
Commentary: Green buildings are still rare: The problem is that most architects focus on the visual impacts of their creations in order to win awards. By Freda Pagani - Straight (Vancouver)

San Jose's Richard Meier-designed City Hall: To LEED, or not to LEED? Why did San Jose’s municipal leaders turn their backs on LEED? And what does their action say about the viability of the LEED program as it moves into its sixth year? -- Richard Meier & Partners; Steinberg Architects - Building Design & Construction

Deep Green: ideas that take green building to a new level - Building Design & Construction (BD&C)

Without Fanfare, Building of New Trade Center Starts: Thirty-nine years after concrete was poured for the first trade center, work began Thursday on Santiago Calatrava’s transportation hub at ground zero. - New York Times

MoMA Curator Resigns: ...department of architecture and design at the Museum of Modern Art chief curator Terence Riley announced...he would resign effective March 15. - New York Times

Prince Charles' return: A look back at urban renewal dreams: It's been 17 years and eight months since the prince gave the keynote address at the Remaking Cities conference here. By Patricia Lowry - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A Princely Sum Given to Victims of Katrina: Charles dedicates [$25,000 Vincent Scully] architecture prize to rebuilding the Gulf Coast, which he and Camilla will visit today. - Los Angeles Times

InterContinental plans skyscraper: 71-story hotel/condominium tower would reshape part of Magnificent Mile -- Lucien Lagrange [image] - Chicago Tribune

Imagine what he could do in Charlotte: Mario Botta...has been asked to design the proposed Bechtler Museum... - Charlotte Observer

Michael Graves Commissioned to Design Two New Buildings for Texas A&M University Physics Department - Yahoo News

House In Town: With New York City's real estate boom...Even the city's tiny infill lots have become hot property—and the perfect sites for reinvigorating the town house type. -- Alexander Gorlin Architects; Tina Maris; Matthew Baird Architects; BKSK Architects; Standard Architects; Copgan + Crawford [images] - The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

Beacon of Hope, city's latest landmark, brightens the sky -- Rand Elliott [image] - The Oklahoman

Daniel Libeskind 'Takes Five': Struggle over ground zero is life in microcosm, architect says, Q&A with Whitney Gould- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Cab riders, hail your taxis of the future: Parsons exhibit ["Designing the Taxi"] explores designs for a futuristic New York City fare...What makes the exhibit so inspiring is that it represents the efforts of a fellowship of knowledgeable citizens...By Justin Davidson -- Design Trust for Public Space; Pentagram; IDEO; CityStreets [slide show] - NY Newsday

"Sprawl: A Compact History" by Robert Bruegmann Presents Both Sides of Sprawl - Newswise

Architecture, Power, Gossip: Building Blocks of a Good Read: "The Edifice Complex: How the Rich and Powerful Shape the World," by Deyan Sudjic...entertaining guide to architectural machismo from the 1930’s to the present. - New York Observer

Rebellious Brit Architects Pushed Modernity to the Limit: "Archigram: Architecture Without Architecture," by Simon Sadler...underlying belief that buildings and cities must serve the people who inhabit them is something that today’s architects forget at their peril. By Clay Risen - New York Observer

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