

Today's News - March 22, 2006

We lose an African American architect who designed black campuses and much more. – "A new appreciation for exile and neglect" as a white man gets a taste of what it's like to be black in post-Katrina New Orleans. – Design as the "secret weapon" of business in the 21st century. – "The sprawl brawl," and a new wave of scholars challenging assumptions. – Sustainable design is smart design - and doesn't mean giving up good design. – The smart part doesn't flush right for plumbers union and a green skyscraper in Philadelphia. – Island dreams in San Francisco and Edinburgh don't quite float for some. – And Edinburgh's design czar has big plans - perhaps a bit too big. – Vienna names winner in Holocaust memorial competition. – The Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust building a future. – A Japanese architect wins 2006 Steedman Fellowship with design of an environmental observatory. – A doghouse is inspiration for a collapsible cottage.

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[Obituary: Louis Fry Jr., 77: Architect for Black Colleges: Fry and Welch...oldest continuously operating African American architectural firm on the East Coast.](#)- Washington Post

[Black Like Me: Living in New Orleans--post-Katrina--gives the author a new appreciation for exile and neglect.](#) By Reed Kroloff- Metropolis Magazine

[Business by Design: Design has been called the "secret weapon" of business in the twenty-first century...what would it actually mean if business managers took design seriously? How do designers think? – Gehry; Arup; New Urbanism; Gaudi; Olmsted & Vaux.](#) Yahoo News

[Opinion: The Sprawl Brawl: Is Smart Growth intelligent design? By C. Kenneth Orski.](#)- The Slatin Report

[Revising The Suburbs: A new wave of scholars challenges common assumptions about sprawl and urban growth...a revisionist-minded, crossdisciplinary group of researchers...are rereading the suburban landscape in ways that unsettle much of the received wisdom about its history and its political economy.](#)- The Chronicle of Higher Education

[Sustainable Design Can Save More Than the Environment: ...sustainability has artistic implications. Architects who aspire to garner high LEED ratings do not have to abandon aesthetic exploration and invention.](#) By Roger K. Lewis- Washington Post

[Of urinals, plumbers and a backseat to N.Y.: City plumbers union says no way to no-flush urinals. Comcast Center's developer wants the less smelly, more sanitary, water-saving toilets for its green skyscraper.](#) By Inga Saffron – Robert A. M. Stern Architects- Philadelphia Inquirer

[Where's the Treasure? Treasure Island has nearly every necessary feature to make it the most exciting new residential development in San Francisco...What could be lacking? Start with a coherent urban design. – Craig Hartman/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\) \[images\].](#)- The Slatin Report

[Thistle be a real fantasy island: Edinburgh is set to create its very own "island" paradise - this time shaped like a thistle...Architecture and Design Scotland \(ADS\)...said the plans for an island at Granton were "simplistic in the extreme...profoundly unconvincing..." – Shuttleworth/Prevc/Make.](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[Watchdog criticises design czar on building proposals: Architecture and Design Scotland \(ADS\) said a plan by Sir Terry Farrell...Edinburgh's design czar, threatened the "iconic" status of the city's exhibition centre, which he designed.](#)- The Herald (UK)

[Vienna to build Holocaust monument: "Memorial for the Deported Neighbours"...will be built at a railway yard that is currently being transformed by...Sir Norman Foster...first prize to Fischer, Naumann and Partners and artist Kirstin Arndt. \[image\].](#)- European Jewish Press (Belgium)

[Building a Stephen Lawrence legacy: ...Charitable Trust, set up in honour of the murdered 18-year-old, has started work on a £9.5million project to help youngsters get into the construction industry. – David Adjaye.](#)- icSouthLondon (UK)

[Japanese architect Mitsuru Hamada wins 2006 Steedman Fellowship: International Design Competition focused on environmental observatory \[images\].](#)- Washington University in St. Louis

[Man's best friend proves inspiration for architect: Prototype of economical, collapsible cottage based upon doghouse design – Shane Williamson \[image\].](#)- University of Toronto

[Second Look: Pavilion and Colonnade Apartments by Mies van der Rohe, 1960: Current news about "starchitects" designing high-rise housing in New York is at an all-time high, but Mies did it across the Hudson River 46 years ago. By Fred Bernstein \[image\].](#)- ArchNewsNow

[René van Zuuk Architekten: Block 16 and Almere Bridge, Almere, The Netherlands](#)

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