

Today's News - January 25, 2006

A "stem message" for India offers a warning about turning cities into showpieces for Western architects. — Lambert bemoans "a leadership vacuum" in architecture. — An international environmental report card doesn't hand out very many A's. — Cutting greenhouse gasses good for California economy but businesses not buying. — Meanwhile new California office buildings let the sunshine in. — Historic preservation and green design combine in NYC project. — Criticism climbs re: Clemson's contemporary architecture building in Charleston. — Hull's new architecture center overdue and over budget - but worth the wait. — Cornell continues its building boom. — Rybczynski waxes poetic about an overlooked Wright gem. — RIAI has a new president. — 6th International Architecture Prize for Innovative Interior Design Concepts announces 14 winners. — San Francisco conference explores alternative community-based work. — Call for entries for urban public spaces and a house for an ecologist.

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[Sim cities: Take an American highway and string it between Mumbai and Pune. Plant a New Jersey suburb in Bangalore. copy a California condominium in Gurgaon...This willingness to convert historic cities into global showpieces and gallery space for Western architects, should act as a stem message to Indian administrators.](#) - Hindustan Times (India)

["Citizen power." says Phyllis Lambert, architecture's grande dame and newly proclaimed winner of the Vincent J. Scully Prize: She blames her own profession for a leadership vacuum not filled since Frank Lloyd Wright..."There is no spokesperson for the built world."](#) By Linda Hales - Washington Post

[United States Ranks 28th on Environment, a New Study Says: ...just six nations - led by New Zealand, followed by five from Northern Europe - have achieved 85 percent or better success in meeting a set of critical environmental goals...](#) - New York Times

[Studies Support Emissions Plans: Two independent analyses say an effort, opposed by business, to cut greenhouse gases could be beneficial for California's economy.](#) - Los Angeles Times

[Let the Sunshine In: Two newly built office buildings in California are setting out to capture one of the state's most prized assets — sunlight. — Jeffrey M. Kalban & Associates Architecture](#) - National Real Estate Investor (NREI)

[A Project Built on Cobblestones: An upscale food market is part of a larger project to restore a downtown block of 18th- and 19th-century buildings in Lower Manhattan...the largest historic preservation project to incorporate "green design."](#) — Cook & Fox - New York Times

[Clemson center criticism builds: The public outcry over Clemson University's plans to build a modern architecture center has extended beyond downtown Charleston and reached Columbia. — KVA Kennedy & Violich Architects](#) - Charleston Post and Courier

[Iconic building 'worth the wait' after 10-month delay: Hull's £580,000 home for a scheme to promote architectural and design excellence, the arc..."joinedupdesignforschools", which brings together designers and architects to work for teams of pupils as clients, will run there in February. — Niall McLaughlin \[image\]](#) - Yorkshire Post Today (UK)

[Cornell Plans to Construct New Building and Plaza -- Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates; Koetter, Kim & Associates](#) - Cornell Daily Sun

[Wright Revisited: An overlooked masterpiece by Frank Lloyd Wright: Beth Sholom Synagogue. By Witold Rybczynski \[slide show\]](#) - Slate

[James Pike starts Presidential term at Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland \(RIAI\)](#) - Archiseek (Ireland)

[contractworld.award 2006: 6th International Architecture Prize for Innovative Interior Design Concepts...\[14 winners\] Europe's most richly endowed prize award for innovative interior design concepts.](#) - ContractWorld

[Structures for Inclusion 6 Conference \(SFI6\): "Expanding Design" explores alternative community-based work; March 24-26, San Francisco](#) - Design Corps

[Call for entries: Fourth European Prize for Urban Public Space 2006; deadline: March 15](#) - Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB)

[Call for entries: A House for an Ecologist: A Design Ideas Competition; registration deadline: March 1; submissions due: March 31](#) - American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[Under construction: Eisenman Architects: City of Culture of Galicia, Santiago de Compostela, Spain](#)

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