

Today's News - December 29, 2004

After 8 days away, we have much to catch up with. – Architecture for Humanity launches a Tsunami Reconstruction Appeal (please do what you can). – We lose a Midwestern master. – Conference focuses on tall buildings and our feathered friends. – Warnings that Freedom Tower could be deadly for birds. – Sexy civic architecture not an oxymoron. – Sometimes not being flashy can be very sexy. – One civic building may be sexy and green, but not very user-friendly. – Another civic building turns green into platinum. – Re-reviewing the year's best/most reviewed buildings. – Big bucks paid to live in Seidler-designed waterfront tower. – The High Line inspires while it crosses the "dream-to-reality threshold." – Chicago taking good (and bad) steps in promoting good design for parking garages. – Buildings smothered in signs not such a bad thing. – Exploring the "subversive relationship between architecture and preservation" in Charleston. – No question about the value of preserving Milwaukee's City Hall. – Will Viñoly find Britain too much talk and not enough walk? – Jean Gang the Chicagoan of the Year in architecture. – NYC City Planning Director raises the bar for new architecture. – New Year reading: "A Field Guide to Sprawl."

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[Birds & Buildings: Creating a Safer Environment: A one-day conference for architects, landscape designers, building owners and managers interested in bird-friendly design solutions: Chicago, March 11, 2005](#)- Birds & Buildings

[Freedom Tower could be deadly for birds...Audubon Society and New York New Visions have warned...](#)- Scripps Howard News Service

[Civic Boosterism Never Looked So Sexy: Architecture is no longer just a toy for the cultural elite. By Nicolai Ouroussoff - Rem Koolhaas; Morphosis; Santiago Calatrava](#)- New York Times

[No one likes a show-off: The success of New York's new Museum of Modern Art proves that you no longer have to design flashy buildings to get noticed. By Deyan Sudjic - Taniguchi; Foster; Piano; Caruso St John](#)- Observer (UK)

[Building Puts Form Over Bodily Function: "Clearly, the intent here was to make \[Caltrans\] building as environmentally friendly as possible. But it's not employee-friendly..." - Thom Mayne/Morphosis](#)- Los Angeles Times

["It's Good to Be Green:" Joe Serna Jr.-Cal/EPA Headquarters Building First Highrise Platinum Certification from USGBC and Governor Schwarzenegger's Environmental Leadership Award - AC Martin Partners; IA Corporation](#)- Business Wire

[Inside the Year's Best-Reviewed Buildings: Do the architects' head-turning flourishes hinder or further day-to-day business? What are the unforeseen miscalculations and the fortuitous benefits? - Rem Koolhaas/OMA; Rafael Viñoly; Frank Gehry \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Towering achievement attracts a who's who \[Brisbane\]...for the privilege of living in the Harry Seidler-designed waterfront tower \[image\]](#)- The Courier-Mail (Australia)

[The Little Abandoned Train Line That Could, Did: In the midst of all the corporate redevelopment projects, the High Line crossed the dream-to-reality threshold—and became the most exciting one of all. - Field Operations/Diller Scofidio + Renfro \[image\]](#)- New York Magazine

[Parking places: What should a parking garage look like? In Chicago, the issue is anything but academic. By Blair Kamin - Stanley Tigerman; Lucien Lagrange; Jim Goettsch; Solomon Cordwell Buenz; Loewenberg + Associates](#)- Chicago Tribune

[The Futures of Architecture: Why buildings smothered in signs are actually good for the profession. By Philip Nobel - Diller+Scofidio; LOT/EK; Greg Lynn/FORM; Shigeru Ban; Architecture Research Office](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[Should the Mendel Rivers building be saved? Sometimes I find a subversive relationship between architecture and preservation... By Robert Behre - John Califf \(1964\)](#)- Charleston Post and Courier

[Milwaukee's City Hall shines as a beacon for design: Solid materials, genuine features pass test of time.upcoming \\$44 million restoration invites us to ponder...what it can teach us about the underpinnings of enduring design. By Whitney Gould - H.C. Koch \(1895\)](#)- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Rafael Viñoly breaks into Britain and finds we're all talk. By Hugh Pearman \[images\]](#)- HughPearman.com (UK)

[Chicagoan of the Year/Architecture: Jeanne Gang: Revival of the fittest. By Blair Kamin](#)- Chicago Tribune

[An Aesthetic Watchdog in the City Planning Office: For Amanda M. Burden, the director of the City Planning Department, raising the bar for new architecture in New York is a balancing act.](#)- New York Times

[Book Review: "A Field Guide to Sprawl": Taking a look at sprawl from the top down. By Alan G. Brake](#)- Courier-Journal (Louisville, KY)



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