Today’s News - June 3, 2005

Mayors hope to make their cities greener. -- Building Energy Ratings to be the law of the land in Ireland. -- This year's list of America's most endangered places. -- Charlotte, NC, is finding out "what great architecture can do" (if politics stay out of it). -- Delhi the Design Disaster. -- Foster's contemporary glass canopy won't fly over Washington, DC's Old Patent Office Building. -- Traditional vs. contemporary: will it come to blows at the Bricks and Mortar debate during London's Grand Designs Live next week? -- Kunstler offers his latest dark vision of the future. -- Libeskind offers his vision of light. -- Awards abound at the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland. -- A fashion house fashions a new way of working. -- A competition to design an urban recycling receptacle. -- Throw architectural darts at a new exhibition in Moscow. -- Jane Jacobs: "Faster than a traffic-calmed road! Stronger than the developer's lobby!" -- One we couldn't resist: SPA's forum of 17th century architects discussing contemporary architecture.

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World's mayors seek to fight global warming, make cities greener: Urban Environmental Accords, to be signed at the United Nations World Environment Day Conference (AP) - San Francisco Chronicle

EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive will be transposed into Irish Law on January 4th 2006. The main impact of this Directive on the construction industry will relate to the issuing of Building Energy Ratings (BER) for residential, commercial and industrial developments. - Irish Independent


What a difference the design process can make: Largely free of political interference, iconic buildings that will give Charlotte a new sense of place. That's what great architecture can do. -- Pei Cobb Freed & Partners; Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates/Gant Huberman Architects; Ellerbe Becket; Charlotte Observer

Punjabi Baroque or Bania Gothic: That's how experts describe the Capital's architecture. Because, even as Delhi attempts to become 'world-class' by 2010, its cityscape is getting curioser and curioser. Delhi the Design Disaster -- Lutyens; Amit Ghosh; INTACH; AGK Menon; Ravindran - Times of India

Canopy Roof Vetoed: Panel Rejects Smithsonian Plan...for an immense glass canopy covering the courtyard of the historic Old Patent Office Building. By Benjamin Forgey - Foster and Partners [image] - Washington Post

Designs of the times: Champions of rival schools of architecture are ready to swap blows...heavyweight bout between two of the biggest hitters in British architecture...over one of the property world’s thorniest questions: contemporary or traditional, which is better for the countryside? -- Robert Adam; Piers Gough - The Times (UK)

Long Day's Journey Into Night: An interview with doomsaying author James Howard Kunstler...his latest dark vision for the nation's future. - Grist Magazine


Lewis Glucksman Gallery named Best Public Building in Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland’s (RIAI) 16th annual awards. 16 other awards were presented. -- O’Donnell and Tuomey Architects; Paul Keogh Architects; Niall McLaughlin Architects; Arthur Gibney & Partners; Howley Harrington Architects; Keith Williams Architects; etc.- Archiseek (Ireland)

Ann Taylor Fabricates Its New Headquarters: ...an unusual cookie-cutter solution producing..."a very special cookie"...Employees use the pieces to work in ways that suit them. -- HDK - New York Times

Call for entries: reThink/reDesign/reCycle: proposals for an urban recycling receptacle; registration deadline: June 24; submissions due: July 1; AIA Chicago

Grand Designs: "Darts Map of Moscow" at Arch Moscow...game will strike a rebellious note at the annual exhibition, which showcases local architectural studios and invites international stars to give workshops and master classes. -- Polye Design; Gary Chang; Hadid; Libeskind- Moscow Times (Russia)


17th Century Forum: Is Classical architecture better than the sort of architecture we get today? SPA asked five leading late 17th Century architects for their views. - Small Practice Architects / SPA.UK

Sustainable Urbanism Tops the Agenda as World Environment Day Comes to the U.S. June 1-5 [images] - ArchNewsNow

Build Business: Client Loyalty -- What You Don't Know Could Hurt You. By Stephanie Craft, CPSM

Gudmundur Jonsson: Norveg Coast-Cultural Center, Rervik, Norway