Today's News - December 20, 2004

EDIORS NOTE: ArchNewsNow is taking a break for Christmas...we'll be back next week. —— The first of what will probably be many year-in-review reports. — A symposium tackles urban design in arid regions. — Bulldozing urban ills doesn't solve social problems. — Open air malls really catching on. — A web site devoted to adaptive re-use of big box stores. — Portland condo proves quality and economy can deliver high design. — L.A. condos conserve. — Maya Lin's enchanting Tennessee chapel. — Moving Barnes Museum will test Philadelphia's civic mettle. — One more take on the new MoMA: it's a bore. — Long Island architects take home “Arch” awards. — NAMBIES United picks a winning design to battle the McMansion craze in Coconut Grove. — A few informative (and amusing?) profiles: Eisenman; Foster; Sanaa; Grimshaw. — Just for fun ("tis the season"): cool gifts for under a tenner (and links to the places you can buy them). — Two we couldn't resist (one from the ever-enlightening SPA): Holiday tips for architects.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Review 2004: Architects around the world have been creating flashy 'look-at-me' buildings in an attempt to make their mark. By Giles Worsley - Foster; Libeskind; Alsop; Miralles/RJM, etc. [Image] - Telegraph (UK)

Second international symposium: "Urban Design in Arid Regions" Jan. 20-23, 2005 - University of Arizona, Tucson

Zen and the art of gloss maintenance: Social problems are not solved with bulldozers. By Elizabeth Farrelly - Sydney Morning Herald

'Lifestyle centers' are in style: Open-air mall concept has taken off since the late 1990s - Ames Tribune (Iowa)

Big Box Reuse: web site documents adaptive re-use projects around the country - Big Box Reuse

The great leap forward: A new condo building is a bracing example of quality and economy. Developers, builders and architects, take note: There's a market for boundary-pushing Modernism. By Randy Gragg - Holst Architecture - The Oregonian

"Conservation, Conservation, Conservation!" Los Angeles' Eleven [$100 million condominium] First in Line with Governor's Call for Green Building - Ankrom Moisan Associated Architects - Business Wire

Southern comfort: It's shaped like an ark and offers refuge for children. Jonathan Glancey is enchanted by a Tennessee chapel - Maya Lin; Bialosky and Partners [image] - Guardian (UK)

City pinning big hopes on [Barnes] museum - Finding a great architect won't be easy...Whether the city finally gets it right today will depend on how well it understands its past mistakes. By Inga Saffron - Philadelphia Inquirer

Big Deal: MoMA's coolly modern structure could leave visitors cold: ...a $425 million bore that will excite purists but put many others to sleep. By David Dillon - Dallas Morning News

'Academy awards' for standouts in style: And the winners of [AIA Long Island] 'Arch' design honors this year are .... traditional projects that break the mold... - NY Newsday

The design to stop the McMansions: Renowned architect's two connected pavilions were chosen as the best design to protect the easy lifestyle of Coconut Grove. By Beth Dunlop - George F. Reed; NAMBIES United (Neighbors Against McMansions; Big Invasive Eyesores) - Miami Herald

Feuds? I've had a few: He's a Jew who is a close friend of Albert Speer's son; he's had blazing rows with Frank Gehry and Daniel Libeskind; he's used to having bitter arguments with his clients. And his new Holocaust memorial in Berlin has added to his controversial reputation... By Deyan Sudjic - Peter Eisenman - Observer (UK)

Building bridges to the people: Sage concert hall and Grand Viaduc du Millau...gives Britain's best-known architect and the designer behind both, Lord Foster, considerable cause for seasonal celebration. - The Herald (UK)

Lord Foster: The world's favourite architect. By Jay Merrick - The Independent (UK)

Designing Spaces: Sanaa: Kazuyo Sejima and Ryue Nishizawa never create the same building twice. - Newsweek International

Sir Nicholas Grimshaw: Arts master: One of Britain's foremost high-tech architects has taken the presidency of the Royal Academy of Arts. Can the designer of the Eden Project put this revered, eccentric institution back on track? By Deyan Sudjic - Observer (UK)

Double-Digit Sensation: Good & Cheap: Just in time for the holidays, a new exhibition ["Under a Tenner"] at the London Design Museum offers a wry twist on the gift of good design. By Linda Hales - Washington Post

Holiday Tips for Architects: #19 - Do not arrive too early when catching a train/plane/coach/boat. Remember, you are an architect. It will not leave without you. - Small Practice Architects / SPA.UK
Zaha Hadid: Topping Out Ceremony, Ordrupgaard Extension, Ordrup, Denmark

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