Today's News - September 22, 2003

A week away, and there's a lot of catching up to do:

ArcSpace takes us to Maggie's Centre, a Phoenix house, and a Schindler exhibition. -- Revised plans for Ground Zero: slide shows, audio tours, and judgments deferred. -- Mid East developers urged to go green. -- Landscaping takes on lifesaving. -- Plans for a sustainable community carved out of a derelict quarry in the U.K. -- "A civilised and well-detailed" office block in London looks good from a distance. -- A tale of two embassies in Ottawa. -- Building ballparks can build communities. -- Chicago's "bulbous" stadium may not do the same. -- Meier's Modernism doesn't quite hit the mark in Rome. -- Demolishing and reconstructing landmarks: first in Moscow, now in Manhattan...do we see a trend here? -- Oregon architect poised to join the starchitect roster. -- Another rising star gives up his "desert-rat life" (and gets a haircut). -- Gehry hears Maggie's voice.

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- Inauguration: Frank O. Gehry: Maggie's Centre, Dundee, Scotland
- Construction start: Diller + Scofidio: Quadrant House, Phoenix, Arizona
- The Camera: Photo Essay by Gerald Zugmann: The Brion Tomb by Carlo Scarpa
- Exhibition: Schindler's Paradise: Architectural Resistance, MAK Center, Los Angeles

The Revised [WTC] Design: "I stand by all of the changes," Libeskind said...[images]- Gotham Gazette


Behind The Throne: Nina Libeskind- Financial Times (UK)

Mid East developers urged to adopt eco-friendly building code...and be more accountable for the environmental impact of projects, according to a pioneer of 'green' buildings, top UK architect William Alsop.- AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

Feilden Clegg Bradley hopes to put 3000 homes into Oxford hole: Architect to draw up plans for sustainable community, with research centre and public transport, in derelict quarry.- Building (UK)

The Dawn of Lifesaving Landscaping:...landscape designs are being put on the front line in the fight against terrorism. - Spector Group; William Kuhl; Moshe Safdie; Olin Partnership; Barbara A. Nadel- NY Newsday


Saudi Embassy to stay empty until 2005: Frosty relations with Canada delay completion. Kuwait Embassy opens in November - Arthur Erickson; Domus Architects; Griffiths Rankin Cook [images]- Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

Old-Style ballparks, fronting on urban streets, spur in-city living: "Context-based" baseball stadiums generate vibrant mixed-use districts despite critics' questions. - HOK Sport; Peter Eisenman; Ewing Cole Cherry Brott; Looney Ricks Kiss- New Urban News

Neighborhoods of Cobb Field to be studied: architectural students...to produce a master plan laying out proposals for preserving and improving the area within a 10-block radius...- Billings Gazette (Montana)

Invasion of the lakefront: Despite the intimate interior of the finished Soldier Field, the bulbous and outlandish design defiles Chicago's brightest jewel. By Blair Kamin - Wood + Zapata; Dirk Lohan [slide show]- Chicago Tribune

Building Rome: If Meier expected to convert the Church to Modernism, then he's made a mistake... - Financial Times (UK)

Illusion in a Midtown Courtyard: What stands now is a reproduction of the landmark Amster Yard ensemble. - Instituto Cervantes; Ad Hoc MSL; Victor Schwartz [images]- New York Times

A Portland architect wins away from home:...poised to join the ranks of such internationally known architects as Zaha Hadid and Renzo Piano... - Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture- The Oregonian

Building a new Bruder: Arizona's premier architect changes his lifestyle, re-energizes his career.- Arizona Republic

Let me be Frank: Maggie's Centre...a heartfelt and deeply personal tribute to a lost friend... - Frank Gehry [image]- The Scotsman (UK)

Gehry exhibit [at Weisman Art Museum] brings his architecture home:...sheds light on the first generation of [his] idiosyncratic museum designs.- Minneapolis