Today's News - May 7, 2004

The architect who commissioned some of the great Modernist embassies dies. -- There's hope for San Diego's waterfront and Beirut's Martyrs' Square. -- A new urbanist town for Indiana. -- The winning design for a sustainable community in Shanghai loses out as being "too unconventional." -- £1 billion and big plans for London's Battersea Power Station. -- Not everyone is thrilled with plans for tallest building in Ireland. -- Manhattan views for waterfront condo development in New York. -- Gehry introduces his AEC software at his MIT campus. -- Instead of the wrecking ball, a gem by a "virtuoso of pedagogical architecture" is transformed. -- A little red house that is oh-so-green. -- Debate: globalization or contextual architecture? -- Call for entries: International Bauhaus Awards. -- Rome Prize Winners.

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Obituary: Leland King, 96, an Architect of Modernist Embassies: ...commissioned some of the most distinguished buildings representing the United States overseas - New York Times

Five ideas for 25 prime acres: Hope beats a little stronger for reclaiming some downtown San Diego bay-front areas for public enjoyment... By Ann Jarmusch - Sasaki and Associates/Rob Wellington Quigley; Chong/Olin; Frederic Schwartz Architects/Ken Smith Landscape Architect; Hargreaves Associates; EDAW - San Diego Union-Tribune

Foster, Gehry and Moneo invited to redesign Beirut: ...asked to submit masterplans for Martyrs' Square area destroyed in Lebanese civil war. The competition [will launch] once the developer has smoothed out the plans... with the International Union of Architects - Building (UK)

Duke Realty plan takes shape: 1,700 acres of homes, businesses... a new urbanist design. - Richard J. Flierl/Cooper Carry - Indianapolis Star

HTA China plans axed: A ground-breaking 12,000-home community in Shanghai... based on latest British "sustainable communities" thinking... "Too unconventional" - BD/Building Design (UK)

Arup submits Battersea Power Station masterplan: Designs to transform 14.7 ha derelict site involve spending £1bn on hotels, parks, offices and a theatre - Sceno Plus; Benson & Fowry; Reid Architects; Grimshaw [images] - Building (UK)

Proposal for Ireland's tallest tower generates no angst: A 32-storey residential tower for a site near Heuston Station [Dublin] should get permission, but will it be built? By Frank McDonald - Paul Keogh Architects - Irish Times

Condos to Rise Near the Pepsi Sign in Long Island City: $350 million project... at the north end of Queens West - Jay Valgora/V Studio [image] - New York Times

MIT looks to liven campus with Gehry's Stata Center - IDG Singapore

Gehry Technologies Unveils AEC Software at MIT Symposium - TenLinks

William B. Ittner architectural gem gives home school new meaning: ... a philosopher-developer's work shows how surplus school buildings can be saved, resuscitated and reused. - The Sutton Studio [image] - St. Louis Post-Dispatch

It's Not Easy Being Green: AIA award-winning Factor 10 House [in Chicago] brings sustainable design to the old neighborhood. By Lynn Becker - Marc "Italian" Esherick Dodge & Davis [images] - Repeat

Comment: One world? No thanks: Architecture has reached a new level of political potency in the UK, but it takes a tussle between two foreigners this week to reveal it. - Jean Nouvel; Rem Koolhaas - BD/Building Design (UK)

Call for Entries: Third International Bauhaus Award; deadline: August 20 - Bauhaus Dessau Foundation

American Academy in Rome 2004-2005 Rome Prize Winners - John Hartmann/Freecell Architecture; Michael A. Hermann/Ateliers Jean Nouvel; Peter Lynch, Head, Architecture Department/Cranbrook Academy of Art; Allan Wexler/Pratt Institute - American Academy in Rome

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