Today's News - June 12, 2003

Talk of tweaking Ground Zero plans cause sparks to fly (again). -- Michael Graves may be wheelchair bound, but his spirits remain high. -- Hoping to prevent the McDonaldization of Havana. -- Los Angeles to get a new contemporary art museum (sans Koolhaas). -- The sky's the limit at a hotel for astronomers. -- Testing Chicago's design guidelines. -- Irish design competition entries that didn't make the cut are still worth a look. -- Australian conference worth the trip. -- Aspiring architects have much to offer. -- Validating green products. -- Benefit auction for those with an architectural sweet tooth. -- A deadline and award winners.

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Supporters Object to Efforts to Alter Ground Zero Plan - Daniel Libeskind- New York Times

Activists Decry Tweaking of WTC Plans: site would turn into a "run-of-the-mill office park." - Daniel Libeskind [images] - New York Sun

Q&A With Daniel Libeskind- NY Newsday

Civic Alliance’s hypothetical illustrations of WTC site - NY Newsday

An Architect's World Turned Upside Down: Michael Graves has spent the last 10 weeks...relearning how to live and work, and revising his notions of day-to-day functionality. - New York Times

Preserving Havana's style: Urbanists International...has taken on the task of preparing Havana for the day when the likes of McDonald's, the Gap and Blockbuster land in Cuba. - Washington Times

Philanthropist Eli Broad Pledges to Pay 'Every Penny' for New [$60 million] LACMA Building; ...will suggest an architect for the new building...subject to approval by the trustees. - Los Angeles Times

Stars in their eyes: The astronomers' hotel in the Chilean desert is man and landscape in perfect harmony. By Jonathan Glancey - Auer and Weber- Guardian (UK)

Proving ground: New Spertus Institute building to test Michigan Avenue's design guidelines. By Blair Kamin - Krueck & Sexton- Chicago Tribune

Unbuilt Ireland: Irish-architecture.com presents the projects that never made it off the drawingboard. - Irish-architecture.com

Subculture: RAIA National Conference: ...I really enjoyed myself. By Frank Lowe - Sean Godsell; Wes Jones; Waro Kishi - Archizine (Australia)

Critical Thinking from Aspiring Architects: ...the next person who asks me about pursuing the profession, I will suggest they read the submissions to the Arch Voice Essay Competition. By Sam Hall Kaplan - Sean Godsell; Wes Jones; Waro Kishi - Archizine (Australia)

Life-cycle assessment may end debate over green products - Building Design & Construction

Creations in the Cake Pan: cakes designed by a dozen architects and artists...auction to benefit the Greyston Foundation - Robert A. M. Stern; Richard Meier; Frank Gehry; Steven Holl; Rafael Viñoly; Tod Williams Billie Tsien; Maya Lin [images] - New York Times

Constructech magazine Vision Awards. Deadline: July 1- Constructech

2003 Modernization Award Winners: Simon Martin-Veque Winkelstein

2003 DuPont Benedictus Award Winners: Nikken Sekkei for its "museum in the trees"; Grüntuch Ernst Architekten; Auer + Weber + Architekten; etc. [images] - DuPont

Summer Reading: Below Ground Level: Creating New Spaces for Contemorary Architecture; Santiago Calatrava: Artworks; Architectural Guides to 20th Century Architecture; Leonardo da Vinci: The Complete Paintings and Drawings; Kas Oosterhuis: Architecture Goes Wild: Steel and Beyond; New Strategies for Metals in Architecture; Frank Lloyd Wright & Lewis Mumford: Thirty Years of Correspondence

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