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Big changes afoot for London's Design Museum. -- A Modernist anomaly that survived Katrina. -- Reclaimed waterfront in San Mateo, California, a study in how to do it right. -- Orange County Great Park a real test for landscape architect. -- Respecting design once built. -- "The Nature of Order" causes a philosophical crisis (a good thing). -- Architects and artists play in the snow in a not very snowy Torino. -- Ando's Manhattan debut. -- Black History Month: what Blackburn Architects is up to. -- Green NYC highrises are the focus at Skyscraper Museum. -- Ooops! The correct link to I.D. Forty for 2006 (apologies for linking to 2005 list yesterday).

Design Museum announces £50 million relocation plan: ...coincides with the news that controversial director Alice Rawsthorn has left the museum after five years in charge. - London SE1

The Power of Modernist Thinking: One house that survived Katrina was an anomaly even before the storm. By Karrie Jacobs -- Metropolis Magazine

Bridging design and function: Architecture of redone Ryder Park invites citizens to the bay...what happened here should be studied by every other Bay Area community or regional authority that tackles large open-space projects. By John King -- San Francisco Chronicle

Great Park will test Ken Smith’s management skill: He plans to integrate themes on his largest scale yet...Few seem to question Smith’s creativity; it’s the practical work of assembling such a big project that likely will keep Great Park Corp. board members nervous for a few years. - Orange County Register (California)

Whose house is it anyway? Once a well-designed home is built it does need some respect... Farnsworth sued the architect and he countersued - and won. -- Frank Lloyd Wright; Metis van der Heide; Charles Remnie Mackintosh; John McAlsan and Partners; Mendelssohn/Chermayeff; Mary Kentigan & Frank Harkin architects; Paul Quiligue - Irish Times

Architect starts with idea that space makes life possible. Are you ready to have all that you know challenged? ...impact of architect Christopher Alexander's monumental four-volume series "The Nature of Order" - San Francisco Chronicle

Slopeside at the Olympics, Designing With Frozen Fingers: "The Snow Show," a series of exhibitions in Turin, features works by teams of architects and artists and are created from snow. -- Tod Williams and Billie Tsien; Arata Isozaki; Cliostraat; Jaume Plensa/Norman Foster; Lebbeus Woods [slide show] - New York Times

Tadao Ando's New York Debut: design for Morimoto includes a white fiberglass-canvas ceiling draped throughout the dining room. -- Goto Design Group - The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

Black History Month - Alpha Blackburn/Blackburn Architects - WTHR (Indiana)

High-Rises That Have Low Impact on Nature: A spate of environmentally sensitive projects signals a new consciousness among architects, developers and construction companies..."Green Towers for New York: From Visionary to Vernacular" -- Cook + Fox Architects; Norman Foster; David Childs/SOM; FXFowle (Fox & Fowle); Pelli Clarke Pelli - New York Times

Correction: 2006 I. D. Forty: Jerome Caruso + Peter Marino + Errol Morris + James Hicks + Santiago Piedraflia + Martin Pern + Martin Blackwell + etc. - I.D. magazine


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