

Today's News - June 2, 2005

UNESCO seeks design for stand at an upcoming world summit. – A geek's guide to the race to win the Olympics. – Ground Zero (again): an optimistic voice (a rarity these days). – Public input muscles its way into the process. – A British take: "Zero is exactly what is going on at Ground Zero." – Analyzing "Star Wars" high-density planning: lessons for "condominium designers interested in carving elegant homes from highly urbanized environments." – Analyzing the infamous Pruitt-Igoe housing project: Yamasaki's imagined Buck Rogers utopia transformed into Blade Runner nightmare ("It's a job I wish I hadn't done.") – A green utopia imagined for former San Francisco naval base. – New rules for Sydney suburbs: no more energy-guzzling McMansions. – Dublin suburb quite pleased with its new "colourful gathering of buildings." – Phoenix needs "good, tough architecture criticism" - but folks should "cut a little slack" for new hotel design. – New Harvard buildings almost hit the mark. – A car ferry transformed into a dream home in San Francisco fashioned from found parts. – An eco-friendly home in Australia "has architectural merit and looks like a modern house...not a mud-brick extension with composting toilets." – Knock-offs are on the rise, raising legal hackles.

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