Today's News - February 24, 2003

Down to the wire downtown: officials will announce WTC design winner Thursday (are they playing odds in Las Vegas, we wonder?). Meanwhile: Libeskind has made the bathtub shallower, and THINK got rid of the reflecting pools. -- “Modernists are not trained to commemorate and revivify, to heal and restore; in fact, if anything, quite the opposite,” says Trachtenberg. -- Phoenix wants World’s Fair. -- Shanghai spending billions for World Expo. -- Baltimore waterfront site looking for architectural inspiration. -- Looking for inspiration for a new bridge over Niagara River. -- Moneo in the news on both sides of the Atlantic. -- A Wright house in Illinois and Art Deco heritage in Japan in jeopardy. -- Not much inspiration in design for the house/housing complex in London. -- “Wonderfully useless architectural constructions” on view in Pasadena.

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Our Critic, Justin Davidson. Picks: Relinquishing the opportunity to build THINK’s Eiffel-like towers might be a mistake, but rejecting Libeskind’s proposal would be a bigger one, - NY Newsday

Manhattan ready to pick Libeskind’s jagged towers: Polish-born architect’s plan will be pared back to meet competing demands on WTC site demands - Guardian (UK)

Building resolve: Daniel Libeskind digs in as the contest to design the replacement for the World Trade Center winds down. It’s a project calling for vision -- and the will to ride out competitors’ gibes. - Los Angeles Times


Development group [two developers and an architect] pushes for Phoenix World’s Fair in 108; plan on holding a design competition for a permanent monument - George Schoneberger - Phoenix Business Journal

Shanghai Develops Airport to Welcome 2010 World Expo: government will invest 50 billion yuan (US$6 billion) over the next seven years... - People’s Daily (China)

Allied site complex in works: seeking an architect to design a 220,000-square-foot office building on the largest undeveloped harborfront parcel in Baltimore. - Baltimore Business Journal

In Toledo, a bridge made (partly) of glass - Figg Engineering Group [images] - Buffalo News

No wonder his peers don't trust Moneo - he actually builds things. By Deyan Sudjic - Observer (UK)

RISD building design seeks distinction, stirs controversy - Jose Rafael Moneo - Providence Business News

Obituary: Arthur Jackson Hepworth, 91: Artist and architect, he studied with Ben Nicholson and Leslie Martin and always stayed true to his modernist roots - Guardian (UK)

Opinions from Experts: Light Pollution; Building Green; Controlling Sprawl; etc. - Hartford Courant

Wright house wrong for family in Glencoe; future uncertain...could become the first Wright structure in 30 years to be demolished. By Blair Kamin - Chicago Tribune

Art Deco Inheritance: American missionary/architect left his mark - William Merrell Vories - Asahi Shimbun (Japan)

This is an emergency: Why do Britain's new fire stations look like offices or apartment blocks? Because that's how private funding works, says Jonathan Glancy - HLM - Guardian (UK)

Forms at play in the field of the mind's eye: Viewing pleasure is the point of Vincent Fecteau's wonderfully useless architectural constructions. [images] - Los Angeles Times


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