

Today's News - December 24, 2003

Editor's note: We are taking a much-needed deep breath and a break to spend extra time with – and give extra thanks for – our family and friends (we hope you do the same). There's sure to be lots to catch up with when we return Monday, December 29. Until then, we wish all of you a most joyous holiday season, wherever you are. – Kristen Richards

[Click here](#) to see today's news:

Freedom Tower: from the "cauldron of discord that has been bubbling away on this design recipe may have emerged something better than the ingredients that went into it" - or maybe not. – WTC memorial design proposals "are deeply derivative of minimalism and generic installation art and offer only warmed-over pseudo solutions." – Gehry in Brooklyn: perhaps it's time to Think Big. – A "dream team" (and other notable names) vie for big downtown plans in Los Angeles. – Arizona Indians have big plans of their own. – Case Western dorm plan "feels dishonest...like fake-o historical-theme-park architecture," but master plan not without hope. – A conference to foster design communications. – Architect lauded for her impact on Los Angeles architecture. – Book reviews: biography of the father of the modern shopping mall; and the Top 10 urban planning, development, and design books for '04.

To subscribe to the free daily newsletter [click here](#)

[Freedom Tower: Free for All? The thing itself actually seems to defy the miseries of its creation... What are we frantically trying to recover that cannot wait until we understand it better? By Peter Slatin-](#) The Slatin Report

[Poor Memorial: Insult to injury: Looking at the real problem behind the pseudo-solutions at ground zero-](#) Village Voice (NYC)

[Brooklyn's Proposed Stadium: Not Such a Bad Idea. By Martin C. Pedersen - Frank Gehry; Laurie Olin-](#) Metropolis Magazine

[\\$1.2-Billion Downtown L.A. Project Draws Top Architects: Stars of the field...are vying to design a mixed- use complex around Disney Hall. - Gehry/Nouvel/Hadid/Henry Cobb/Daily. Genik; David Childs/SOM; Norman Foster; Johnson Fain-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Arizona Indians Turn to Real Estate Development: ...a \\$600 million commercial development on 209 acres...a \\$400 million retail and office park on 186 acres...Opus Corporation 30-acre office park.-](#) New York Times

[Case Western Reserve University not true to times in dorm plan: ...reverting to the stylistic conservatism...familiar and unthreatening - the architectural equivalent of hot cereal in the morning. By Steven Litt - Goody, Clancy & Associates; Ayers Saint Gross; Michael Van Valkenburgh-](#) Cleveland Plain Dealer

[Cal Poly Architecture Department To Host Design Communication Conference Jan. 8-10. Keynoters: DES Architects + Engineers; Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo \(WATG\); garcia architecture + design-](#) Cal Poly State University

[Architect Brenda Levin, FAIA, Honored With the ArtTable's Creative Force Award: Frances Anderton comments on \[her\] impact on Los Angeles architecture.-](#) The Planning Report

["Mall Maker: Victor Gruen, Architect of an American Dream" by M. Jeffrey Hardwick; biography of the father of the modern shopping mall reviewed by Daniel Akst-](#) Wall Street Journal

[Top 10 Urban Planning, Development and Design Books For 2004-](#) PLANetizen

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

[-- Competition winners: Shigeru Ban; Jean de Gastines & Philip Gumuchdian, Centre Pompidou - Metz, France](#)

[-- Competition winners: Foreign Office Architects: The Music Box, BBC Music Centre, White City, London](#)

[-- Foster & Partners: Elephant House, Copenhagen Zoo, Denmark](#)

[-- Half-way mark: Santiago Calatrava: Turning Torso, Malmö, Sweden](#)

Note: Pages will open in a new browser window.
External news links are not endorsed by ArchNewsNow.com.
Free registration may be required on some sites.
Some sites may expire after a few days.

[Yesterday's News](#)

© 2003 ArchNewsNow.com