

## Today's News - May 28, 2004

[Editor's note: ANN will be celebrating Memorial Day (U.S.) on Monday, May 31; the newsletter will return to your mailboxes on Tuesday, June 1.] — Suzhou, China, designated one of 10 "model environmental cities...points to a second wave of Chinese urbanization" (but still has a long way to go). — Not such good news for San Francisco's sustainability. — "Iconic gallery + loft apartments + university + creative cluster = urban renewal": one formula does not necessarily fit all. — Perhaps there's a lesson there for L.A.'s Grand Avenue dreams. — Why compete when even if you win, you lose? — The dazzling glass transit hubs coming to Lower Manhattan. — A master of glass towers says glass is a thing of the past. — Irish architects shine. — ArchVoices essay competition winners are oh-so-eloquent. — Seattle's new library continues to astonish. — The perils of designing for geniuses. — Lobbies in new Australian high-rises deliver the "wow factor." — Design museum makes architecture accessible. — An architect's amusingly serious weeklong diary starts with a disappointing Monday, takes on PFI and bowties, and ends immersed "in post-ergonomic theory."

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[China embraces sustainability one city \[Suzhou\] at a time: ...is headed down a more sustainable path — while the United States moves in the other direction.](#) - Environmental News Network

[Bay Area \[San Francisco\] Footprint 33 Times Too Large for Sustainability-](#) Environmental News Network

[Scotland 2020: Boho Boffins: Why cities need science and jazz: A familiar formula...iconic gallery + loft apartments + university + creative cluster = urban renewal.](#) - Demos (UK)

[Grand Grind: Have the Grand Avenue decisionmakers played the too-safe side of the risk-reward ratio? - David Childs/SOM/Thom Mayne/Brenda Levin/Howard Elkus/Gustafson Guthrie Nichols; AC Martin; Gehry/Hadid/Foster/Nouvel/Cobb/Olin Partnership/Kevin Daly/Greg Lynn; Jerde Partnership/Johnson Fain/Rios Clementi Hale Studios-](#) The Slatin Report

[Another RIBA contest winner bites the dust: Northampton Market Square competition row erupts after winner is vetoed: ...if Letts Wheeler not kept on board "the integrity of the competition system is lost..."](#) - BD/Building Design (UK)

[Glass brings class to Fulton Street Transit site: The Egg-in-a-Box...and...Santiago Calatrava's World Trade Center Transit Hub - two crystal palaces also linked by the desire to produce some dazzle from the marriage of transportation and design. By Justin Davidson - Nicholas Grimshaw; Daniel Frankfurt; Lee Harris Pomeroy; Arup-](#) NY Newsday

[Shuttleworth makes break from glass: Former Foster's partner is turning his back on the extensive use of glass in new office buildings. "Alsop and Nouvelle are already doing this."](#) - BD/Building Design (UK)

[Future of architecture safe in clients' hands: The RIAI awards prove that Irish architects have good reason to be confident-](#) Irish Times

[2004 ArchVoices Essay Competition Winners & Finalists: "Reading the finalist essays was a moving and humbling experience."](#) - ArchVoices

[Looks cool, but does it stack up? Seattle's otherworldly new landmark addresses the public library's changing role in society. - Rem Koolhaas/Joshua Ramus/OMA; LMN Architects-](#) Chicago Tribune

[Seattle's toast to the book: the new library is everything Seattle has never been. It is bold instead of trite, unabashedly modern instead of apologetically primitive. - Rem Koolhaas/Joshua Ramus/OMA; LMN Architects-](#) Christian Science Monitor

[The perils of designing for MIT's geniuses - Frank Gehry-](#) Financial Times (UK)

[The wow factor: Given the importance of first impressions, it's not surprising that many high-rise apartments feature state of the art lobbies. - Bates Smart Architects/HPA Architects/Chris Dance Land Design; Elenberg Fraser Architecture; Huxley Architects-](#) Australian Financial Review

[New Design Museum Displays Creativity: A+D Museum \[Los Angeles\] is presenting the world of design and architecture to the public in an accessible way. - Bernard Zimmerman; Stephen Kanner-](#) Pacific Palisades Post (California)

[Ian Martin: Practitioners who continue to 'sport' bow ties and cravats put other team members at risk-](#) BD/Building Design (UK)

[-- Under construction: Peter Eisenman: Field of Stelae, Berlin](#)

[-- UN Studio: Living Tomorrow Pavilion, Amsterdam](#)

[-- TEN Arquitectos/Taller de Enrique Norton Arquitectos: Hotel Habita Polanco, Mexico City](#)

[-- Finalists: International Competition Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Winnipeg, Canada](#)

[-- Competition winner: Zaha Hadid Architects: EuskoTren Headquarters, Durango, Spain](#)

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