Today's News - May 13, 2004

Big plans for affordable housing in U.K. too big? – NYC the latest city to consider dismantling waterfront highway. – U.S. Senate sides with saving old buildings. – Aging workforce changing workplace design. – County Galway seeks an architect-in-residence. – Berlin embassy plans still in the works six ambassadors later. – Another Chicago university with big expansion plans. - It is - and isn't - Gehry's day: another thumbs up for MIT Stata Center; but trustration with AGO developments, and hockey trophy design greeted with dumbfounded silence (and a few choice words like: "Ugly. Man, that sucker is ugly."). – Brooklyn Museum re-do is a "Idumbing down... overlabeled, overpackaged..." – Case Study House architect lives by his own rules. – Finalists and winners for Urban Land Institute/Europe, Ontario architects, and U.S. firms firmly behind intern development.

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Grey skies over green pleasant land: Prescott's plan for 200,000 new affordable homes in south-east faces strong opposition from local villagers- Guardian (UK)

Planners Consider a Riverfront Without the F.D.R. Drive - Richard Rogers
Partnership: SHoP/Sharples Holden Pasquarelli; Ken Smith- New York Times

Senate Votes to Keep Program for Saving Older Buildings: ...decided against eliminating a valuable, decades old tax incentive for renovating older buildings...intended to discourage demolition. - National Trust for Historic Preservation

Trend of Hiring Older Workers Means Greater Call For Ergonomics: For workplace designers, that means creating work environments that cater to aging eyes...and workspaces positioned at heights appropriate for an aging body.-ErgoWeb

Help Wanted: Architect in Residence to work with secondary schools in Galway City and County.- Irish-architecture.com

U.S. Dusts Off Its Grand Plan for a New [Berlin] Embassy (Again) - Moore Ruble Yudell Architects with Gruen Associates [images]- New York Times

Rush University Medical Center hires Skidmore for hospital revamp...expected to cost more than \$500 million. - Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; SmithGroup; Environmental Systems Design; Anderson Mikos Architects- Chicago Tribune

Frank Gehry Gives M.I.T. Its Newest Experiment: ..."looks like a party of drunken robots got together to celebrate." [images]- New York Times

An architect's frustration: Frank Gehry can't help but express his frustration over the redevelopment of the Art Gallery of Ontario, a project that exemplifies the conservative culture of architecture in Canada. By Lisa Rochon- Globe and Mail (Canada)

What is that? When Gehry pulled the covering off the [World Cup of Hockey] trophy, it was like someone had tugged the burlap bag off the Elephant Man. [image]- Toronto Sun

Hockey trophy a unique creation...greeted by silence. For years Frank Gehry has been called a trophy architect. Now, finally, he has become one. By Christopher Hume [image]- Toronto Star

The Brooklyn Museum Gives Open House On Dumbing Down: Now everything is overlabeled, overpackaged...a kind of indoor theme park or mall... By Hilton Kramer - Polshek Partnership- New York Observer

Setting a Modern standard: An architect of Case Study Houses, Edward Killingsworth used many of the same principles in his own home -- light, glass, an emphasis on indoor-outdoor living. [images]- Los Angeles Times

World Class: ULI Announces 11 Finalists for New Awards for Excellence Competition for European Properties- Urban Land Institute

2004 Ontario Association of Architects Award Winners- Ontario Association of Architects (OAA)

AIA 2004 Intern Development Program (IDP) Outstanding Firm Award: ...two firms [win for] innovative joint submission for shared program that serves 16 interns. - InVision Architecture and FEH Associates- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

-- Winning team: Inside Outside Group/Michael Maltzan Architects/Mirko Zardini: Biblioteca degli Alberi, Giardini di Porta Nuova, Milan -- Ville Hara: HUT Wood Studio Workshop, Korkeasaari Lookout Tower, Helsinki Zoo, Finland

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