Today's News - Friday, April 20, 2007

Sunday is Earth Day! – McDonough issues a call for a "Revolution of Abundance." – U.K. watchdog savages government's green record. – But there is a carbon-neutral Liverpool school that is hopefully the wave of the future. – NYC mayor to unveil ambitious and sometimes contentious proposals for the city's future. – A green museum in Boston almost ready for its close-up. – How Ottawa can become "swagger-worthy." – Boddy finds a university neighborhood that could have been divine is not much more than Cowtown due to some disastrous planning decisions. – Saffron cheers a Balmond bridge that's "way beyond pedestrian." – A Camp David for Kazakhstan will be more like "Kaz Vegas." – A major mall makeover for Glasgow's showpiece Buchanan Galleries. – Call for entries: Arquitectum 2nd Urban Architecture Competition: a Manhattan museum tower. – Weekend diversions: "African Cities, A Photographic Survey by David Adjaye" at Harvard. – More than Jeffersonian design is "Hidden in Plain Sight" in Charlottesville. – Much of what's on the boards in St. Petersburg, Russia, is not "genuinely interesting design."

Earth Day Voices: William McDonough: Cradle to Cradle: A Call for a Revolution of Abundance - WorldChanging

Spending watchdog savages government’s green record: National Audit Office lays into government’s management of its own buildings...highlights a continuing failure by departments to consider the long-term value of sustainability. [link] - Building (UK)

Education, education, conservation: Schools go carbon neutral: This week the Government has pledged that every new secondary will be carbon neutral. And there's one school in Liverpool that the rest can take a lesson from -- Capita Percy Thomas - Independent (UK)

Bloomberg to Unveil Long-Term Vision for New York City: ...ambitious and sometimes contentious proposals that are intended to ease traffic congestion, reduce air pollution, build housing, improve mass transit and develop abandoned industrial land - New York Times


How Ottawa can become swagger-worthy, too: "If the arts were integrated in urban planning, it would really be a city that rocks"...Don't try swagger, try style. - George Dark - Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

New University of British Columbia theological neighbourhood is less than divine: Visitors to U.B.C. had previously been greeted by vast lawns and quaint colleges; now they get a strip of Cowtown, due to some disastrous planning decisions. By Trevor Boddy - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Bridge that's way beyond pedestrian: Wove Bridge, for the University of Pennsylvania, promises to be a full-blown adventure trek, with looping turns and whoshing slaloms. will be part sculpture, part mathematical puzzle, part thrill ride. By Inga Saffron – Cecil Balmond; Sasaki Associates [image] - Philadelphia Inquirer

Bluewater architect designs a pleasure dome for Borat: ...a 21st-century version of the American presidential retreat, Camp David, for Kazakhstan...retreat will be surrounded by a green track, five luxury casinos, 45 holes of golf course and up to 70 bars...dubbed "Kaz Vegas"... - Eric Kuhne - Independent (UK)

£100m new look for mall: ...project to transform Glasgow's showpiece Buchanan Galleries. - BDP - Evening Times (Scotland)

Call for entries: Arquitectum 2nd Urban Architecture Competition New York 2007...a museum tower at the tip of the island on a pier over Battery Park; deadline: July 31 - Arquitectum

Disorienting Cityscapes: "African Cities, A Photographic Survey by David Adjaye" hovers between document and poem, chaos and order, microcosm and macrocosm...reveals how an architect "sees" architecture and urbanism, in the several senses of the verb. - The Harvard Crimson

Seeing past TJ: Exhibit challenges Thomas Jefferson's influence: When you think of the word "architecture" in Charlottesville, what do you see?...red brick, white trim, and columned porticos...thanks to "Hidden in Plain Sight" there may be a cure for our design myopia - The Hook (Virginia)

City of the future? "Architecture in St. Petersburg 2007"...The few genuinely interesting design ideas at the exhibit were difficult to spot in a sea of standard-issue glass constructions of fashionable office buildings and residential complexes. - Union of Architectural Firms/OAM - St. Petersburg Times (Russia)

Hudson World Bridge: An architect's proposal to span the Hudson River would be a gathering place like no other. By Fred Bernstein -- Eytan Kaufman [images] - ArchNewsNow

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