehrer- LA Downtown News

[Sensing a change in the wind: Vancouver housing seems to be on the cusp of a radical realignment ...in the type of homes being built..Design now matters and prices will not rise like they have - it is easy for this architecture critic to find some silver linings in Vancouver housing's newly-arrived dark clouds.](#) By Trevor Boddy -- Urban Development Institute (UDI)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Cool Condo Design Gets Hotter: The team that built Richard Meier's iconic Perry Street condos is still pushing the housing-design equation..Asymptote already has large-scale projects underway or in planning in Abu Dhabi, Malaysia and South Korea but 166 Perry will be their first in Manhattan. -- Hani Rashid/Lise Anne Couture \[images\]](#)- The Slatin Report

[Spire's construction set to begin: Work on skyscraper to start in weeks. By Blair Kamin -- Santiago Calatrava \[images, video\]](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Home builders, owners could break law by imitation: Copied architects awarded in court... rapid-growth states are particularly vulnerable to such litigation because of the pace of building...expect more litigation as people learn about the relatively young law.](#)- Arizona Business Gazette

[We'll always have Paris: When Piano and Rogers' Pompidou Centre opened 30 years ago, it ushered in a new era, and a new type, of architecture. How much of that original spirit has survived?](#) [images]- RIBA Journal (UK)

[Richard Rogers on building the Pompidou Centre: 30 years on from the completion of the Pompidou Centre at Beaubourg, how does it all seem now for Richard Rogers, newly-crowned Pritzker laureate and ultimate home-loving Brit Abroad? Hugh Pearman caught him in reminiscent mood.](#) - RIBA Journal (UK)

[Maximum Zaha: Almost 10 years after Zaha Hadid's design for Rome's MAXXI museum won an international competition, it's still only two-thirds built. Martin Spring looks at how the architect's ideas have survived years of stop-start funding and delay.](#) [images]- Building (UK)

["Lessons from Bernard Rudofsky": first retrospective to examine the life and work of the controversial architect, designer, and critic whose groundbreaking buildings, exhibitions, and fashion designs challenged the Western world's perceptions of comfort and culture; July 4 - September 30- Canadian Centre for Architecture \(CCA\)](#)

[Parking's place in Americans' lives: "Parking Public: A Brief Tour Into the Storage of Utopia" and "Pavement Paradise" ...paint a vivid portrait of modern cities by way of the places we store our vehicles; at Center for Land Use Interpretation, Culver City, CA- Los Angeles Times](#)

[-- AREP: Doha Sports City Tower, Doha, Qatar](#)  
[-- Santiago Calatrava: Puente de la Mujer, Puerto Madero, Buenos Aires, Argentina](#)  
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