Today's News - Friday, April 20, 2007

Sunday is Earth Day! – McDonough issues a call for a "Revolution of Abundance." – U.K. watchdog savages government's green record. – But there is a carbon-neutral Liverpool school that is (hopefully) the wave of the future. – NYC mayor to unveil ambitious and sometimes contentious proposals for the city's future. – A green museum in Boston almost ready for its close-up. – How Ottawa can become "swagger-worthy." – Boddy finds a university neighborhood that could have been divine is not much more than Cowtown "due to some disastrous planning decisions." – Saffron cheers a Balmond bridge that's "way beyond pedestrian." – A Camp David for Kazakhstan will be more like "Kaz Vegas." – A major mall makeover for Glasgow's showpiece Buchanan Galleries. – Call for entries: Arquitectum 2nd Urban Architecture Competition: a Manhattan museum tower. – Weekend diversions: "African Cities, A Photographic Survey by David Adjaye" at Harvard. – More than Jeffersonian design is "Hidden in Plain Sight" in Charlottesville. – Much of what's on the boards in St. Petersburg, Russia, is not "genuinely interesting design."



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Earth Day Voices: William McDonough: Cradle to Cradle: A Call for a Revolution of Abundance- WorldChanging

Spending watchdog savages government's green record: National Audit Office lays into government's management of its own buildings...highlights a continuing failure by departments to consider the long-term value of sustainability. [link]- Building (UK)

Education, education, conservation: Schools go carbon neutral: This week the Government has pledged that every new secondary will be carbon neutral. And there's one school in Liverpool that the rest can take a lesson from -- Capita Percy Thomas-Independent (UK)

Bloomberg to Unveil Long-Term Vision for New York City: ...ambitious and sometimes contentious proposals that are intended to ease traffic congestion, reduce air pollution, build housing, improve mass transit and develop abandoned industrial land. New York Times

Boston Children's Museum Is First In State To Go Green: Finishing Touches Put On \$47M Renovation -- Cambridge Seven Associates [image, video]- WCVB Boston

How Ottawa can become swagger-worthy, too: "If the arts were integrated in urban planning, it would really be a city that rocks"...Don't try swagger, try style... -- George Dark- Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

New University of British Columbia theological neighbourhood is less than divine: Visitors to U.B.C. had previously been greeted by vast lawns and quaint colleges; now they get a strip of Cowtown, due to some disastrous planning decisions. By Trevor Boddy- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Bridge that's way beyond pedestrian: Weave Bridge...for the University of Pennsylvania, promises to be a full-blown adventure trek, with looping turns and whooshing slaloms...will be part sculpture, part mathematical puzzle, part thrill ride. By Inga Saffron -- Cecil Balmond; Sasaki Associates [image]- Philadelphia Inquirer

Bluewater architect designs a pleasure dome for Borat: ...a 21st-century version of the American presidential retreat, Camp David, for Kazakhstan...retreat will be surrounded by a racetrack, five luxury casinos, 45 holes of golf course and up to 70 bars...dubbed "Kaz Vegas"... -- Eric Kuhne- Independent (UK)

£100m new look for mall: ...project to transform Glasgow's showpiece Buchanan Galleries... — BDP- Evening Times (Scotland)

Call for entries: Arquitectum 2nd Urban Architecture Competition: New York 2007...a museum tower at the tip of the island on a pier over Battery Park; deadline: July 31-Arquitectum

Disorienting Cityscapes: "African Cities, A Photographic Survey by David Adjaye" hovers between document and poem, chaos and order, microcosm and macrocosm...reveals how an architect "sees" architecture and urbanism, in the several senses of the verb.- The Harvard Crimson

Seeing past TJ: Exhibit challenges Thomas Jefferson's influence: When you think of the word "architecture" in Charlottesville, what do you see? ...red brick, white trim, and columned porticos... thanks to "Hidden in Plain Sight" there may be a cure for our design myopia.- The Hook (Virginia)

City of the future? "Architecture in St. Petersburg 2007"...The few genuinely interesting design ideas at the exhibit were difficult to spot in a sea of standard-issue glass constructions of fashionable office buildings and residential complexes. — Union of Architectural Firms/OAM- St. Petersburg Times (Russia)

Hudson World Bridge: An architect's proposal to span the Hudson River would be a gathering place like no other. By Fred Bernstein -- Eytan Kaufman [images]-ArchNewsNow

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