

## Today's News - February 24, 2006

A change in green building standards in Washington, DC, has some seeing red. -- One big thumbs-down for Sydney Opera House addition. -- Architecture's fame game: does it empower or undermine (or is it all about eyeglasses)? -- A Johannesburg architect searches for a "South African Style" malls to get away from "vulgar taste for Tuscan and Balinese theme parks." -- Londoners win bid to transform Morecambe's central promenade. -- An international team picked to design high end (and green) hotel in India. -- Exclusive living in soybean silos in Copenhagen. -- Winery architecture still making news - this time, the firm doing more than anyone (and quietly). -- Yale symposium takes on Philip Johnson: master or poseur? -- Another thumbs-up for MoMA's "New Architecture in Spain" show. -- Accolades for Malaysia's Top 10 architecture firms. -- The American Society of Civil Engineers shortlist for Outstanding Achievement Award: from South Carolina to Slovakia. -- [Editor's note: This week, ArchNewsNow celebrates its 4th anniversary...here's to many more!]

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[Seeing Red Over Green Buildings in Washington, DC: If approved, any new construction or renovation involving 20,000 sq. ft. or more would have to meet green-building energy-efficiency standards, posing added construction costs...](#) - National Real Estate Investor (NREI)

[That's no way to treat a masterpiece: The great reconciliation has backfired: the addition to the Sydney Opera House is a disaster, writes Philip Drew -- Joern Utzon; Richard Johnson/Johnson Pilton Walker](#) - The Australian

[Cultivating the Gimmicks of the Trade: Perspecta 37, devoted to fame in architecture, could not have come at a more opportune moment...editors place before us two propositions: "Fame empowers architecture" and "Fame undermines architecture." -- Stern; Hadid; Koolhaas; Jenks; Eisenman; Libeskind; Gehry; etc.](#) - New York Sun

[Bringing the outside in: Q&A with architect Imraan Ho-Yee about changing the face of malls in South Africa: ...there is an obvious wisdom in finding a "South African style" that will move us forward from our vulgar taste for Tuscan and Balinese theme parks. -- Vivid Architects](#) - Mail & Guardian (Johannesburg)

[The architect team to guide the redevelopment of Morecambe's central promenade area has been chosen: Following an international design competition, run by Urban Splash in association with RIBA, FLACQ - a London based practice - was selected from a shortlist of six. \[image\]](#) - Morcambe Today (UK)

[InterContinental aims for new highs at Kolkata hotel: To lend a mix of the colonial with contemporary to the hotel's design, architects from Spain, Italy and Switzerland had been employed... -- C P Kukreja Associates; Cervera & Pioz; King Roselli Architetti; Ruben Anderegg](#) - Business Standard (India)

[Danish Domestication: MVRDV converts a pair of soybean silos in Copenhagen into an exclusive apartment building. By David Sokol -- JJW Arkitekter \[images\]](#) - Metropolis Magazine

[Designs on wine: Architectural firm has quietly built a reputation for innovative buildings that have shaped the look and feel of the county's wine industry -- Steven D. Pults, AIA & Associates](#) - San Luis Obispo Tribune

[A&A incites pretense, ennui: Philip Johnson...was the subject of a three-day symposium last weekend at the Yale School of Architecture. -- Jencks; Wigley; Scully](#) - Yale Daily News

[Wavy Lines and Sinuous Shapes in Spain: "On-Site: New Architecture in Spain"...One is stunned walking through this show at how much of it is "civil infrastructure" - nearly all of it.](#) - New York Sun

[Top 10 Malaysian Architecture Firms To Get BCI Asia Awards -- Akipraktis; Akitek Suria; aQidea Architect; Arkitek MAA; BEP Akitek; DP Architects; GDP Architects; Gerak Reka Akitek; NRY Architects; RSP Akitek](#) - Bernama (Malaysia)

[American Society of Civil Engineers Announce Outstanding Achievement Award Nominees: from South Carolina to Slovakia](#) - American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

[Symbol and Celebration: Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture: Modern design, vibrant colors, and symbolic interior elements help create a new cultural destination in Baltimore's Inner Harbor and museum district. -- The Freelon Group/RTKL \[images\]](#) - ArchNewsNow

[Feb. '06 Build Business: The Other Side of the Table: An Inside View of the Selection Process. By Stephanie Craft, CPSM](#)

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