Today's News - Wednesday, June 20, 2007

It's a merger: call it RMJM Hillier (at least in North America). - Nobel wonders if we're entering a new era of "anti-starchitect chic" (we doubt it). - It's a Manhattan waterfront kind of day: Hockenberry on how Studios created a Diller interior in Gehry's "glass Schooner." - Ouroussoff's take on 5 designs for Governors Island: "strangely subdued...you long for a grander breadth of vision, for someone to step into Olmsted's shoes." - Stars collaborate for a vision for Midtown's East River waterfront. - Things don't look so rosy along the Hudson River. - Rybczynski ruminates on why there's been so little presidential interest in architecture. - In Edinburgh, crumbling 1960s housing to be replaced with green-roofed homes. - An eyeful of notable new library projects. - Museums may be taking center stage, but some find "life after expansion is not always easy." - A BusinessWeek special report on cutting-edge design. - Winners announced in inaugural ULI European Student Urban Design Competition. - Webb's new book looks at the "maverick community" of Venice, CA. - Two we couldn't resist: Is a plan to dump iron dust into the ocean really a way to combat global warming? - Add to your lexicon: an eco-lexical eco-spasm for the modern eco-age.

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Letter: Stopover in Beijing: The "egg," the "twisted doughnut," the "watercube," the "bird's nest," and many other construction sites are buzzing with workers to be ready for the 2008 Olympics. — Pei, Sheeren/OMA; PTW; Herzog & de Meuron; Holl; Lab Architecture Studio; Andreu.