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- Zandberg's take on '08: the "architecture bubble burst...Now, in hard times, it is fitting for the Bilbao architects to show the way. In so doing, they will atone for past sins."
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- Asia's biggest naval academy is another feather in a Chandigarh architect's cap (a woman, no less).
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- Uncovering layers of the past in California's first cathedral - a tiny Spanish mission.
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- An interesting mix of a shortlist for Red Sox spring training complex.
- A new Center for Architecture for AIA Fort Worth.
- Heathcote hails Parry as London's "great unsung architect."
- Glancey's eloquent elegies to the demise of "fine architecture of our breweries," and Waterford Wedgwood: "will someone come to the rescue?"
- Coney Island's famed Astroland Moon Rocket needs a new home (might it land in an amusement park in Pakistan?).

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WORDS THAT BUILD: Tip #10: Use paragraph spacing in writing and pauses in conversation to promote "out of the box" thinking. By Norman Weinstein - ArchNewsNow

The Year in Architecture: When environmentalism finally became cool...awakened architects to the realization that they've more important things to design than monolithic, high-end goodie bags. By Sarah Williams Goldhagen -- Renzo Piano; KieranTimberlake; Francisco Mangado; Foster + Partners; Ove Arup; PTW; Herzog & de Meuron; Jean Nouvel; Peter Zumthor; Jørn Utzon [slide show, links] - The New Republic

The bubble burst: It was a good year, 2008, for international architecture, maybe too good...Then the financial crisis hit and scrambled the cards. The architecture bubble burst. In view of the fragments, who wants to choose some blob as building of the year? Architecture has its own sense of humor. By Esther Zandberg -- Ouroussoff; Ouroussoff; Sudjic - Ha'aretz (Israel)

Expect an extraordinary year: It's the year of Big: Big plans. Big buildings. Big buzz. But will the quality match the hype? That's the big question heading into 2009...10 things to watch for... By Blair Kamin -- Daniel Burnham; Chicago Architecture Foundation; Hedrich Blessing; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM); Stanley Tigerman; Renzo Piano; Zaha Hadid; Ben van Berkel/UNStudio; Ralph Johnson/Perkins+Will; Pickard Chilton; Koo and Associates - Chicago Tribune

CNN's search for the Spirit of Architecture: Key interviews include Norman Foster, Oscar Niemeyer, Zaha Hadid and Wolf D Prix. [video links] - BD/Building Design (UK)

A Beacon of light: When the Old Fort Prison complex finally closed in 1983 it left a scar on Johannesburg's cityscape...area that was chosen to be the site for South Africa's new Constitutional Court...a deeply symbolic, carefully calculated decision... -- Andrew Makin/Janina Masojada/Design Workshop; Paul Wygers/Urban Solutions [image] - ConstructionWeekOnline

Kolkata's runway dreams: ...will be able to handle up to 7,520 passengers per hour, up from the current 2,850...Critics argue that the airport is increasing its capacity at a time when air traffic is on the decline not just in India but worldwide. -- RMJM; Sikka Associates Architects - Business Standard (India)

Asia's biggest naval academy designed by Chandigarh woman: Indian Naval Academy is another feather in her cap. -- Namita Singh/Satnam, Namita and Associates - Thaindian News (Thailand)

Chicago Takes the Lead in Green Hotels: ...five [hotels] were certified by Green Seal, a third-party certification organization chosen by the city for its credibility and for its program tailored specifically to lodgings. Seven more hotels are close to certification, and 18 others are at an earlier stage in the process. - BuildingGreen.com

Little house on the infill: What's small and green and can be built all over? ...the "100K House," a rowhouse that measures 1,000 square feet, is LEED platinum certified, and costs about \$100,000 to build. -- Chad Ludeman/Postgreen; Re:Vision Architecture; Interface Studio Architects - Philadelphia Business Journal

Inside the House of the Future: Green technology, wireless connectivity, and less ostentation are just some of the newest home-building trends - BusinessWeek

Tiny Spanish mission a rare gem in Monterey: ...California's first cathedral, a building so deep into the roots of Spanish California that even the past has a past...four different interior schemes on the walls between 1792, when construction started, and 1856... -- Page & Turnbull [images] - San Francisco Chronicle

Schwartz and Alsop debate: Can Martha Schwartz change Will Alsop's famously acerbic views on landscape architects? [video] - BD/Building Design (UK)

ESI Design Among World-Renowned Team Commissioned to Design Shanghai Corporate Pavilion (The Dream Cube) at the 2010 World Expo -- Edwin Schlossberg; Yung Ho Chang/Atelier FCJZ - MSNBC

Five design groups make cut for new Red Sox spring training complex -- BSSW Architects/360 Architecture; David M. Schwarz Architects/Rosser - Harvard Jolly; DLR Group; HOK Sport/Parker, Mudgett and Smith; Pendulum Studio - MSNBC

FIRM817 to design new Center for Architecture for AIA Fort Worth: "The storefront location...supports interaction between architects and the community..." [images] - Fort Worth Business Press (Texas)

The Londoner: Eric Parry has just overseen the unveiling of a clutch of new London buildings that confirm him as the city's

great unsung architect...While London suffocates under a carpet of bland high-tech, low-end commercialism, Parry has created an oeuvre that is consistent and elegant. By Edwin Heathcote- Financial Times (UK)

Closing breweries? A reason to drown our sorrows: The decline of our beer industry is also calling time on the fine architecture of our breweries...it has often proved hard to find new uses for them, and even the very finest have been demolished. By Jonathan Glancey -- Francis Edwards (1837); Scamell and Collyer (1883); William Bradford (1882); Michael Hopkins (1977)- Guardian (UK)

A tragedy in tableware: There's much more to Waterford Wedgwood, now in receivership, than a lot of history and heritage tableware...have been part and parcel of British design, production and domestic culture for 250 years...Will someone come to the rescue? By Jonathan Glancey [slide show, links]- Guardian (UK)

As Coney Island's Rides and Pier Disappear, its Rocket Needs a New Home: People from car-wash owners to museum curators have contacted the Coney Island History Project about the Astroland Moon Rocket, including an amusement park in Pakistan. [image]- Preservation magazine



-- Expansion and renovation: Gehry Partners: Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), Toronto, Canada
-- Robert Wilson: VOOM Portraits and Chairs

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