Today's News - July 1, 2003

Les Grands Prix for design in Montreal. – The ink starts to flow again around Ground Zero: Libeskind speaks (again); arts institutions sought; maybe or maybe not the NYC Opera; memorial proposals fill a warehouse. – A "golden envelope" for Mariinsky Theatre raises eyebrows. – Urban places and public spaces in focus and on exhibit. – Conference centers and urban renewal: lessons to learned. – Big bucks for new student center at OSU (maybe). – Big bucks from Bill Gates for NYC charter schools (definitely). – Flooding the past in China and plans to rebuild towns once submerged in Russia. – An amusing look at architecture as a "green" profession, but very serious about the Green Building Conference coming up in Australia. – Mum's the word about Ito's department store design in Glasgow, but hailed as "the most spectacular ever seen in Scotland." – Big plans for Peoria museum. – Beautiful music in bloom at the Cleveland Orchestra's renovated summer home.

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