Today's News - May 16, 2005

This week, ArcSpace introduces a Danish firm winning big in the U.K., and a new book about Bauhaus. Three magazines take on the presentation of Modernism, the cutting edge, and Masters of Design in round-ups and reviews. A "California architect and political naif" presents an "elegant plan" for a new Palestinian state - and people are listening. Time to deal with the "800-pound gorilla" in affordable housing. Study says U.S. housing, transportation, and services not ready to handle the aging population. -- Buckminster Fuller's Oklahoma City Gold Dome shines again. - Architecture for Humanity continues to inspire. - New postage stamps honor great architecture (architects included -- sort of).

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-- 2X Winners: 3XNielsen: Museum of Liverpool, and Salford Arts and Media Centre, Manchester, UK
-- Book: Bauhaus: 1919-1933 By Magdalena Droste (Taschen)

Architecture 2005: Is it Time for the Preservation of Modernism? "Russian icons" By Nicolai Ourousoff; "The Towering Problem: It's hard to preserve what you do not love." By James Traub; "The Last of the Moderns: Oscar Niemeyer": "The City He Built: After Cambodia's independence, Vann Molyvann set out to give the country's capital a new face."; "Saving the Tract House: Q&A's with Brad Cloepfli & Terence Riley (images & slide show); New York Times Magazine

Design 2005: The Cutting Edge; "A Problem With Authority: Thom Mayne hates playing by the rules. So what's he doing designing government buildings?"; "Pre-Fab Houses Get Fabulous": "Design Decors: People, Products, Places", etc. -- Bentel & Bentel; Studio Door; Bernardt; James Culler; Charlie Lazor; Michelle Kaufmann Resolution: 4 Architecture; etc. - Newsweek

The Power of Design: second annual report on the Masters of Design...are rewriting the rules for design and for business. -- Joshua Prince-Ramus/Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA); Bruce Mao; Zaha Hadid; -- Fast Company

The Day After Peace: Designing Palestine: A California architect and political naif has proposed an elegant plan for a new state. Against all odds, people are listening. -- Susman Urban Design/Week (slide show); -- New York Times

It's a Nice Place to Work, but You Probably Can't Live There: The often unacknowledged 800-pound gorilla at every affordable housing conference and seminar...is the inescapable need for subsidies to close the money gap. By Roger K. Lewis - Washington Post

Towns Aren't Suited For Aging Populations: America's cities and neighborhoods aren't ready to handle the aging population with adequate housing, community services or transportation. AARP study finds. - Wall Street Journal

Architectural makeover to shape edge of town: ...a landmark whose rehabilitation could throw life into an entire district. -- Gluckman Mayner Architects - Syracuse Post-Standard

The lofty stakes of putting high-rises in historic districts: Building in landmark areas presents far-reaching issues. By Blair Kamin -- Dankmar Adler/Louis Sullivan (1882); Holabird & Roche (1900); Solomon Cordwell Buenz & Associates - Chicago Tribune

Cladding: the comeback: Minimalist glass and steel exteriors are so over. Now fashionable building designers are dressing their works in the architectural equivalent of flared trousers...could we be seeing the architectural equivalent of a dress-down Friday? -- Money; Ritchie; Hof, Tahe; Leoporeta; Allop; Fashion Architecture Today (FAT); Graves; Moore; Boftil; Gehry; Scoppe Architects; Foreign Office Architects; Nouvel; Piano Guardian (UK)

For schools, beauty runs budget-deep: Forced to balance the pressing need for new buildings with a desire for high-quality architecture, campus planners and architects say the task can be frustrating. -- Stefanos Polyzoides; NBBJ; Contr Costa Times (California)

Architectural vision: The new headquarters of the CNIB is extraordinary for its ordinariness. Design gives dignity to everyday lives of the blind. By Christopher Hume -- Sweeny Sterling Firsavon - Toronto Star

The shape of things to come: Stem cell building, like the industry, just trying to fit in. By John King -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (images); San Francisco Chronicle

On D St. NW, A Theater That Wins Applause: Welcome, Woody Mammoth, to downtown D.C., subtly unsettling, quietly dramatic, elegantly inelegant. Somehow, it works. By Benjamin Forgey -- McInturff Architects; Theater Projects Consultants (image); Washington Post

Gold Dome to Reopen: ...historic geodesic dome designed by Buckminster Fuller, saved from demolition...to make way for a Walgreens. - The Oklahoman
Architecture professor wants students to 'Design Like They Give a Damn' – Cameron Sinclair/Architecture for Humanity- Bozeman Daily Chronicle (Montana)

Buildings Stamped Into Memory: 37-cent stamps debut as "Masterworks of Modern American Architecture" on Thursday in Las Vegas, [during] the annual convention of the AIA. By Linda Hales – Wright; Van Alen; Mies van der Rohe; Kahn; Johnson; Saarinen; Rudolph; Pei; Venturi; Gehry; Meier; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill- Washington Post

Build Business: Client Loyalty – What You Don’t Know Could Hurt You. By Stephanie Craft, CPSM

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