

Apartment Hunting



Finding housing can be a time consuming and frustrating chore which many times ends with great compromise. Then for some it is fast easy and fabulous.

My daughter went away to college in Chicago last year. By chance of the dormitory lottery she shared a 400 square foot bedroom with a charming, quiet and studious roommate with whom she got along very well. It was in the corner, which hung out over the sidewalk on the 21st floor of a brand new building with a 270 degree view from the lake to the Northern part of the city.

However, the other students on the floor were noisy neighbors late into the night who were “messy” in my daughter’s words. In addition she hated the cafeteria food. So on her own she found four other students who felt the same way about the neighbors and looked for an

photo credit: Roosevelt University

apartment. Within a couple of weeks they found one and the expenses would be less than the room and board the college charged for the dormitory. The best part was that it was in the corner of the 18th floor of a spectacular building. When I helped her move in I was so impressed I just had to research the architect.

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Archi-fact:

Our Ionic Work of Architecture this month is the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Prior to restoration work performed between 1990 and 2001, the tower leaned at an angle of 5.5 degrees, but the tower now leans at about 3.99 degrees.

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Fisher Building - Photo Credit: Google Images

The architect was Daniel Burnham. He was born on September 4, 1846 in Heidelberg, Germany and died on June 1, 1912. He was partners with John Wellbron Root. They founded Burnham and Root, one of the most famous architectural companies of the nineteenth century. Along with the building my daughter moved into, he design many buildings in Chicago and else where. He even designed the Flatiron Building in New York City.

The Archi-quote this month is his. Only part of the quote is in Archi-quote. This is the entire quote “Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will not die, but long after we are gone be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistence. Remember that our sons and our grandsons are going to do things that would stagger us. Let your watchword be order and your beacon beauty.”



Flatiron Building, Daniel Burnham- photo credit: Google Images



Daniel Burnham's work sings to our souls. This is what we at Design M Group aspire to.

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[Daniel H. Burham](#)

Iconic Building of the Month



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“The **Leaning Tower of Pisa** (*Italian: Torre pendente di Pisa*) or simply the **Tower of Pisa** (*Torre di Pisa*) is the campanile, or freestanding **bell tower**, of the **cathedral** of the Italian city of **Pisa**, known worldwide for its unintended tilt to one side. It is situated behind the Cathedral and is the third oldest structure in Pisa's Cathedral Square (*Piazza del Duomo*) after the Cathedral and the Baptistry. The tower's tilt began during construction, caused by an inadequate foundation on ground too soft on one side to properly support the structure's weight. The tilt increased in the decades before the structure was completed, and gradually increased until the structure was stabilized (and the tilt partially corrected) by efforts in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.”

Text Credit: Wikipedia

Archi-speak

How many famous architects can you find?

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| Gehry | Hadid | Loyd-Wright |
| Gaudi | Wren | Pei |

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 A L E N Z O K N L N H J E V I
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Want to speak with the Architect

Do you have questions but do not know where to start?

Do you know the legal consequences of starting a project without approvals?

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