

Today's News - January 25, 2007

EDITORS NOTE: There will be no newsletter tomorrow (Friday); we'll be back Monday, January 29. — MIT study digs geothermal. — L.A. needs a big vision. — Saffron visits Poundbury and (mostly) likes what she sees. — Celebrating Gehry coming to Utah and hoping that "great architects will one day carry more cachet than rock stars." — Some interesting results in an international affordable housing survey. — Holl's adventure at University of Iowa is "an invaluable tool for the school." — Glancey gushes over a Lutyens cathedral that never was. — SOM gets nod for new Lake Placid museum branch. — Truly progressive architecture: P/A Award winners are "a distinct group of projects emerged that address global issues and social welfare." — Winning visions for Hobart's "cold and lonely" waterfront. — The mayor of Guayaquil, Ecuador, honored for improving his city's quality of life. — Call for entries: an Infographic Center in Mexico City, and awards for applying modern technologies to everyday businesses. — Weekend diversions: an L.A. installation inflates and titillates. — A new book "detailing weird, wonderful and (mostly) horrific things Americans have done to their landscape." — April is National Landscape Architecture Month. — One we couldn't resist: Martha Stewart wants to trademark her village (villagers not pleased).

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[MIT study: Get more energy from Earth's heat: Geothermal could meet 10 percent of U.S. needs by 2050, it finds](#)- MSNBC

[Redesigning Los Angeles: As L.A.'s mishmash of styles and thoroughfares clutters our lives, architects, planners, and activists are demanding a new future...a responsibility to envision and design a metropolis that strikes a more liveable balance. That means a vision. A big vision.](#) — Eric Owen Moss Architects; Alliance for a Livable City- LA City Beat (Los Angeles)

[As Charles visits, his village reveals his mix of passions: Some might dismiss the rapidly growing \[Poundbury\] as nothing more than a fussier variation on one of America's New Urbanist towns...But the description doesn't do justice to the radical nature of Charles' experiment.](#) By Inga Saffron — Venturi Scott Brown; Alex Lifschutz; Deyan Sudjic; Leon Krier [[links](#)]- Philadelphia Inquirer

[Op-Ed: Gehry Time: Forget the question of why Lehi got the Gehry project and Salt Lake City didn't. Let's just celebrate...if I could hope for one social trend in the near future, it would be the American public's wholesale realization of great architecture's paramount importance in our lives.](#) — Moshe Safdie- Salt Lake City Weekly

[3rd Annual Demographia International Housing Affordability Survey: ...of the six countries surveyed \[U.K., U.S., Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand\] all markets that are rated affordable are found to be within the United States and Canada...smart growth & urban consolidation: incompatible with housing affordability \[pdf\]](#)- Demographia

[Cantilever this, Art Building West proclaims: ...the building's magnificence is uncontested...provides an invaluable tool for the school...](#) — Steven Holl- Daily Iowan

[A mirage on the Mersey: It should have been Britain's greatest cathedral, built by its finest architect. But it wasn't to be...how Edwin Lutyens' dream has come back from the dead...it has taken a team of 10 people no fewer than 13 years to restore the model at a cost of £500,000...](#) By Jonathan Glancey- Guardian (UK)

[Freedom Tower architect gets nod for new Lake Placid museum branch](#) — David Childs/Roger Duffy/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill- Adirondack Daily Enterprise

[P/A Awards: ...a distinct group of projects emerged that address global issues and social welfare.](#) — Marc Boutin Architect; Aziza Chaoui; Michael Maltzan Architecture; office dA; Hariri Pontarini Architects; Hashim Sarkis; Studio Luz Architects; University of Arkansas Community Design Center [[links to images](#)]- Architect Magazine

[City's great waterfront visions: Hobart Waterfront International Design Competition...to redesign the "cold and lonely" City Hall axis into a place for the people...](#) — Preston Lane Architects; Jeppe Andersen; Tony Caro- Mercury News (Australia)

[Jaime Nebot, the Mayor of Guayaquil, Ecuador, Honored for Improving City's Quality of Life with 2007 Sustainable Transport Award](#)- Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)

[Call for entries: 9th International Arquine Competition: Maps of the City: Metropolitan Infographic Center in Mexico City \(cash prizes\); registration deadline: January 31 \(English & Spanish\)](#)- Arquine

[Call for entries: Constructech Vision Awards: applying modern technologies to everyday businesses; deadline extended to February 16](#)- Constructech magazine

[Space Invaders: Los Angeles Installation Inflates, Titillates: ...has a cast of young thinkers and makers to its credit...](#) — Materials & Applications; FoxLin; NONDesigns; Brand Name Label [[image](#)]- Architectural Record

[Book review: Portraits of man vs. land: ..."Overlook: Exploring the Internal Fringes of America With the Center for Land Use Interpretation" by Matthew Coolidge and Sarah Simons...deadpan descriptions and anonymous photography, all detailing weird, wonderful and \(mostly\) horrific things Americans have done to their landscape...](#) — CLUI- Los Angeles Times

[April 2007 is National Landscape Architecture Month: Theme to be "Discover Careers in Landscape Architecture"](#)- American Society of Landscape Architect (ASLA)

[My Katonah? Martha Stewart Ruffles Feathers: ...trying to trademark the village's name...not everyone feels honored.](#)- National Public Radio (NPR)

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

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