

Today's News - February 27, 2004

Neighborhood diversity perhaps not so neighborly. – Urban visions and legislative changes that "would turn politicians into heroes." – Urban regeneration perhaps not ready for prime time. – Hope for the best for Athens Olympics (there is no "Plan B"). – At Ground Zero: a showcase of smart (if temporary) architecture, and (possibly) an "arts incubator" project (that does not include Diller+Scofidio as report states). – Monumental dream for museum of architecture in St. Louis. – Beautiful dream for flagship library in Birmingham, UK, may remain only a dream. – Heritage panel in India allows looming building in heart of historic village - without seeing finished plans. – Pei's homecoming: a museum in his own backyard. – Some big changes at CABE. – An international line-up for Atelier 04 at the University of Buffalo next weekend. – A French architect's global adventures. – Deadlines for universal design awards and first annual outstanding design CEO award. – Italian dreams on view at the Hermitage.

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[The kindness of strangers? Diversity makes people anti-social. That is not as catastrophic as it sounds](#)- The Economist (UK)

[Urban change requires vision: \[Architect\] recommends simple solutions that have the potential for large-scale implementation...](#) - Martin Liefhebber/Breathe Architects- Toronto Star

[Architect slams Channel 4 show: Sarah Wigglesworth has criticised the TV producers making a series about the £4m Castleford regeneration project for underestimating the complexities of the scheme](#) - McDowell + Benedetti; Allen Tod; Parklife; DSDHA; Hudson Architects- Building (UK)

[In Over Their Heads? Less than six months before Games, concerns about Athens' readiness persist, and IOC's only option is to hope for best.](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Ground Zero's Ephemeral Elegance: The new WTC PATH station, like much of the temporary cityscape of Lower Manhattan, is a showcase of smart architecture.](#) By David W. Dunlap - Robert I. Davidson; Pentagram; Earth Tech; SHoP/Sharples Holden Pasquarelli; New York New Visions [images]- New York Times

[Deep Pockets Hatching New 'Arts Incubator' ...near Ground Zero](#) - David Rockwell; Kevin Kennon Architects- Backstage

[Museum junkie hopes to draw monumental acclaim: Steve Trampe sets out to develop a national gallery of architecture in East St. Louis that could energize the riverfront.](#)- St. Louis Post-Dispatch

[Doubts over proposals for flagship city library: ...no idea how the estimated £175 million cost...would be met.](#) - Richard Rogers Partnership [image]- icBirmingham (UK)

[Residents lock horns with heritage panel: new multi-storey structure...shockingly out of sync with the vernacular architecture of Matharpakhadi.](#)- Times of India

[Architect's homecoming: ...putting his name on the blueprint of not just another project...in the very backyard where his family once lived: Suzhou Museum](#) - I.M. Pei; Pei Partnership Architects- The Standard (Hong Kong)

[Rouse leaves CABE to head Housing Corporation; chairman of design review, Paul Finch, also stepping down...replaced by Ken Shuttleworth](#)- Building (UK)

[Distinguished architects to speak at "Atelier 04" March 5-6](#) - O'Donnell + Tuomey; Francine Houben/Mecanoo; Jack Travis; etc.- University at Buffalo Reporter

[Jean-Pierre Heim's design touch: French architect talks about his challenging work around the world](#)- Kathimerini (Greece)

[Call for Nominations: 2004 da Vinci Awards recognize universal design of products and environments. Deadline: May 28](#)- Engineering Society of Detroit

[Call for Entries: PSMJ's 1st Annual Design Industry Outstanding CEO of the Year Award. Deadline: March 31](#)- PSMJ Resources

[Hermitage Exhibition Review: Dreams of Italy in Stone and Brick: "From Myth to Project. The Influence of Architects from Italy and Ticino in Russia in the Epoch of Neoclassicism"](#)- St. Petersburg Times (Russia)

[INSIGHT: San Francisco's New Vancouver-Mania - Part II. By Trevor Boddy](#)- ArchNewsNow

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