Today's News - July 19, 2006

A new green campus building in Toronto is a symbolic and physical bridge between an academic community and the city. — The aerotropolis: they're rising all over Asia; now Detroit has a chance - and the rest of the U.S. better take note. — An Amsterdam exhibition offers architecture and design for air travel. — Asymmetry: "the objective of designers who are guided by the ethos of sustainable living." — An exploration of design and ethics. — RAA award winners are good, but not great. — Supply-chain environmental management (SCEM) movement gathering steam. — An Australian scheme to increase reliance on environmentally friendly renewable energy. — NYC takes count of neglected buildings to use for housing - it's been done successfully elsewhere. — Koolhaas archive for sale: NAI offer not high enough. — Montreal is a town in bloom: "do not let it be said that landscape architects lack humor" (great slide show!). — Koolhaas archive for sale: NAI offer not high enough. — Australian scheme to increase reliance on environmentally friendly renewable energy. — A new, green campus building in Toronto is a symbolic and physical bridge between an academic community and the city. — ArchitectsAlliance; Behnisch Architekten [images]; ArchNewsNow

Rise of the Aerotropolis: As competition shrinks the globe, the world is building giant airport-cities. They look monstrous to American eyes...the supremacy of (soft) airpower has only now begun to reshape our ideas about how cities should look, how they should function...It's a chance that Detroit, of all places, can ill afford to miss. The rest of us had better take good notes. — John Kasarda [images]; Fast Company

"Airworld": Design and Architecture for Air Travel at Stedelijk Museum - Arcguide (Germany)

Imperfect Beauty: Some designers say forget about balance and straight lines. The principle is asymmetry and it's how nature made us...Increasingly, asymmetry is the objective of designers who are guided by the ethos of sustainable living. — Dominic Muren, EDAY. Nancy Hoff Barsotti - Baltimore Sun

Design, Philosophy and Ethics edited by Tony Fry & William McNiel: What is it in the power of designers to ethically do...where is it appropriate to demand ethical responsibility in design to be situated...how do we ethically eliminate so much that is already designed? — Design Philosophy Papers/Team D/E/S (Australia)

[Royal Australian Institute of Architecture] Awards celebrate good, but not great buildings. Boyd's house expected: I cannot see this group of buildings, houses, renovations and interiors showing the world the way. By Norman Davis — Wood Marsh; John Wardle Architecture; Taylor Cullity Lethlean; Cassandra Complex; Mintifee Nissen; Ashton Raggett McDougall; Ellenberg Fraser Architecture; John Gollings - The Age (Australia)

Supply and Da Man: Companies that green their supply chains can find savings galore;...the supply-chain environmental management, or SCEM, movement appears to have gathered steam, and has given birth to some new industry and government initiatives. — Grist Magazine

Scheme will force Victorians to use green energy...under the plan,...Victoria's electricity suppliers will have to increase their reliance on environmentally friendly renewable energy by 150 per cent in the next 10 years. — The Age (Australia)

Don't Just Sit There: Shelter Somebody: The first-ever broad count of neglected buildings in New York City may reveal housing opportunities...Boston and St. Louis have undertaken similar counts with a goal of reducing blight and encouraging the development of affordable housing. — City Limits (NYC)

Magnificence or mess? Luxembourg to Liverpool: building Capitals of Culture. By Hugh Pearman — I.M. Pei; Christian de Portzamparc; Ricardo Bofill; Wilkinson Eyre; James Stirling/Michael Wilford; 3XN [images]; HughPearman.com (UK)

Style gurus take lead roles as Arab world bids for global design's centre stage: Three major figures...helping to put the Arab world on the design map by joining the Advisory Board of the International Design Initiative (ID). — Sheikh Majeed Hamoud Al-Saibah; Karim Rashid; Ricky Burdett; Hadid; Nadim Karam/Atelier Hapsitus; Bernard Khoury/DWS; Koolhaas/OMA— AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

A Kahn Icon Restored: After a three-year renovation, a 1953 building...Louis Kahn designed for the Yale University Art Gallery has been restored and will reopen on December 10. — Polshek Partnership- New York Sun

Newcastle council chooses art gallery design: — LAB Architecture Studio, the firm behind Melbourne's Federation Square. — ABC (Australia)

Architect: Santa Fe East side has ample space for cutting edges: But not everyone agrees...City/preservation-section head said use of sharp corners and lines don't conform to the rounded-corner aesthetic promoted in the city's historic quarters. — Trey Jordan Designs [images]; Santa Fe New Mexican

Canada's new bloom town: After what seems like years of stasis, the city is perking itself up in the most extraordinary way: With the Montreal International Flora 2006...do not let it be said that landscape architects lack humour... — Janet Rosenberg and Glenn Hermann; Patrick Lefebvre; Lizzie Taylor and Dawn Isaac; Claude Cormier; Williams, Asselin, Ackacoi; Melvin Charney [slide show]; Globe and Mail (Canada)

Rem spurns archive offer: OMA says £900,000 deal proposed by Netherlands
Architecture Institute is too low- BD/Building Design (UK)

Eye for Why 2006: Dyson/IDSA 3rd annual U.S. student industrial design competition; deadline: December 18- Dyson

Future Perfect: For this residential exhibition, architects harness new technologies to address social ills. "Open House: Intelligent Living by Design" -- Ferda Kolatan/Su11; Michel Rojkind; Mass Studies; IwamotoScott/Proces2 [images]- Metropolis Magazine

Exhibition Review: "Portable" at Storefront for Art and Architecture: Three artists consider the nomadic impulse to brave the unknown and the sedentary urge to hoard and build. By Laurie Manfra [images]- ArchNewsNow

Jean Nouvel/Architectural Alliance: Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis, Minnesota