Today's News - Monday, April 30, 2007

EDITOR'S NOTE: Early morning design jury duty Tuesday and travel to San Antonio Wednesday means we'll be back Thursday, May 3. -- ArcSpace takes us to San Diego and Middlesbrough, UK. -- Hunter Lovins and others discuss what's wrong with LEED, how to fix it, and the future of green building everywhere. -- Public buildings are pioneering a move toward environmentally conscious architecture and construction in Taiwan. -- Green construction beginning to take center stage. -- "Aesthetic delight" is not a superficial concern - it is an environmental imperative. -- Body is not totally convinced by Kunstler's views. -- Charleston's revamped preservation plan could be national model for preservation, affordable housing, and where ultra-contemporary architecture should go. -- A Chicago suburb debates how high it should go when it has nowhere to grow but up. -- "Begone, theme park retro" as young designers get some of the hottest commissions in Milwaukee. -- Rochon applauds a developer taking on luxury hotels and affordable housing (and good architects) in Vancouver. -- An insightful Q&A with Cloepfl about the projects "any architect would envy." -- Glancy almost runs out of superlatives for Moneo's "stunning" Prado addition. -- Pawson's "miracle in Bohemia" proves he's much more than an architect. -- Ditching red brick on an Arizona campus. -- Eliasson talks about his giant spinning top for the Serpentine. -- Q&A Louis Kahn biographer Carter Wiseman. -- A Niemeyer masterpiece lovingly rescued.

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-- Gluckman Mayner Architects: Jacobs and Copley Buildings, MCASD, San Diego, California
-- Erick van Egeraat: MIMA, Middlesbrough, UK

The Field Paoli Forum: Roundtable with Author and Environmental Activist Hunter Lovins- ArchNewsNow

Greening the Gables: Public buildings are pioneering a move toward environmentally conscious architecture and construction. Backed by the government, Taiwan's effort to promote green building has borne fruit quickly... -- Lin Hsien-te; Chang Ching-hwa; Bioarchitecture Formosana- Taiwan Review

A Starring Role for 'Green' Construction: As concerns mount about global warming and oil prices, so, too, has interest in more sustainable construction. - New York Times

The Good, The Bad ...Where is the design in sustainable design? Aesthetic delight is not a superficial concern — it is an environmental imperative. By Lance Hosey - Architect Magazine

Something Stinks: Nowadays, the stink of bad design is being blamed for a range of intractable social problems... whereas good architecture can cleanse us... If you believe the hype, cutting off the supply of bad design can begin to cure us of our ills. By Austin Williams - Future Cities Project (U.K.)

Looking at Kelowna through a crystal ball: An American urbanist sees the future in the Okanagan valley [British Columbia]. This revealing Europhilia and simplistic promotion of resorts as models for cities is rife among the New Urbanists... By Trevor Boddy -- James Howard Kunstler- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Now's the time to speak up regarding Charleston's future: ... the city is updating its preservation plan for the first time in 33 years... could perhaps be a national model for resolving preservation and affordable housing... By Robert Behre -- Paige & Turnbull; Charles Chasse- Charleston Post and Courier

High hopes, and a call for a smart debate: ... proposal for a 523-foot-tall condominium tower... should not be shouted down by a band of NIMBYs... articulates a clear choice for Evanston and other suburbs around the country that have nowhere to grow but up. By Blair Kamin -- Booth Hansen- Chicago Tribune

Crisp tower would add to skyline: ... some of the hottest commissions in Milwaukee are being designed by smaller firms. And their flair for crisp, contemporary design is enriching the cityscape... Begone, theme park retro. By Whitney Gould -- Rinkia/Chung Architecture; La Dallman; Continuum Architects + Planners; Workshop Architects; Johnsen Schmaling Architects; Vetter Denk Architecture [slide show]- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

From five-star glam to Eastside grim: Developer Ian Gillespie is building both luxury hotels and a bold project for Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. By Lisa Rochon -- Henriquez Partners Architects; James Cheng- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Allied Works: Portland's Architect of the Arts, Brad Cloepfli and his 40-person Portland/New York firm are at work on a dozen projects any architect would envy. By Randy Graap [images]- The Oregonian

In the pink: The Prado's new wing isn't just a stunning addition - it's also given them somewhere handy to stick the gift shop... a quietly serious and beautifully crafted
building that is as much a work of urban planning and undercover civil engineering as it is a work of art. By Jonathan Glancey -- Rafael Moneo - Guardian (UK)

Now for something completely different: Gehry goes cubist for memorable building in NYC...Whatever it is, this is the architecture of metaphor...I love the IAC inside...other famous architects are busy doing new buildings all around it...all competing with one another to create the most iconic of icons. By Robert Campbell -- Studios Architecture; Nouvel; Stern; Ban; Diller Scofidio + Renfro - Boston Globe

Miracle in Bohemia: New Monastery Mixes Monks and Minimalism: Trappist Cistercian monastery...is a masterpiece of contemporary architecture...undoubtedly the finest work of British architect John Pawson. A master of minimalism...- Bloomberg News

University of Arizona buildings ditch red brick to symbolize, inspire, teach...buildings talk to you... -- Les Wallach/Line + Space; Richard + Bauer; Gould Evans; Jones Studio - Arizona Daily Star

Olafur Eliasson's Berlin Studio Concocts Giant Spinning Top: it is the active act of viewing...that he is trying to encourage. -- Kjetil Thorsen/Snohetta - Bloomberg News

An Interview With Louis Kahn Biographer Carter Wiseman [*Louis I. Kahn: Beyond Time and Style: A Life in Architecture*]...Gehry is very much of his time, and Kahn is for the ages. [Images] - California Literary Review

Modernist romance: As a Communist banned by McCarthy, Oscar Niemeyer never set foot in the house he built for a Hollywood movie producer. Forty years on, Gaby Wood visits the couple who rescued his vision from the bulldozers. This is the Boyds' seventh modernist house. - Observer (UK)

Civil Twilight Team Wins 2007 Metropolis Next Generation® Design Prize: San Francisco design collective awarded $10,000 for energy-conserving "Lunar-Resonant Streetlights" proposal. [Images] - ArchNewsNow