

## Today's News - Tuesday, February 23, 2010

- Haiti could change the design profession: "with the growing frequency of natural disasters, prevention-oriented, public-health version of our field may soon become one of the fastest growing areas of demand."
- Even if you take the low estimates of new amputees in Haiti, there's an obvious need to include accessibility in any rebuilding plans for "country that has never been hospitable to the disabled."
- Could Piano's Malta project be called off - again? "He embarked on this project with zeal and passion thinking that the Maltese are now ready, but he was wrong" (and the Maltese would "have to answer for yet another missed opportunity").
- Finish architects finding their way to booming China.
- Ditto San Francisco architects, who are finding "a new stream of work coming from China: pollution cleanup."
- Hawthorne elaborates on his high hopes for Corner's win in Santa Monica: "a rare example of integrated, comprehensive planning."
- Seattle has two designs for a park.
- A "living building" in store for London's upcoming Ecobuild.
- An interesting Q&A with H&deM re: designing Verdi's "Attila" for the Met Opera (they got to work with Miuccia Prada, too - pix included); and, by the way, the Bird's Nest is not an empty shell.
- As FLW's Robie House turns 100, a look at his "enormous influence all the way to the streets of Ottawa."
- Gardner cheers Kikoski's new Wright restaurant as the "best part of Guggenheim."
- An Oklahoma City firm finalizes plans for PGA National Russia clubhouse.
- Calls for entries/RFQs abound (some deadlines draw very near): RFQ for the Museum of the Second World War in Gdansk, and a new high school in Guilford, CT.
- EPA National Award for Smart Growth Achievement.
- Lisbon Architecture Triennale's A House in Luanda: Patio and Pavilion International Competition.
- One Good Chair 2010: "Minimum/Maximum: Use Less, Make More."
- 2010 James Dyson Award international student design competition.

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**Op-Ed: How Haiti Could Change Design:** In the face of waning demand for traditional design services and with the growing frequency of natural disasters...prevention-oriented, public-health version of our field may soon become one of the fastest growing areas of demand for design knowledge and one of the greatest opportunities for design research and creative practice. By Thomas Fisher/University of Minnesota College of Design - Places Journal

**Countless Lost Limbs Alter Life in Haiti's Ruins:** New amputees are facing life in a shattered country that has never been hospitable to the disabled...post-earthquake reconstruction could provide an opportunity to make Port-au-Prince more accessible to people with disabilities...- New York Times

**Op-Ed: We're not ready yet Mr Piano:** He embarked on this project with zeal and passion thinking that the Maltese are now ready...But he was wrong...In a nutshell, we want a Renzo Piano project but we are refuting his ideas...If we shoot down the project, we would then have to answer for yet another missed opportunity to give back to future generations something to be proud of. - Times of Malta

**Finnish architecture exports to China booming:** PES Architects win competition for skyscraper in Chengdu...Also seeking a major foothold in China is Tommila Architects, which has developed its own DigiEcoCity concept, which is being exported to China...- Helin & Co. Architects - Helsingin Sanomat (Finland)

**China's pollution fuels Bay Area business:** Local architecture and planning firms have a new stream of work coming from China: pollution cleanup...has begun a cultural shift where society now values preservation and public space and is less tolerant of pollution. -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM); Heller Manus; Hargreaves Associates; SWA Group- San Francisco Business Times

**James Corner and Santa Monica are made for each other:** ...a rare example of integrated, comprehensive planning...a sign of how smart cities are leveraging the construction of new transit lines to pursue a broad range of improvements. By Christopher Hawthorne -- James Corner Field Operations - Los Angeles Times

**Seattle has two designs for park along Bell Street:** The city is converting one lane of traffic to public recreational space and reconfiguring parking to create a linear open space with landscaping, lighting and pedestrian amenities. -- SvR Design Co.; Hewitt [images]- Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce

**Chelsea flower medallist helps design 'living building' for Ecobuild 2-4 March at London's Earl's Court:** Capita Lovejoy's ground-breaking structure aims to highlight role of green infrastructure in the built environment [image]- Building (UK)

**Culture Zohn Off the C(H)uff With Herzog & de Meuron:** ...are used to being on the hot seat, and I wondered how opera might fit into a practice which often puts clients and the public to their own tests. [images]- Huffington Post

**The Wright stuff:** As the iconic Robie House in Chicago turns 100, Patrick Langston follows architect Frank Lloyd Wright's enormous influence all the way to the streets of Ottawa..."He defined an entire generation of architects. We seem to be looking for someone to lead the next generation." -- Francis Sullivan (1921); Barry Hobin; Jason Flynn; Linda Chapman [slide show]- Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

**Wright restaurant is best part of Guggenheim:** ...even as it pays elaborate homage to the famous architect, it somehow manages to recreate the Guggenheim's formal vocabulary with greater skill and feeling than it had the first time around, 50 years ago. By James Gardner -- Andre Kikoski [image]- The Real Deal (NYC)

**Clubhouse Plans for PGA National Russia at Zavidovo Golf and Lake Resort Finalized** -- Tom Hoch Design- Contract magazine

**Call for Request for Qualifications/RFQ: Architectural/Engineering Design Services for the Schematic Design Plans and specifications for a new high school;** deadline: March 5, 2010 [pdf]- Town of Guilford, Connecticut

**Call for entries/request for qualifications (RFQ)/Requests to Participate: Museum of the Second World War in Gdansk** international architectural competition; cash prizes; deadline: March 26, 2010- Museum of the Second World War/Muzeum II Wojny Swiatowej

**Call for entries: EPA National Award for Smart Growth Achievement:** open to public- and private-sector entities that have successfully used smart growth principles to improve communities environmentally, socially, and economically; deadline: April 5, 2010- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Call for entries: A House in Luanda: Patio and Pavillion International Competition; free registration; cash prizes; deadline: May 3, 2010- Lisbon Architecture Triennale

Call for entries: One Good Chair 2010; "Minimum/Maximum: Use Less, Make More" - How little material can you use to make the most of a chair? registration deadline: May 1, 2010- Sustainable Furnishings Council

Call for entries: 2010 James Dyson Award international student design competition: design something that solves a problem; cash prizes; deadline: July 1, 2010- James Dyson Foundation



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