Today's News - October 6, 2004

Another design competition for another New Jersey school. — Hawthorne takes on Los Angeles (LA Times is pay-per-view...well miss his insightful musings!). — A study to lure women and minorities to engineering - and how to keep them there. — A Chicagoan seeks inspiration in Melbourne and explores the revels the "starchitect"? (Revival? Have they been missing? Where were we???) — Glasgow looks to Kuala Lumpur for regeneration inspiration. — Boston attraction to get a facelift. — Edinburgh's waterfront to sparkle with new island hotel. — And there's a shortlist of six to design the fire-ravaged Cowgate site - but client will only name two. — New Idaho design lab offers energy efficiency and sustainable design focus for architects and builders. — Chennai, India, gets its first design center. — 3D modeling the wave of the future. — Chinese architects give Australians lessons in feng shui. — School design award winners show off. — Exotic aquatic architecture seen swimming around Venice Biennale. — Pesce taps into his feminine side. — Frank Lloyd Wright dissed Akron (and a lot of other places).

Call for Entries: Carroll Robbins Elementary School [New Jersey] Design Competition; registration deadline: October 29; submissions due December 10- City of Trenton, New Jersey

Clean Slate: Los Angeles Times has selected Christopher Hawthorne as its new architecture critic...architecture writer for Slate, replaces Nicolai Ouroussoff, who departed from LA faster than you can say F-O-G when he was tapped by the New York Times to replace Herbert Muschamp.- The Slatin Report

Researchers Seek to Lure More Women, Minorities to Engineering — and retaining them once they begin their studies. - Newswire

Revival of the 'starchitect': "It is getting so that each city, in search of economic development, must have a collection of buildings by big-name "Starchitects"...Lynn Osmond, president of the Chicago Architecture Foundation...examining Melbourne to see what might be of interest back in Chicago.- The Age (Australia)

The example that could make Glasgow reach for the skies: Scotland's largest city is looking to the booming Asian urban centre of Kuala Lumpur, home to one of the world's largest buildings, for inspiration in its ongoing regeneration.- The Herald (UK)

Architect Chosen to Implement Museum of Science Vision: Fentress Bradburn Architects to Enhance Boston's Most Visited Attraction: PR Newswire

A teardrop in the ocean for Granton: Vision for island hotel and flats in Forth;...nine-acre piece of land...would be the jewel in the crown of a multi-million-pound vision drawn up for Edinburgh's waterfront. - Ken Shuttleworth and John Prev/Make- The Scotsman (UK)

Parliament firm in blaze site bid: RMJM is one of six architects shortlisted for the project designed to breathe new life into the the fire-hit Cowgate site...joint-owners confirmed six "parties" invited to submit proposals, but refused to comment on their identities. - Malcolm Fraser- The Scotsman (UK)

New lab will shed light - literally - on saving energy: Idaho Urban Research and Design Center's Integrated Design Lab...focus on energy efficiency and sustainable designs [for] architects, engineers and building owners throughout Idaho and eastern Oregon.- Idaho Statesman

Deepak Fertilisers forays into building designs: Ishanya [Chennai] being touted as one-stop shop for...interior and exterior products and services to cater to the building industry...developed in partnership with Indian Institute of Interior Designers (IBD) and the Indian Institute of Architects (IA); - Kamal S Malik- News Today (India)

Bye-bye blueprint: 3D modeling catches on: You don't have to contemplate the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao or the Walt Disney Concert Hall for long to grasp the notion that standard two-dimensional drawings might be inadequate for architect Frank Gehry. - Gehry Technologies; Revit; KieranTimberlake Associates; Genstar; Kristine Fallon Associates- C/Net

Chinese architectural delegation gives CIOB [Chartered Institute of Building] a lesson in Feng Shui - CIOB

2004 International School Design Award Winners: 53 innovative school designs from 11 countries [links to winners/images]- Design Share

From The Belly of the Whale: With the theme Metamorph, the 9th International Architecture Exhibition of the Venice Biennale is an aquarium of exotic architectural creatures...Will we someday find ourselves rallying to save the architectural whales? By Richard Ingersoll [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

The feminine side of architecture: Gaetano Pesce...has been drawing from the female side of his brain for years, which could explain the streak of unbridled creativity that runs through his work, whether he is designing New York skyscrapers or living-room chairs. - International Herald Tribune

Scandal on the skyline: Famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright wasn't too impressed with industrial, mass-production Akron during 1945 visit.- Akron Beacon Journal (Ohio)

New York Celebrates 2nd Annual Architecture Week October 4-10!- ArchNewsNow
INSIGHT: Ticking the Right Boxes: In today's quest to add value at all costs, are we not losing sight of the most important aspect of all - the architecture itself? By Austin Williams - ArchNewsNow

-- Amoretti & Calvi Architetti: Municipal Cemetery of Armea Expansion, Sanremo, Italy
-- Steven Holl Architects: Sarphatistraat Offices, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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