

## Today's News - January 24, 2006

London picks team for 2012 Olympic Park. – Orange County Park picks its design team, but Hawthorne wonders if it will be inspired. – L.A. has master plan for Griffith Park. – There's a promising new player looking to change the "blocks of Identikit apartments" in U.K.'s city centers. – Manufactured housing heading for a green transformation, and Yale students take note. – A Marshall Plan for NYC's Javits Center expansion. – San Francisco's Museum of the African Diaspora fits perfectly with its neighbors. – A stroll through the Getty Villa. – Architecture firms in India facing a paucity of "fresher" talent. – A house at one with nature. – New book explores how presidents have used architecture to commemorate themselves. – Miami exhibition explores the glamour of Jazz Age hotels. – Registration deadline looms for student design competition.

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[Top Team Chosen to Design Olympic Park: ...will play a key role in turning London's Olympic vision into reality, as well as setting the framework for the regeneration of the Lower Lea Valley in East London.](#) – EDAW; Arup; Atkins; Buro Happold; Foreign Office Architects; HOK Sport; Allies & Morrison- Sports Features Communications

[N.Y. Design Team Chosen to Create a Showpiece Orange County Park: \\$401 million project...will be one of the nation's largest urban parks, carved from runways of the closed El Toro Marine base.](#) – Ken Smith Landscape Architect; Enrique Norten; Mary Miss; Mia Lehrer [images]- Los Angeles Times

[It Can Be Done, but Will It Be Inspired? Ken Smith's ambitious urban park plan needs a way to knit together its populist elements...He will need to coax memorable contributions from architect Enrique Norten and the other designers on his team.](#) By Christopher Hawthorne- Los Angeles Times

[Melendrez Group Creates Comprehensive Master Plan for Managing & Maintaining Griffith Park \[Los Angeles\]: ...has more than 4,200 acres making it the largest municipally owned urban park in the United States...](#) - The Planning Report

[Britain's new apartment boom: can't we do more than just add water? By Hugh Pearman – Broadway Malyan; Benoy; Kinetic AIU architects \[images\]-](#) HughPearman.com (UK)

[Manufactured Housing: Blessing or Curse For Katrina Survivors? The pieces may be falling into place for a green transformation of the manufactured housing market.](#) - Healthy Building Network

[Energy-Smart Home Construction: With energy costs literally through the roof, builders are endorsing tighter, more efficient homes – Gray Organschi; Yale Building Project-](#) Business New Haven (Connecticut)

[Convention Center \[\\$1.7 billion\] Marshall Plan: After years of false starts, a plan is unveiled to expand New York's Jacob Javits Convention Center.](#) – Richard Rogers; FXFowle Architects; A. Epstein & Sons [images]- The Slatin Report

[All Things African: ...Museum of the African Diaspora...has an urban look that fits perfectly with neighbors that include the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art...](#) – Freelon Group [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

[Under the California sun: The Getty Villa is reopening this week after a 12-year, \\$275m renovation...a tour with architect Jorge Silvetti.](#) – Machado and Silvetti- Guardian (UK)

[Architectural outsourcing - drawing a new design: ...today freshers have the option of making close to five figures if they choose to go into offshoring companies...As a result, mainstream architectural companies are being deprived of their share of an already decreasing pool of talent.](#)- The Hindu Business Line (India)

[In this spacious house, you're always at one with nature: Even inside, it seems as if you're outside...It reminds you how much a good architect can add to the quality of life.](#) By Robert Campbell – Maryann Thompson Architects; Julie Meserve- Boston Globe

[Exploring "Presidential Temples": Benjamin Hufbauer's book takes anthropological look at U.S. leaders' libraries...explores how presidents have used architecture – and flattering museum displays – to commemorate themselves. \[images\]-](#) Courier-Journal (Louisville, KY)

[Grandeur and fantasy of Jazz Age hotels: "In Pursuit of Pleasure: Schultze & Weaver and the American Hotel" at the Wolfsonian-FIU through May 28...](#) By Beth Dunlop – Carrere and Hastings; Henry J. Hardenbergh; Morris Lapidus- Miami Herald

[Call for entries: Concrete Thinking for a Sustainable World: A 2005-06 Student Design Competition; registration deadline: Feb. 8; submissions due May 3-](#) Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture

[Under construction: Eisenman Architects: City of Culture of Galicia, Santiago de Compostela, Spain](#)

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