

Today's News - April 18, 2003

Silverstein names his own overseer. – Reconstructing Iraq. – Local and international architects chomping at the bit for a shot at new Winnipeg museum. – Underwater Guggenheim may tank. – International shortlist for Armenian museum. – A Sci Fi museum for Seattle. – Shopping and skiing at Xanadu Madrid (what would Kubla Khan think?). – Architect makes new home in L.A. – St. Louis puts \$1.4 billion to good use. – Preserving Beijing's treasures. – Harvard approves long-awaited building plan. – Lowest cost choice often leads to losses for both designers and projects. – A blow-up basilica - just in time for Easter.

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[International Competition Selects Final Three Firms: Winning Firm Will Design \\$25 Million Modern Art Museum in Armenia - Bernard Tschumi Architects; COOP HIMMELB\(L\)AU; MVRDV](#)- Armenian News Network

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