Today's News - May 4, 2006

Strategies for passive survivability in buildings. – Eyes are on the politician bringing New Suburbia to Long Island. – Social housing that "oozes class." – Ireland trying to decide who decides who's an architect. – Australia's heritage rules (or lack of) threaten to derail historic train sheds. – Titanic plan for Belfast launched. – A mix of thumbs-up and thumbs-down for Tucson "rainbow bridge." – Italy's outgoing premier as architectural critic. – A striking city hall for Seoul. – Glasgow's Kelvingrove museum makeover is a model for the future. – unorthodox, innovative and ever so slightly irreverent." – New York architects' urban surf shack in Australia could be kit-home of the future. – CCA announces James Stirling Memorial Lecturer. – Cooper-Hewitt announces National Design Awards shortlist. -- Call for entries to design a town square for Stratford, Ontario. – Historian dedicated to preserving bungalow of Arts and Crafts legend. – Another review of 'monstrous'.

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Passive Survivability: A New Design Criterion for Buildings: ...ability to maintain critical life-support conditions if services...are lost...some specific strategies...[images, links]-Environmental Building News

Real estate watchers keep an eye on Nassau County upstart: Tom Suozzi brought New Suburbia to Long Island -- but what's that for the mean for the city?...showing remarkable vision with a plan to transform the county with smart-growth planning. – STV Inc.; FXFowle; The Real Deal (NY)

Social housing gets stylish: Anglo-American architects Munkenbeck and Marshall redefine London living...There is no class divide. Instead, it just oozes class. There is a real irony in the fact that it has taken a go-ahead Victorian institution [Peabody Trust] to show how it can be done in the 21st century. By Hugh Pearman [images]-HughPearman.com (UK)

Who decides who can call themselves an architect? And should it be the architects' own body, the RIAI? The Competition Authority is concerned about a proposed new registration system for the profession. By Frank McDonald – Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland; Competition Authority- Irish Times

For our cultural desert's sake, roll them off to rot: In Australia...we encourage destruction of our ancient symbols, whether by neglect, arson or bulldozer. By Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald

Titanic city's amazing sea change: Northern Ireland's capital city is all set for a Titanic economic revival. £1bn regeneration scheme that is launching Belfast into the UK's top 10 des res lists...transformation of the shipyard from deserted wasteland to trendy harbour village. – Eric Khunes- Belfast Telegraph (Ireland)

Over the Rainbow: The proposed downtown "rainbow bridge" [containing the new UA Science Center] has a lot of fans and a lot of detractors -- Rafael Viñoly- Tucson Weekly

Berlusconi sparks new Ara Pacis row: Outgoing premier calls Richard Meier work 'monstrous'- ANSA (Italy)

KMD Awarded Commission to Build New City Hall for Seoul, Korea: Striking Design Creates a New Architectural Icon [image]- Market Wire

Welcome to the future of museums: After...refurbishment costing £30m, Kelvingrove museum and art gallery in Glasgow...is finally due to open this July...unorthodox, innovative and ever so slightly irreverent as it is...it might just emerge as a model for the future of all museums. – John W Simpson and E J Mather Allen (1901); Events Communications; HBG- The Scotsman (UK)

I believe in angles: New York architects have designed a twisted urban surf shack...could be the kit-home of the future. -- Jeremy Edmiston, Douglas Gauthier/ System Architects [image]- Sydney Morning Herald

CCA announces the winner of the 2006–2007 James Stirling Memorial Lectures on the City competition: ...name Israeli architect Eyal Weizman...for his proposal entitled 'Destruction by Design: Military Strategy as Urban Planning...Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA)

Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum Announces Finalists of the 7th Annual National Design Awards – Thom Mayne/Morphosis; Stanley Saitowitz/Natoma Architects; Bernard Tschumi; Michael Gabellini/Gabellini Sheppard Associates; Annabelle Selldorf; Tzao and McKown Architects; Andrea Cochran; Martha Schwartz; Ken Smith, etc.- Cooper-Hewitt

Call for entries: Stratford (Ontario) Market Square Design Competition; registration deadline: July 7 - City of Stratford

Set in stone and tile: For three decades, historian Robert Winter has preserved the home of a kindred spirit: Ernest Batchelder, the Arts and Crafts legend, whose 1909 bungalow in Pasadena resonates with timeless beauty.- Los Angeles Times

Chair today, gone to Milano: East-West melting, new technology and color at Salone Internazionale. By Zahid Sardar – Fukasu; Urquiola; Lovegrove; Ron Arad; Starck; Fukusawa; Lissoni, etc.- San Francisco Chronicle

INSIGHT: Public/Private Space & Yonge-Dundas Square: Public/private-sector collaboration and a shared vision deliver CPR to a once-blighted square in Toronto. Effie Bouras, Assoc. AIA- ArchNewsNow