Today's News - February 18, 2004

Today we celebrate ANN's second anniversary! (here's to many more...) — Cities everywhere dealing with downtown and waterfront revitalization. — A town gets a TV makeover. — Shortlist for Vancouver Art Gallery makeover. — High praise for a California homeless shelter and a Kansas City child care center. — A sustainable "hobbit-hole" house will lose the battle to bulldozers, but (hopefully) win the war. — Starbucks has its eye on Ireland. — New digs for Dallas arts magnet school closer to reality. — Holyrood wanted a horseshoe but got a banana - doesn't want to pay for redesign and delay. — A night with Wright a sweet dream-come-true. — Starchitects and industrial designers make Wired magazine's Rave list.

A wise design for downtown architecture: It is, of course, a delicate question of how far the city should go in requiring developers to meet improved architectural standards. - The Edmonton Journal (Canada)

What's your ideal downtown? Phoenix Futures Downtown Survey... along with more public discussion will be used to help mold a plan... - Jerde Partnership - Arizona Republic

Breathing new life into derelict area: Proposal would add 6,000 housing units. By Christopher Hume - Urban Design Associates [image] - Toronto Star

Cities find support of arts boosts jobs, tourism, vitality - Cleveland Plain Dealer

Waterfront 'Access' May Actually Keep Public Out: Even with certain contextual design features built into the zoning, high rise housing is likely to create a wall of luxury apartments... - Gotham Gazette

Lights, Camera, Design, Action! The UK's newest TV makeover program... revitalization of an entire town... pulled in a top design shortlist despite the minimal fee... - The Architect's Newspaper

Vancouver Art Gallery issues redesign shortlist - Peter Cardew Architects; Machado and Silvetti Associates; Michael Maltzan Architecture; Alsop Architects/Robbie Young + Wright Architects - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Architect enhances shelters for homeless: "People are starting to understand the quality of the environment is an important aspect" - Sam Davis - Contra Costa Times (California)

New child-care center earns applause for architect: Architects are like offensive linemen in football. Unless they make a mistake, they rarely get noticed. - Thomas Edman/Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets - Kansas City Star

Champion of green homes bows to planners: Long battle to maintain sustainable roundhouse ends after national park threatens to send in bulldozers. "...we might have lost the battle but won the war." - Tony Wrench - Guardian (UK)

Starbucks cafe chain plans to launch in Ireland: has commissioned a Dublin-based architecture firm... responsible for the design of the five-star Morrison Hotel... to design 30 stores - Douglas Wallace - Irish Times

Dallas arts high school gets hefty donation: $10 million toward construction of a larger, more modern building for the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. - Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture - Dallas Morning News

Call to cut fees of Holyrood designers: ...for designing a banana-shaped chamber instead of a horseshoe... redesign to get back to the initial plan delayed the project by at least four months. - Enric Miralles; RMJM - The Scotsman (UK)

A night with Wright... one of the world's most idiosyncratic skyscrapers -- Wright's Price Tower... By Blair Kamin - Wendy Evans Joseph; Zaha Hadid - Chicago Tribune

Nominations Announced for Fifth Annual Wired Rave Awards - Pierre de Meuron and Jacques Herzog; Norman Foster, Jeanne Gang; Frank Gehry; Zaha Hadid; Laurene Leon Boyum, etc. - PR Newswire

And the Winners Are: New Housing New York Competition Winners: Exhibition of inspiring designs for affordable, sustainable housing opens tomorrow. - ArchNewsNow

Habitat 825: An apartment building draws inspiration from its neighbor - Schindler's Kings Road House. - Lorcan O'Herlihy Architects [images] - ArchNewsNow

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