Today's News - Wednesday, August 26, 2009

- ASLA’s latest handy resource guide on livable communities includes sections on: sustainable land use and housing, place making, green schools, and much more.
- Cambodia’s first architects’ association expected to get green light and will include a new Code of Architecture to boost professionalism and protect intellectual property rights: “We want architects to stop copying each other’s plans.”
- Biomimicry gaining ground: “nature has already done 3.8 billion years of research...so how can architects now say it’s wrong?”
- We’ve reported on arbo-architecture before; now there’s a “baubotanical” tower that’s actually taken root.
- In Austin, huge blue sunflowers generate power, look great - and mask an unsightly loading dock (a win-win in our book).
- BIG channels Mibbius to win National Library competition in Kazakhstan (lotsa pix, too).
- CCTV tower under fire once again (and once again, we couldn’t resist): “Architecture is culture, we’d better talk about it with humor.”
- Lincoln Center’s fountain gets a major makeover (but preservationists wonder why it was needed at all).
- Glancey dismisses claims that British design is dead - it’s just moved from public to commercial clients.
- Some very cool eco-designers are “crafting clever solutions that will divert tons of waste from landfills” (we’ll buy!).
- Registration deadline nears for Society of Architectural Historians October study tour to examine Civil Rights Memorials and their impact on southern cities.
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- Casting call: a hunky architect to host new reality show that “takes viewers on an exploration of the world’s most famous rooftops” (no fear of heights a prerequisite).
- How could we resist: Wright cemetery wants donor (an architect) to take back Borthwick gravestone (but he doesn’t want it).
Architect as... Indiana Jones? TV program developer William Wiegman is looking for a sexy architect...to host a new reality show...that "takes viewers on an exploration of the world's most famous rooftops." Deadline for submissions is September 20. - The Architect's Newspaper

Wright cemetery wants donor to take back gravestone: A gravestone for Frank Lloyd Wright's professional inspiration and personal sorrow...Mamah Borthwick, placed without permission in a family cemetery at Taliesin...will be returned to a well-intentioned admirer. But John Ottenheimer, an architect in Puget Sound, Wash., doesn't want the granite stone back. - Wisconsin State Journal

-- SANAA: Serpentine Pavilion 2009, London, UK
-- KK Letter: Architecture, Art and Design in London...Design Museum, The Tate, Trafalgar Square, Herzog & de Meuron, Jeff Koons, Richard Long, Antony Gormley, Futurism, Per Kirkeby, Jan Kaplicky, Javier Mariscal

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