Today's News - March 11, 2005

Call for entries: sustainable building competition and top hot firms. -- Looking at China, it's time to rethink Western economic model. -- A Boston firm gives Shanghai a taste of its own heritage. -- Big plans for Dallas arts district and riverfront (though not all are pleased). -- A Brighton, UK library "heals the urban fabric." -- Beauty and blue trees: Architectural League of New York 2005 Emerging Voices. -- Riding a mouse's coat tails in Anaheim. -- A second city center planned for Amsterdam. -- Ellerbe Becket wins big sports project in Sacramento, but loses sports architects in Kansas City. -- Washington, DC doesn't want more of the same-old-same-old in new stadium. -- Qatar plans 2 million-square-foot "medical city." -- Furniture manufacturers now have green guidelines. -- Preservationists take issue with one of their own who sells off Arts & Crafts collection. -- Rainbow Room roof top opens to visitors.

Holcim Global Awards for Sustainable Construction; deadline: March 31 - Holcim Foundation

Call for Entries: The Zweig Letter 2005 Hot Firm List; deadline: May 1 - ZweigWhite

Learning from China: Why the Western Economic Model Will not Work for the World. By Lester R. Brown - Earth Policy Institute

Building the country: Shanghai's evolving architecture reflects China's growing self-confidence. Xintiandi, a [170m] nine-acre complex...in an open, elegant, low-rise style...is one of the first examples of China preserving its own architecture. - Wood + Zapata [image] - The Economist (UK)

Council approves Arts District expansion; Dallas council also approves blueprint for Trinity River corridor project - Dallas Morning News

Emerging Voices: Architectural League of New York 2005's featured firms talk about beauty, wind pipes, blue trees, and asking whether or not a client actually needs a building. - Christoff:Finio; Claude Cormier; Freeolk; OBRA Architects; Predock, Fram Architects; Reed Hilderbrand landscape architecture; John Ronan Architect; SPF:a - The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)


Disneyland Adjacent: A California development venture bets on Mickey's long coat tails...Anaheim GardenWalk, a 390,000-square-foot mixed-use retail/hotel/timeshare project. - Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo; Callison Architects - The Slatin Report

The Jerde Partnership Master Plan Revitalizes Amsterdam's Amsterdamse Poort; Creates A Second City Center in Centrumgebied Zuidoost - Business Wire

California State University Sacramento hires architect for [120 million] events center, stadium - Ellerbe Becket; Hornberger + Worstell; LPA - Sacramento Business Journal

Ellerbe Becket loses sports architects, engineers: all five principal architects in its Kansas City sports architecture practice leave for jobs at HOK Sport... - Kansas City Business Journal

Stadium Architects Fear More Of Same: Baseball Pushed Known Firm to Bid - HOK Sport; Hanwood K. Smith; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill - Washington Post


BIFMA Sustainability Guidelines Released - Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association (BIFMA)

Post-auction, an uproar in the Craftsman clan: Randell Makinson, a pioneer in preserving pieces by Greene & Greene, sells his collection, and the sparks fly. [images] - Los Angeles Times

An Old View Is New Again, 70 Stories Up: After 19 years and a $75 million revamping, the observation roof atop 30 Rockefeller Plaza is going to reopen. - Gabellini Associates - New York Times

Wild about Saffron: New York City. A February Tuesday in Central Park; 55 degrees and sunny...By Kristen Richards [images] - ArchNewsNow

Build Business: Diversity Is Harmony: Making Music Not Noise

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