

Today's News - January 24, 2007

London Olympics may be very green, but may cost too much gold. – Chicago unveils its 2016 Olympic plans; Kamin and Nance are (mostly) positive. – Meanwhile, L.A. touts its Games-ready infrastructure. – A call to give young Brits a break. – Details of Louisville's massive Museum Plaza sketched out. – Las Vegas CityCenter is "one big green machine." – A more urban suburb evolves outside of Washington. – New town - old look: Duany brings New Urbanism to Inverness. – An urban village to rise in otherwise sprawling Houston. – Cornell raises some questions about Koolhaas's Milstein Hall. – A new cultural and architectural gem for Bangkok. – A new contemporary art museum for Zagreb. – No flattery from Farrelly for the "flat-out race for pretentiousness max" by folks with no taste. – McGuigan queries Maya Lin: she's no "one-hit wonder." – A fresh look at Robert Moses: "maybe he doesn't look so bad." – Call for entries: solutions for disassembly and future use of building materials.

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[London 2012 'to be greenest ever': Olympics are to be the greenest games in history...government was carrying out a "careful examination" of costs...](#)- BBC News

[City unveils Olympics plans: ...Chicago sought to portray its push for the 2016 Olympics as eminently doable...revealed a host of fresh details... \[images, slide show\]](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Low-cost stadium wouldn't look cheap: ...\\$316 million Olympic stadium...promises to be memorable... Olympic Village...offer the prospect of drab slabs lined up along the lakefront... By Blair Kamin -- Ben Wood; Goettsch Partners; Peter Schaudt; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill](#)- Chicago Tribune

[A silver medal for the design: There are too many X-factors to predict whether Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic Games will succeed...But if the bid tanks, no one will be able to blame its architectural and design elements. By Kevin Nance -- Ben Wood; Goettsch Partners; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill](#)- Chicago Sun-Times

[Schwarzenegger joins bid for Games: ...on board for L.A.'s attempt to lure the 2016 Olympics, touting the city's Games-ready infrastructure...Only one new venue...will need to be built...about \\$20 million is budgeted for that project.](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Time to give our new architects a break: Some of the most iconic buildings of the past century were the work of relative beginners - experience shouldn't count for everything...In risk-averse Britain, however, the open competition is all but unheard of. By Ellis Woodman -- Richard Rogers; Renzo Piano; Jørn Utzon; Foreign Office Architects](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[\[\\$465 million\] Museum Plaza details sketched out: "The fantasy is a reality. It will be built." -- Joshua Prince-Ramus/Erez Ella/REX; Adriaan Geuze/West 8 \[slide show, links\]](#)- Courier-Journal (Louisville, KY)

[CityCenter one big green machine: \\$7 billion mega-project to feature environmentally friendly design, construction...With 18 million square feet of building space, CityCenter will dwarf all LEED-certified structures in the United States to date...and possibly influencing still more architects, contractors and manufacturers. -- Gensler](#)- Las Vegas Sun

[Overhaul Of Tysons Center Approved: Decade-Long Project Will Add Towers With Offices, Apartments...evolution into a more urban suburb...surrounding the mall with a ring of eight towers containing offices, more than 1,000 apartments and at least one hotel. -- RTKL](#)- Washington Post

[New town — old look: ...The designs follow a 10-day consultation process in September, known as a "charrette"...the first time the method has been used in the UK...development at Tornagrain would create homes for around 10,000 people... -- Andres Duany](#)- The Inverness Courier (UK)

[Allen House, long a local residential icon, will soon be gone, replaced by a mixed-use project of housing, offices and retail...plans to turn the 24 acres of prime land into Regent Square, a mixed-use urban village... -- David M. Schwarz/Architectural Services; Morris Architects; Robert A.M. Stern; Aponwao Design; B&D Studio \[image\]](#)- Houston Chronicle

[New Milstein Revealed: Board expresses concerns about building plans -- Rem Koolhaas](#)- Cornell Daily Sun

[Design concept chosen for new Thailand Cultural Centre: ...to become an architectural gem in Southeast Asia... -- Architect 49 \[image\]](#)- Bangkok Post

[New cultural attraction for Croatia and Zagreb coming in 2007: Museum of Contemporary Art...an open competition at the national level, the concept...was selected as the best and most appropriate. -- Igor Franic](#)- Free Radio News (Germany)

[The beach shack of old versus everything in the kitsch sink: ...in rejecting modernism's commitment to truth, the entire architecture game, as hurrahed along by architectural publishing, has become a flat-out race for pretentiousness max... By Elizabeth Farrelly](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[Escaping From the Shadow of the "Wall": Maya Lin designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial 25 years ago—she's spent the time since then proving she's no one-hit wonder. By Cathleen McGuigan \[slide show\]](#)- Newsweek

[Rehabilitating Robert Moses: With New York poised for a building boom, the legacy of Robert Moses is getting a fresh look, and maybe he doesn't look so bad. \[slide show, video\]](#)- New York Times

[Call for entries: Lifecycle Building Challenge: designs and ideas that support disassembly and future use of building materials in entire buildings, building components, and tools and](#)

[strategies; registration deadline: April 15 \(U.S.\)- Lifecycle Building Challenge](#)



[-- Morphosis: Wayne L. Morse United States Courthouse, Eugene, Oregon](#)
[-- Under construction: IBA/Arup: TV Tower, Guangzhou, South China](#)

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