

## Today's News - December 29, 2003

Rebuilding help needed in Iran. – Lessons in rebuilding from Beirut. – India needs both architects and developers with vision. – New bomb testing technology for architects and building materials. – The highs and lows of 2003 according to Muschamp. – A banner year for Modernism with a caveat: "One aspect of the old modernist credo that the new modernists haven't tended to all that inventively is the belief in architecture's duty to help solve social problems." – New housing threatens Cézanne landscape. – Soaring (and green) convention center with just a tinge of controversy. – Pier Wisconsin (finally) sailing forward with two finalists' designs drawing rave reviews. – Did Gehry really say that? – Superbugs the new target of healthcare design in the U.K. – Long-range plans for Toledo schools come into view. – Fresno museum design and budget await approval. – Sunflowers on Wellington Arch and mince pies on the Queen's House (too bad it all ends New Year's Eve). – Seminars offered to be in step with U.K.'s Disability Discrimination Act going into effect in October '04. – More than 3,000 gather for the 46th annual convention of architecture students in Hyderabad, India.

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[Designing India: Looking for Mr Vision: Combined with a good architect, what you need is a developer with a vision...\[or\] goes bizarre...you will have cities full of monstrosities. - Charles Correa; Louis Kahn](#)- The Economic Times (India)

[Building Better Bomb Resistance: ...data resulting from such tests will not only help architects design stronger buildings, but also push engineers to create new building materials.](#)- Wired magazine

[The Highs: The Buildings \(and Plans\) of the Year. By Herbert Muschamp - Frank Gehry; Rem Koolhaas; Richard Meier; Wood & Zapata; Zaha Hadid; Greg Lynn; David Childs/SOM; Kazuyo Sejima, Ryue Nishizawa/Sanaa; 9/11 memorial competition; Center for Architecture; Central Park](#)- New York Times

[The Lows: Banner Year for Lost Opportunities. By Herbert Muschamp](#)- New York Times

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[Convention center: Soaring design tinged by controversy. By Patricia Lowry - Rafael Vinoly; Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates](#)- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[Clear sailing may finally lie ahead for Pier Wisconsin: Finalists' proposals receiving rave reviews in design competition. By Whitney Gould - Hammel, Green & Abrahamson; Arquitectura \[images\]](#)- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Gehry: "I'm just an architect, I'm a dumb architect..."](#)- The Times (New Jersey)

[Superbugs new target for CABE health design campaign](#)- HD - The Journal for Healthcare Design and Development (UK)

[Toledo Public Schools dream moves closer to reality: Bids for first school project to go out in February...\[for\] \\$821 million, decade-long building and renovation project - Allied Toledo Architects \(Munger Munger + Associates, SSOE Studios, Duket Porter MacPherson, The Collaborative, Inc.\)](#)- Toledo Blade

[Fresno Metropolitan Museum plans for new building: Museum board must weigh design, cost of project. - Michael Maltzan](#)- Fresno Bee (California)

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[National Association of Students of Architecture \(NASA\) sends architecture students over the moon](#)- Times of India

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-- [Competition winners: Foreign Office Architects: The Music Box, BBC Music Centre, White City, London](#)  
-- [Foster & Partners: Elephant House, Copenhagen Zoo, Denmark](#)  
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