
A "stern message" for India offers a warning about turning cities into showpieces for Western architects. -- Lambert bemoans "a leadership vacuum" in architecture. -- An international environmental report card doesn't hand out very many As. -- Cutting greenhouse gases good for California economy but businesses not buying. -- Meanwhile new California office buildings let the sunshine in. -- Historic preservation and green design combine in NYC project. -- Criticism climbs re: Clemson's contemporary architecture building in Charleston. -- Hull's new architecture center overdue and over budget - but worth the wait. -- Cornell continues its building boom. -- Rybczynski waxes poetic about an overlooked Wright gem. -- RIAI has a new president. -- 6th International Architecture Prize for Innovative Interior Design Concepts announces 14 winners. -- San Francisco conference explores alternative community-based work. -- Call for entries for urban public spaces and a house for an ecologist.

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Sim cities: Take an American highway and string it between Mumbai and Pune. Plant a New Jersey suburb in Bangalore, copy a California condominium in Gurgaon. This willingness to convert historic cities into global showpieces and gallery space for Western architects, should act as a stern message to Indian administrators. - Hindustan Times (India)

"Citizen power," says Phyllis Lambert, architecture's grande dame and newly proclaimed winner of the Vincent J. Scully Prize: She blames her own profession for a leadership vacuum not filled since Frank Lloyd Wright..."There is no spokesperson for the built world." - By Linda Hales - Washington Post

United States Ranks 28th on Environment, a New Study Says: ...just six nations - led by New Zealand, followed by five from Northern Europe - have achieved 85 percent or better success in meeting a set of critical environmental goals... - New York Times

Studies Support Emissions Plans: Two independent analyses say an effort, opposed by business, to cut greenhouse gases could be beneficial for California's economy. - Los Angeles Times

Let the Sunshine In: Two newly built office buildings in California are setting out to capture one of the state's most prized assets — sunlight. -- Jeffrey M. Kalban & Associates Architecture - National Real Estate Investor (NREI)

A Project Built on Cobblestones: An upscale food market is part of a larger project to restore a downtown block of 18th- and 19th-century buildings in Lower Manhattan...the largest historic preservation project to incorporate "green design." -- Cook & Fox - New York Times

Clemson center criticism builds: The public outcry over Clemson University's plans to build a modern architecture center has extended beyond downtown Charleston and reached Columbia. -- KVA Kennedy & Violich Architects - Charleston Post and Courier

Iconic building 'worth the wait' after 10-month delay: Huff's £580,000 home for a scheme to promote architectural and design excellence, the arc..."joinedupdesignforschools", which brings together designers and architects to work for teams of pupils as clients, will run there in February. -- Niall McLaughlin [image] - Yorkshire Post Today (UK)


Wright Revisited: An overlooked masterpiece by Frank Lloyd Wright: Beth Sholom Synagogue. By Witold Rybczynski [slide show] - Slate

James Pike starts Presidential term at Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) - Archiseek (Ireland)

contractworld.award 2006: 6th International Architecture Prize for Innovative Interior Design Concepts...[14 winners] Europe's most richly endowed prize award for innovative interior design concepts. - ContractWorld

Structures for Inclusion 6 Conference (SFI6): "Expanding Design" explores alternative community-based work; March 24-26, San Francisco - Design Corps

Call for entries: Fourth European Prize for Urban Public Space 2006; deadline: March 15 - Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB)

Call for entries: A House for an Ecologist: A Design Ideas Competition; registration deadline: March 1; submissions due: March 31 - American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Under construction: Eisenman Architects: City of Culture of Galicia, Santiago de Compostela, Spain

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