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## Today's News - December 16, 2005

Word reached us last night that James Ingo Freed has died; there are sure to be tributes made over the next few days - we'll keep you posted. - Also gone, respected architectural journalist Donald Canty. - Pittsburgh puts out an international call for design of a gateway pedestrian bridge. - Denver names its justice center team. - Tokyo tower scandal grows. - Foster returns to Ground Zero. - His master plan for Hong Kong cultural district has top museums wing for space. - A building for brainiacs at University of Toronto is "intelligent, unconventional architecture." - Plans to transform anti-aircraft tower in Vienna into art center seems inspired to some, not to others. - Australia names a State Architect. - Venturi outs Mies at IIT. - Exhibit of visions for Chicago's future misses the mark. - Glasgow to launch Mackintosh Festival in 2006.

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Obituary: Donald Canty, 1929-2005: Lover of architecture and social justice...best known as an editor of magazines about architecture and urban design.- Seattle Post-Intelligencer

West End Pedestrian Bridge International Design Competition: a gateway framing Pittsburgh's great skyline; registration deadline: December 30; submission deadline: January 30- Riverlife Task Force

Design firms picked for Denver justice center -- Steven Holl Architects/Klipp Architecture; Hartman-Cox Architects/OZ Architecture; Ricci Greene Associates; AR7 HooverDesmond Architects- Denver Post

Fund Established to Help Save Gehry's Ohr-O'Keefe Museum -- Frank Gehry-Architectural Record

Tokyo Scandal Grows over Faulty Towers: Several reforms coming after 57 buildings identified as likely to fail in a moderate guake- Engineering News-Record (ENR)

British Architect Returns to Ground Zero: ...revealed nothing of what [65-story] 200 Greenwich Street might look like. — Norman Foster- New York Times

World's top museums compete for Hong Kong West Kowloon Cultural District development: Cultural consultancy attracts Guggenheim, Pompidou, Royal Academy and Musée d'Orsay among others...masterplan designed by Norman Foster- The Art Newspaper

Building for brainiacs: Terence Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research (CCBR) at the University of Toronto is intelligent, unconventional architecture... By Lisa Rochon — Behnisch, Behnisch + Partner; architectsAlliance; Diana Gerrard Landscape. Architecture- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Art center director sticks to his guns: Peter Noever is turning an anti-aircraft tower into a Vienna art space. A decade in planning, it will evolve over years...not exactly a natural choice for Europe's next important art center. [image]- Los Angeles Times

Kennett designer's new Labor of love: John Denton, co-founder of Melbourne-based Denton Corker Marshall, was chosen as State Architect to help with major projects.- The Adelaide Review (Australia)

Mr Landmark's legacy: a Melbourne for the future: Few people could claim to have left their mark on Melbourne the way John Denton has. -- Denton Corker Marshall- The Age (Australia)

Bobbing for Mies - Robert Venturi at IIT: ...comes to modernist shrine Crown Hall to out Mies van der Rohe as a closet symbolist and attempt to define the architecture of our time. By Lynn Becker [images]- Repeat (Chicago)

Rather than more icons, city needs truly coherent vision:"Visionary Chicago Architecture: Fourteen Inspired Concepts for the Third Millennia"...the problem is not a lack of energy, but a lack of focus and sharply defined positions. By Blair Kamin -- Stanley Tigerman; Brad Lynch; Jeanne Gang; Tom Beeby; Phil Enquist/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; John Ronan; Doug Garofalo; Dirk Lohan; Helmut Jahn- Chicago Tribune

Rennie Mackintosh to be honoured by new festival: Glasgow Mackintosh Festival 2006-Evening Times (Scotland)

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| unethical and tacky, marketing has morphed into an essential tool for savvy |
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-- SANAA/Kazuyo Sejima + Ryue Nishizawa: Glass Pavilion, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio

-- Under construction: Gehry & Partners: IAC Headquarters, New York City

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