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 Lieffheber/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


Deep Pockets Hatching New 'Arts Incubator' ...near Ground Zero - David Rockwell; Kevin Kenmon 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 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

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

-- Competition winner: Medplan AS Arkitekter I Boks Stavanger Concert House, Stavanger, Norway
-- Rem Koolhaas: McCormick Tribune Campus Center, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago