Today's News - December 3, 2004

Calatrava takes home AIA Gold; Murphy/Jahn receives 2005 AIA Architecture Firm Award. – Finalists from around the world offer thoughtful projects for South African clubhouse/healthcare center. – The rise of green buildings. – Is China ready to embrace sustainability? – Architecture in Antarctica to keep scientists happy and sane (great images!). – Design review boards can be good (or bad) for communities. – San Francisco has its share of ugly buildings. – A Toronto architect claims the city "is in danger of becoming Shanghai." – Lord Foster interviewed: "...what can I tell you that you don't already know?" – Launch of Roland "100 Awards" proves good design pays off. – Weekend diversions: Utzon in Sydney; good design under £10 shows off in London; British bridges highlighted in St. Petersburg, Russia; nirvana for mid-century Modernist fans in Sunday auctions.

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Architects Jahn, Calatrava honored: Santiago Calatrava was named by the American Institute of Architects on Thursday as the winner of the Gold Medal...Murphy/Jahn, led by Helmut Jahn recipient of Architecture Firm Award... By Blair Kamin - Chicago Tribune


The rise of the green building: New buildings use design and technology to reduce environmental impact, cut costs and provide better places to work - William McDonough; Fox & Fowle; Norman Foster; Richard Rogers; Steven Winter Associates; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Studio Daniel Libeskind [images] - The Economist

Is China Ready to Embrace Sustainability? China’s Ministry of Construction...announcing an ambitious sustainable growth plan for China...outlined at the U.S. Green Building Council’s Greenbuild conference - Metropolis Magazine

Leading Architects Design Antarctic Research Bases: An important charge for the design teams: Keeping the scientists...happy and sane. By Alex Frangos - Make Places; Ferraro Choi & Associates; Buro Happold/Lifschutz Davidson; Faber/Munzel/Hugh Broughton Architects; Hopkins Architects/Expedition Engineers [images] - Wall Street Journal

Review boards need not stifle design innovation: Do architectural review boards safeguard the quality of life at the grass roots? Or are they just a bunch of busybodies trying to impose their idiosyncratic tastes on others? By Whitney Gould - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

If only we could wave a wand and make them disappear. Alas, our ugly buildings are here to stay. By John King [images] - San Francisco Chronicle

One architect's entirely modern take on Toronto: Peter Clewes says there's no respect given to residential architecture in the city, and it shows. "Toronto is in danger of becoming Shanghai..." - architectsAlliance - Globe and Mail (Canada)

A restless baron: "Well, what can I tell you that you don't already know?" says Norman Foster. no single architect since Christopher Wren has had such an impact on the face of London. By Edwin Heathcote - Financial Times (UK)

Rebrand 100 Awards: A brand new approach: Just over 100 businesses show off their redesigned wares to a panel of 10 international judges. - Providence Journal

Inside the mind of a great Dane: A new exhibition explores the inspiration behind the world's eighth modern wonder: "The Studio of Joern Utzon: creating the Sydney Opera House," at the Museum of Sydney Dec 18-May 1 - Sydney Morning Herald

"Under A Temper - What Is Good Design?" The Design Museum asked 20 designers and architects to choose objects for its new show - all within a budget of £10. - Ron Arad; Foreign Office Architects; Murray Moss; Stefan Sagmeister; etc. - Dec. 3 - Feb. 27 - Observer (UK)

Building bridges: exhibition is the highlight of a modern British architecture initiative... the tradition of attracting foreign architects, if only as consultants, is being revived. - St. Petersburg Times (Russia)

3 sales, 2 cities, 1 day: nirvana: For midcentury fans, Sunday is shaping up as a day to bid, bid, bid. Of course, there will be Eames for sale, but it's also a chance to discover some lesser-known designers. - Los Angeles Times


Second Look: New York Hall of Science: Its power undiminished after 40 years, a 20th century cathedral to science is about to be rediscovered as a luminous addition debuts this week. By Fred A. Bernstein - Harrison and Abramowitz (1964); Polshek Partnership Architects (2004) [images] - ArchNewsNow

Launch: The Image Library: Herzog & de Meuron, Daniel Libeskind, Rem Koolhaas, Frank Gehry, Santiago Calatrava, Tadao Ando, and more to come...