

Today's News - December 10, 2003

We'll know next week what the "Freedom Tower" might look like (and it might look vaguely familiar?). - Ground Zero as Architecture Marketing 101. - A new Twin Tower classic. - Vancouver towers will pay back city on many levels. - Building banality in Auckland: another strong opinion, and even a picture (but no architect named). - A "dumb white box" on Chicago's skyline. - Judging architecture is a matter of taste in Australia. - Same for cemetery buildings in Maine. - New home building in U.K.: "expect taxation and regulation, not innovation and production." - Canada offers seminars in brownfield development. - Over the river on a plastic bridge in New Jersey (we'd like to see what Calatrava could do with all those soda bottles!). - Fresno goes solar (with a touch of skepticism). - Shanghai's traffic solution: fewer bikes, more cars (are they serious?!?). - Morphosis beats out Zaha Hadid, Kohn Penderson Fox, and Rafael Moneo for Cooper Union project. - A wine institute for university of California. - Glenn Murcutt and Charles Jencks voice their concerns about the future of Farnsworth House. - Art Deco all the rage - and focus of new U.K. TV show (hosted by a thoroughly modern Millie). - How he got his job.

Editor's note: Thank you for the numerous e-mails regarding yesterday's story about Columbus - Indiana, not Ohio. It was a test...or just not enough java.

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[More Revisions in Plans for New York's Tallest Tower: Those who have seen the design...describe a torqued and tapering form culminating in an open-air structure filled with cables, trusses, antennas and windmills... - Daniel Libeskind; David Childs/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Guy Nordenson & Associates](#)- New York Times

[Libeskind Plays to the Press: Key elements of Ground Zero plan...were driven as much by questions of how they would play in the media as by aesthetics or architecture, according to the planner's design partner. - Gary Hack](#)- NY Post

[Book Review by Martin Filler: Dividing Reality and Myth in the Fate of the Towers: "City in the Sky." Eric Lipton and James Glanz's account of the brief life and tragic death of the World Trade Center is likely to remain a classic.](#)- New York Times

[Tallest tower means big payback for city: SKYLINE | Benefits would include 57,000 new trees - Bing Thom; James Cheng \[images\]](#)- Vancouver Sun

[Commentary: Back to the future a strange concept in 21st-century city: ...a large new building on the site of the St James Theatre...Architects are shocked by the kitsch banality of the proposed building... \[image\]](#)- New Zealand Herald

[What's Wrong With This Picture? So what's the deal with the big, dumb white box atop 55 E. Erie? By Lynn Becker - Searl & Associates; Fujikawa Johnson & Associates \[image\]](#)- Repeat

[Building sight: "Judging Architecture: Issues, Divisions, Triumphs": A panel of experts has chosen them as some of the best buildings in Victoria, a testament to the state's bold and experimental approach to design. \[link to images\]](#)- The Age (Australia)

[Difference in taste: Architecture award fuels debate about cemetery buildings - Turk Tracey & Larry Architects](#)- Maine Today

[Kate Barker is right to look at risk aversion, but not only amongst builders: It is obviously true that housebuilding is a technologically and architecturally backward business. By Ian Abley](#)- audacity.org (UK)

[National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy \(NRTEE\) launches urban and brownfield information session series in Calgary. Next stops: Montreal, Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto](#)- NRTEE

[N.J. Bridge Puts Recycled Plastic to Unusual Use: Combination of Two Petrochemicals May Offer Inexpensive and Durable Alternative to Wood, Steel and Concrete](#)- Washington Post

[City OKs huge solar project: Fresno expects to drastically cut its electricity bill...\[some\] remain skeptical](#)- Fresno Bee (California)

[Shanghai moves to reduce bike traffic in favor of cars \(AP\)](#)- Environmental News Network

[- Sales Atop E. 96th Street - HLW; Ismael Leyva
- Yesterday, Cooper Union selected architect to design...building for its school of engineering - Thom Mayne; Gruzen Samton](#)- NY Post

[University of California regents eye wine institute: \\$55.4 million first phase...to create an inviting south entrance to campus, leading up to the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts - Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership](#)- Davis Enterprise

[Farnsworth House on the Block: Glenn Murcutt: "...to move it would be America gone mad. Fully mad." Charles Jencks: "To many people, especially architects, it represents the ultimate spiritual experience..." \[audio\]](#)- Chicago Public Radio

[Thoroughly Modern: Once seen as impractical relics of a bygone era, Art Deco houses are now all the rage. Even developers have taken to revisiting Art Deco in their architectural styles...](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[How He Got His Job: Carlos Cardoza/Beyer Blinder Belle](#)- NY Newsday

[Modernism for Sale: Richard Mandel House by Edward Durell Stone \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

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