

Today's News - December 22, 2005

A call for "passive survivability" measures to be included in building codes. – A lesson from New Orleans for Philadelphia (and other cities) looking to build downtown casinos. – Rust belts the new suburban America. – Scandal in Japan grows from dangerous to "catastrophic" defects (and architects raided on TV). – Liverpool's futuristic Fifth Grace under fire (and a showcase of images). – Hadid's Roman museum delayed by budget. – It's back to the drawing board for Sligo project that has been a three-year "exhausting process." – Viñoly's University of Arizona science center costs rise, but return on investment may make it worthwhile. – Hawthorne's review of 2005 (only slightly depressing). – Tibet to restore a 600-year-old treasure (we needed some good news!).

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[Is a downtown casino in the cards? Philadelphia is now struggling with the same question that New Orleans faced in the early '90s: Should it locate one of its two, state-mandated slots parlors downtown... By Inga Saffron-](#) Philadelphia Inquirer

[Shaking Off the Rust, New Suburbs Are Born: America's newest suburbs...are aging industrial cities and their environs, on the far periphery of the most expensive metropolitan areas...-](#) New York Times

[Japan raid widens probe of falsified quake data: Catastrophic defects in buildings, caused by cost-cutting, were covered up...Police raid construction and architecture firms in building probe... \(AP\)-](#) MSNBC

[X-shaped 'Fifth Grace': a threat to heritage site: A museum on Liverpool's waterfront has caused a furore...Council on Monuments and Sites \(Icomos\)/Unesco on World Heritage Sites raised serious concerns about the futuristic plans. -- 3XN: BRC Imagination Arts-](#) icLiverpool (UK)

[£65m Museum of Liverpool will be city showcase \[images\]-](#) icLiverpool (UK)

[Budget Cuts Delay Rome's National Centre of Contemporary Arts...deadline has slipped to mid-2007... -- Zaha Hadid-](#) AKI (Italy)

[If at first... Gordon Murray and Alan Dunlop back into Sligo: The architects have been working on proposals for the same site for three years and it has been an exhausting process. \[images\]-](#) Archiseek (Ireland)

[Science center would cost \\$350M, University of Arizona says: ...but released a study saying it would generate about \\$362 million in annual economic activity. -- Rafael Viñoly \[image, fly-through\]-](#) Tucson Citizen

[Learning powerful lessons: A look back at architecture in 2005: When Philip Johnson died early this year...a certain alluring but ultimately damaging definition of architecture may well have gone with him. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Gehry; Mayne; Koolhaas; Calatrava; Snohetta; Murdoch-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Tibet restores "Mini-Potala Palace": ...a series of 600-year-old buildings at Sangtsu Tsezung Palace, the oldest building in Xigaze... -- Architecture School of Shanghai Tongji University, Qoi'gyi Gyaincain-](#) Xinhua News (China)

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