

## Today's News - November 29, 2006

Traditionalists vs. modernists at the GSA: double-appointment a double-edged sword or a happy compromise? – Court rules in architect's favor in battle in battle with German railroad over Berlin station design. – Maybe it will join Glancey's list of the romantic stations on the planet. – Forget spirals and loops - a tower in Dubai will actually rotate (using solar power, no less). – First look at Denver's new post-Holl courthouse design. – A major downsizing of Hadid's 2012 Olympics aquatic center. – We're getting closer to smog-eating buildings. – Ouroussoff is mostly positive about the "cool, self-confident air" of MoMA's final phase. – Pei's inspiration for Qatar Islamic Museum. – Stockholm sees money, money, money in plans for Abba museum (now, where to put it). – Kansas City's new face of glass. – Call for entries for a good cause: a new logo for Architecture For Humanity. – Kamin looks for connection between tiny cell phone and skyscrapers in Chicago exhibition. – Becker finds phantoms in "Richard Nickel's Chicago." – Ouroussoff says "The Fellowship" is "a tawdry, often malicious and occasionally entertaining romp through Wright's long life" – An "acid satire" about Mussolini's plans to build the tallest building in the world. – A Top 10 list of planning books.

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[GSA Straddles the Great Architectural Divide: Picks for Leadership Team Open Door to Traditionalists Amid Modernism's Advance...\[General Services Administration\] now has waded into the argument, trying to take a middle road...in a twist, it actually made two appointments... By Alex Frangos – Leslie Shepherd; Thomas Gordon Smith; Ross Barney Architects; Hammond Beeby Rupert Ainge; Meier; Predock; Kohn Pedersen Fox; Stern; Mayne/Morphosis; Plater-Zyberk](#)- Wall Street Journal

[Judges order Deutsche Bahn to remodel...its brand-new Berlin main station, one of the world's most expensive rail terminals, because the company did not follow the architect's design. \(DPA\) – Gerkan, Marg and Partners](#)- Expatica (Netherlands)

['Grand Central is the world's most romantic meeting place': The six most beautiful stations on the planet, chosen by Jonathan Glancey](#)- Guardian (UK)

[World's first rotating tower launched: A \[30-story\] building that moves with the power of the sun. Solar energy is stored and used to drive the rotation mechanism...turning a complete 360 degrees in the course of seven days. – Glenn Howells Architects; Palmer and Turner \[image\]](#)- Maktoob Business (Dubai)

[Drawings released of new courthouse: Conceptual images of Denver's new courthouse, the first since architect Steven Holl was dismissed from the project, show a precast concrete building with a glass facade. The design...is still evolving... By Mary Voelz Chandler – Klipp Architecture \[image\]](#)- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[London scales down 2012 pool plan: The London 2012 Olympics aquatics centre will be smaller than originally planned in order to save costs...wave-shaped roof will now be 14,000 square feet, which is just over a third of the original 35,000 square feet. – Zaha Hadid \[image\]](#)- BBC (UK)

[Church on the Edge of Rome Offers a Solution to Smog: A church by Richard Meier is coated with a particle-eating concrete...that essentially cleans itself, minimizing the need for maintenance...has another peculiarity. It "eats" surrounding smog. – Italcementi Group](#)- New York Times

[A New Way to See Art: The Modern, Completed: The new Lewis B. and Dorothy Cullman education building...underscores what is most alluring about the museum's recent expansion...cool, self-confident air...often with real seductive power. By Nicolai Ouroussoff – Yoshio Taniguchi \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Ancient mosque inspired Islamic museum designer: I.M. Pei, architect of the Qatar Islamic Museum, said he has been inspired by the "shadows and shadings" which are ever-existing streaks in Islamic architecture.](#)- Gulf Times (Qatar)

[Abba Forever: Plans are afoot for a new museum in Stockholm dedicated to one of the world's most successful and beloved pop groups...No official location has been selected...if the plans come to fruition, the new museum sounds to us like money, money, money.](#)- Der Spiegel (Germany)

[A city of glass: Sprint Center reflects a new direction for downtown Kansas City: Q&A with Craig M. Milde on these waves of panes – Downtown Arena Design Team \(HOK Sport; 360 Architecture; Ellerbe Becket\)](#)- Kansas City Star

[Call for entries: New logo design for Architecture For Humanity; deadline: December 15](#)- Architecture for Humanity

[What connects a tiny cell phone and skyscraper? \[Art Institute of Chicago's\] Exhibit of hot visionaries integrates objects of design..."Young Chicago"... If curator Joseph Rosa is trying to make a polemical point...he certainly succeeds. By Blair Kamin – Sarah Dunn/Martin Felsen; Clare Lyster Studio; Avram Lothan; John Ronan; Ross Wimer/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Phantoms: "Richard Nickel's Chicago" creates a moving portrait of the city and its people at mid-century, of wonders lost, and of the photographer who gave his life trying to save them. By Lynn Becker \[images\]](#)- Repeat (Chicago)

[The Apprentices: Frank Lloyd Wright was one of architecture's most outlandish figures...So a book like "The Fellowship" was probably inevitable. Written by Roger Friedland and Harold Zellman, it is a tawdry, often malicious and occasionally entertaining romp through Wright's long life... By Nicolai Ouroussoff](#)- New York Times

[Mussolini's Mausoleum: "The Eighth Wonder of the World" by Leslie Epstein: An acid satire about Il Duce's plans to construct the tallest building in the world.](#)- Washington Post

[Top 10 Planning Books of the Year, 2007 Edition](#)- PLANetizen

[National Underground Railroad Freedom Center: In Cincinnati, A riverfront museum embodies the geography of escape. By John Meadows, AIA -- Blackburn Architects; BOORA Architects \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)



[OMA/Rem Koolhaas: Seoul National University Museum, Seoul, South Korea](#)

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