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Pundits say 2003 isn't looking much better than 2002… a few ideas for “keeping your troops jazzed.” -- WTC process offers a lesson for Milwaukee. -- A Gehry Guggenheim in Manhattan not likely any time soon. -- Toronto looks forward to some star-studded architecture. -- Smart growth movement growing. -- Suburban sprawl affects urban neighborhoods. -- Creative affordable housing initiatives. -- Chicago preservationists may win some and lose some, but are making a mark. -- New York's elevated High Line gets a promising high sign; all Christo wants is Central Park. -- In Taipei, a neighborhood not so happy with nature. -- Colleges do more than just study the environment. -- Are museums becoming cultural Disneylands? -- Wright's “Shining Brow” not so shiny (wouldn't the almost $2 million paid for a Wright lamp go a long way to preserving Taliesin?). -- Spotlight on a museum concept that didn't win. -- In London, a Mies van der Rohe retrospective offers insight, as does the rising star of a young architect.

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Here are a few things that you can do to jazz things up in 2003. - Fast Company

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Guggenheim Drops Plans for East River Museum - Frank Gehry - New York Times

A city on the verge of a building boom: Architecture teaches patience, but after 2002, Torontonians will have something worth being patient for. - Norman Foster; Frank Gehry; Daniel Libeskind; Will Alsop; etc. - The Star (Toronto)

Smart growth — an idea that keeps building up: since 1999 a grass-roots support system for smart growth has formed with backing from some of the country's most influential foundations. - Seattle Times

Give me a corner store over a lawn any day: the modern world... feels compelled to spread the good word of urban sprawl - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Cities take on housing crunch, creatively: As home costs hit 'crisis' level for more people, metro areas...are launching initiatives to boost affordable housing. - Christian Science Monitor

Preservationists: Honoring the past: ...impact on public debate [in 2002] -- and its outcome -- was undeniable. By Blair Kamin - Chicago Tribune

Will the High Line Be Preserved? Will Christo Wrap Central Park? - Gotham Gazette

Making room for nature: it seemed like a good idea at the time, but a group of Taipei residents are starting to second-guess their decision to build an eco-friendly park in their borough - Taipei Times

Colleges Crazy for Green Tech: a growing number of colleges around the U.S. are employing cutting-edge technologies to protect the environment. (AP) - Wired magazine

Must the show go on? Are museums becoming populist cultural theme parks? - The Times (UK)

Wright's grand house at risk: Taliesin [Wisconsin]... unlike the Wright legend, is crumbling. - Baltimore Sun

Lamp won't join its mate: Wright house loses bid for rare piece of its past... victor paid $1,989,500 - Washington Post

A Slavery Memorial's Shipping Muse: The architects did not win the commission. But their concept remains worthy of contemplation. - By Linda Hales - LOT/EK [image] - Washington Post

Thoroughly Modern Mies? Mies van der Rohe carefully controlled his image while alive, but a far more complex architect is revealed in a new retrospective, says Giles Worsley - Telegraph (UK)

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