

Today's News - July 13, 2004

We lose an American preservationist and a British town planner. – When will "architecture and African American" not be an oxymoron? – Jackhammers continue to tear the heart out of Moscow. – Dirty design deals in Delhi. – Security a problem for flagship U.K. prefab housing project. – Chicago: "Windy City refers not to the weather but to the local penchant for bragging." – Anacostia River: big bucks for big plans: "Skeptics will say it can't happen, cynics will insist that it won't. But this is what smart cities do these days." – Shanghai's newest suburb: Canadian Maple Town. – Re-thinking reuse of abandoned big-box stores. – Changing lifestyles give architects "the chance to stray from the usual." – A truly green and architecturally engaging urban ecology center opens in a long-neglected Olmsted park. – Boston's Opera House rescued and restored. – A Bay Area architect stays true to the Bauhaus. – A global array of ASLA award winners. – Hoboken 9/11 memorial design decided. – BSA research grants granted. – Exhibit explores a long-overlooked architect of Detroit skyscrapers.

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[Letter to the Editor: America's Forgotten Architects: I can count on one hand the number of Post articles...linking African Americans with the subject of architecture...the use of the words "architecture and African American" together is an oxymoron. By Melvin L. Mitchell/National Organization of Minority Architects-](#) Washington Post

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[Toronto architect shines in Shanghai: Firm to build town in China: "Canadian Maple Town" \[in Shanghai suburb\] will have Canadian flair - Lisa Bate/Six Degrees Architecture and Design-](#) Toronto Star

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