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*THE DISTRICT'S NEW FIRST SON
DC BUILDS AGAIN: CONDOS SOAR*

*U.S. ROYALTY BREAKS OUT
THE KENNEDY CENTER FÊTES
JFK ANNIVERSARY*



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THE *Real* DEALER

① *Design-savvy Mei Xu knows how to engage even the most powerful senses.* A candle from her high-end interior accessories company, **Blissliving Home**, was a White House gift in 2010. Now, she's turned her sights on another reigning couple with the launch of her London collection—just in time for the royal wedding. Picture applique pillows with red telephone booths and sheets bedecked with the city's skyline. While no one can say whether Prince William—or his betrothed—will rest his royal head on Xu's luxe wares, her diplomatic style is fit for a king.

② **BUILDING THE DREAM** *Nearly five years after its ground-breaking,* the **Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial** is on schedule to open this August with a star-studded landmark dedication. Generous landscaping near the Tidal Basin flanks the heroic structure, which will be the first memorial to honor an African American on the National Mall.

