Today's News - June 7, 2006

EDITOR'S NOTE: We're off to the City of Angels for the AIA convention (and too many 7:30 a.m. programs!). ANN will return Tuesday, June 13. — Words of warning to China: Western architects just want the work, but "the American model is a mistake." – Maybe everyone should head to Vancouver for Sustainable Cities forum. – McDonough taking his message for a renewable world around the world (hopefully, China will pay heed). – Lessons about going global found in Peter Rabbit's cabbage patch. – Irish firms going global. – Big plans for Baton Rouge riverfront (not all are convinced). – Master plan for London Olympics tweaked. – Berlin's retooled Olympic Stadium ready for its World Cup close-up. – Out of the rubble: Manchester's "stunning and unexpected urban renaissance." – An international shortlist for Kansas City townhouse development. – Tall towers a benchmark for development in Hangzhou, China (city planners: please heed news above). – In Washington, DC, "security creep remains alive and well." – A real estate boom in South Africa's townships of shacks (now where will the poor live?). – A young Viet Namese architect finds inspiration in nature. – Shorlist for Boston plaza competition. – On view. In London, the 60's architects who wanted us to live like aliens (and now we are). – In Chicago, (sample tracks included).

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Behind the red velvet curtain lies a culture destroyed: Kongjian Yu: "Western architects come to China; they should tell the truth, but they want jobs so they won't tell the Chinese Government that the American model is a mistake." By Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald

Our Cities - Planning for Sustainability: World Urban Forum III in Vancouver June 19-23 -- Globe Foundation- Environmental News Network

William McDonough: Design For Living: The visionary eco-architect and designer wants a renewable world- BusinessWeek

The Land of Milk and Bunny: What Peter Rabbit can teach businesses about going global...some lessons in the game of responsible global branding.- Grist Magazine

Irish firms keen to establish architectural offices overseas: Business is booming for architects... -- Murray O'Laoire; HKR (Horan Keogan Ryan); Heneghan Peng; Grafton Architects- Irish Times

Riverfront Red Stick: Building Baton Rouge's proposed development on the Mississippi River will cost plenty. — Hargreaves Associates- Greater Baton Rouge Business Report

London unveils 2012 site masterplan...revealing minor changes and details of how the facilities will be used once the Games have finished...for a "post-Games legacy"...Reuters

Reaching its goal: With the World Cup, Berlin's retooled Olympic Stadium moves beyond its Nazi past. By Christopher Hawthorne — Werner March (1936); Herzog & de Meuron; Marg and Partners (GMP) [images]- Los Angeles Times

Reach for the sky: Ten years ago, an IRA bomb left the centre of Manchester utterly devastated. But out of the rubble came a stunning and unexpected urban renaissance. -- lan Simpson- Guardian (UK)

Crossroads project stirs international interest: Eight architectural firms from around the world are finalists for a townhouse development in Ferrous Park. By Steve Paul — El Dorado Inc/Marlon Blackwell; Rockhill Associates; Alejandro Gaona; Jun Igarashi Architects; Johnsen Schmaling Architects; Blostein/Overly Architects; Douglas Gauthier, System Architecture; Undurraga & Deves Architects [images]- Kansas City Star

Fortunate Construction: Zhejiang Fortune Finance Center...benchmark for future development within the new Central Business District (CBD) of Hangzhou, China. — John Portman & Associates [image]- Contract magazine

Security and the Narrow View: Get a Good Look at That Panoramic Vista From St. Elizabeths. A Bunker Mentality Threatens to Take It Away: Concerns for the physical safety of people and buildings continue to permeate Washington's architectural atmosphere. Actually, "pollute" is the more fitting verb. By Benjamin Forgey- Washington Post

Shacks in South Africa Can Garner Fancy Prices: ...real estate boom is spreading to townships, the slums erected during apartheid for black citizens.- New York Times

A young architect uses nature as the inspiration for his work: Vo Trong Nghia...has won many awards in both Japan and Viet Nam-Viet Nam News

BCA announces the five finalists for "inside::out - Weaving Arts into the Urban Fabric" design competition to transform Boston's Tremont Street plaza -- Stephen Stimson Associates, Landscape Architects; patterhn, Eric R. Hoffman & Tony A. Patterson; Rachel Broek; Daniel Cho; Rebecca Hutchinson, Aaron Dorf, Kirsten Hively, Adam Modesitt [images] - Boston Center for the Arts

They came from outer space: Sixties architects wanted us to live like aliens. Our correspondent spies a parallel universe..."Future City: Experiment and Utopia in Architecture 1956-2006" at the Barbican thrillingly designed by...Foreign Office Architects... By Tom Dyckoff -- Constant Niewenhuys- The Times (UK)

Seeing architecture through new eyes: a pair of absorbing new photography exhibits...Catherine Opie's "Chicago (American Cities)" and Todd Eberle's "Architectural Abstractions"...examine the built environment...contains a trove of visual treasure hidden in plain sight. By Kevin Nance- Chicago Sun-Times

So T.O. — who's the Pugliest of them all? Condos...Now we know it all: the good, the bad and the Pugly. By Christopher Hume -- Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg;

architectsAlliance; Janet Rosenberg; Behnisch Architects- Toronto Star

Architecture Rocks at the London Biennale: From Germans with synthesisers, avantgarde Dutchpeople to teenage Sheffield architecture students - the quest to find architects in rock bands has produced diverse and rewarding results. [links to sample tracks]-BD/Building Design (UK)

-- Allied Works: Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington
-- Weiss/Manfredi Architects: Olympic Sculpture Park, Seattle, Washington

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