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We lose a Modernist master. -- A Modernist touch puts a sleepy Canadian town back on the architecture map. -- The Chicago River is the focus of the 2004 Burnham Prize. -- The big guns line up to be associate architect for WTC memorial. -- The square within Times Square gets a facelift. -- University building gets star treatment (and a secret garden). -- In awe of Toronto's new airport -- with reservations: “How is it possible to build such tremendous monuments in a city undergoing such obvious decay?” -- Awards abound on both sides of the Atlantic. -- A TV show about architecture gets stuck in a parking lot. -- Building bridges for fun and education. -- An insightful interview with Bellini. -- A look back at an architect dedicated to “beauty, creativity, and human progress.”


Modernism’s roots stir anew: A new West Coast [West Vancouver] community centre establishes a symbiotic relationship between design and environment, startling design...has put the sleepy town back on the architecture map. By Lisa Rochon - Patkau Architects - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Chicago Architecture Club Burnham Prize Competition 2004: Urban Waterways - The Chicago River Project; deadline April 30 - Chicago Architecture Club

Top Firms Apply to Aid in Design at [WTC] Memorial - Michael Arad and Peter Walker; Davis Brody Bond; Fox & Fowle Architects; Gensler; Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects; Hillier; Polshek Partnership Architects; Swanke Hayden Connell Architects - New York Times

A Face-Lift for the Square Within Times Square - John Choi/Tai Ropiha; William Fellows Architects; Perkins Eastman - New York Times

Plans for [University of Pennsylvania] Engineering building near completion: will include a sunken secret garden... - Tod Williams Billie Tsien & Associates [image] - Daily Pennsylvanian

We’re off to see the new terminal: A denizen of rough and potholed Toronto can only gape at the stupendousness of this new land, which is now no more a simple airport than Manhattan is a wooded isle - Globe and Mail (Canada)

City projects with designs on success: Three Capital building projects have been praised in prestigious national Civic Trust Awards. - Allan Murray; Malcolm Fraser Architects; Reiach & Hall - The Scotsman (UK)

Kansas Public Utility Building Wins Three AIA Awards - Berkebile Nelson Immenschuh McDowell Architects; CDFM2 Architecture - Art Daily

Architecture and Design Television show in Delray hinges on parking:...would follow a two- to four-story building designed by Michael Graves through the city’s approval process. - Palm Beach Post

Fun & Function: Bridge-building architectural exercise energizes and educates - Jim Snedegar/Gastinger Walker Harden Architects - Kansas City Star

Interview: Mario Bellini [images] - designboom

Of Architecture, Philosophy and Individualism: The Alden B. Dow Story (1904-1983) - Mackinac Center for Public Policy


Stately Restoration: New York State Capitol Assembly Chamber Floor: A treasure trove of 19th century design is restored and adapted for a 21st century democracy. - Francois Bollack Architects - ArchNewsNow

-- Nearing completion: Rem Koolhaas/OMA: Seattle Public Library
-- Exhibition installation: The Moderns, Pacific Design Center, West Hollywood
-- Symposium: Reimagining Grand Avenue, Los Angeles (Gehry, Hadid, Cobb, Daly et al)
-- Zaha Hadid, Pritzker Prize 2004 Laureate (as everybody else but a little different!)
-- Tadao Ando: International Library of Children’s Literature, Tokyo

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