Today's News - May 17, 2005

CCA offers an eyeful with exhibit examining Montreal's radical urban redevelopment of the 1960s. — Rethinking Ground Zero: an opinion roundup (some are doozies). — Trump to offer his own WTC vision tomorrow (big model, no architect named, not very kind words for Libeskind). — UNESCO takes on tall buildings, a.k.a. modern architecture. — Toronto's mayor calls for distinctive architecture: urban awards abound. — According to Florida's new "ominous" book, the creative class is fleeing to far-flung places. — A Cradle-to-Cradle conference convenes in Silicon Valley in June. — High hopes that new museum will spark Grand Rapids downtown redevelopment. — The Hermitage has its own grand expansion plans (with Koolhaas as advisor and St. Petersburg's most winning architecture firm). — Santa Fe selects traditional and "green" design for new civic center. — An impressive list vies to design Wichita's new downtown arena. — Ailey's new home fits its Manhattan neighborhood "both culturally and aesthetically." — A landscape architect takes it on the chin about plans for NYC's Washington Square Park. — Winning designs in Wisconsin. — Thom Mayne talks (and some listeners like his gravelly voice).

Exhibition Review: "The 60s: Montréal Thinks Big": The 1960s: just long enough ago to be familiar, yet far enough in the past to look back at this time of radical urban redevelopment with some degree of objectivity. By Terri Whitehead [images]- ArchNewsNow

Rethinking Rebuilding: What has gone wrong at Ground Zero? Who is to blame? And what can be done to fix it? An opinion roundup - Gotham Gazette

Donald set to unveil "World Trump Center": escalating his war against the "empty skeleton" Freedom Tower, will offer his own design for a rebuilt 111-story "World Trade Center" at Ground Zero tomorrow. - New York Post

UN threatens city with ban on tall buildings: Liverpool's ambitions for a "mini-Manhattan" skyline face being thrown into jeopardy by strict...rules to ban tall buildings around World Heritage sites...measure is likely to promote a bitter battle between supporters of modern architecture and Unesco. - icLiverpool (UK)

Raise the roof on design, Miller urges: Toronto needs distinct architectural feel, mayor tells urban awards ceremony -- Alsop Architects/Robbie Young + Wright Architects; Giannone Associates Architects; Urban Design Associates/Joe Lobko Architect - Globe and Mail (Canada)


Conference: Cradle to Cradle (C2C) Design and Intelligent Materials Pooling in Practice: June 6-7, Silicon Valley, CA - Foundation for Global Community

Grand Rapids art museum gets $55 million home of its own: officials hope will spark further redevelopment of the city's increasingly vibrant downtown. (AP) -- wHY (Workshop Hakomori Yantrasast) - South Bend Tribune (Indiana)

A revolution at the palace: The Hermitage Museum is planning a vast new extension...Rem Koolhaas...is special advisor...but St. Petersburg's Studio 44 [Nikita and Oleg Yawein] will be responsible for the conversion - Telegraph (UK)

Panel prefers tradition...results of a design competition for Santa Fe's new civic center — a $42 million project that promises to remake most of the downtown block... — Spears Architects/Fentress Bradburn Architects [images] - The New Mexican

Arenda design attracts talent: The best and brightest architects in the country are competing for the chance to design Wichita's new downtown arena. — HOK Sport; Ellerbe Becket; 360 Architecture; Matix Odell Associates; Cesar Pelli and Associates - Wichita Eagle

Alvin Alley's Dance Leverage: Perhaps most important...is the building's successful integration into the area as a whole, both culturally and aesthetically. — Iu + Bibliowicz [images] - The Slatin Report

The Designer Who Would Change the Village Eden: George Vellonakis, the landscape architect behind the much-vaunted $16 million rejuvenation of Washington Square Park, seems to have reached a positive saturation point. - New York Times

From drawings to glass and steel: Awards celebrate the work of state architects. By Whitney Gould — HGA Architects/Continuum Architects; La Dallman Architects with Connelly Architects; Kahala Washafko Architects; Gastrau Fuerer & Associates/FG Architektur; etc. [images] - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Thom Mayne Talks: Recent work for the GSA, Part 1, (IAA San Francisco/SF MOMA public lecture) - Architecture Radio

Thom Mayne Talks: Recent work for the GSA, Part 2, (IAA San Francisco/SF MOMA public lecture) - Architecture Radio

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

-- 2X Winners: 3XNielsen: Museum of Liverpool, and Salford Arts and Media Centre,