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We lose an American master. -- In Australia: plan for a taller Adelaide full of holes, and a call for a government architect in Canberra. -- A Lebanese architect warns against relying on foreign starchitects, "each one just throwing their little icon in Beirut." -- San Francisco's attachment to the past keeping it from moving forward. -- Not even preservationists will mourn the passing of "ugly" U.S. Mission building in Manhattan...a "senior U.S. diplomat, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, put it more bluntly: "They should have blown up the architect." -- Pittsburgh hospital hires consultant to look at some pretty big numbers. -- A new home in the heart of town for Edinburgh's film festival. -- Celebrations for European Heritage Days begin in Barcelona. -- Beijing launches its own Biennale. -- Potty parity "not a frivolous issue." -- Submissions due and an impressive jury lined up for Cityscape Architectural Review Awards 2004. -- Ground Zero documentary doesn't mince words. -- Austrian architect honored in New Zealand.

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Plan full of holes: Lord Mayor Harbison's fixation with a taller Adelaide could create a city with more holes than swiss cheese. By Chris Bowe- The Adelaide Review (Australia)

Government architect critical for ACT: ...advisory position would serve Canberra's interests in both the built and natural environment.- Canberra City News (Australia)

A spectacle of anticipation: building the Lebanon of the future: Seeking to inspire rather than impose, an architect blends design with development issues - Hashim Sarkis- Daily Star (Lebanon)

Reactionary San Francisco: Our attachment to Victorians may keep us from moving forward...healthy opposition to big development has since calcified into an unhealthy habit of opposing everything different.- San Francisco Chronicle

'Ugly' U.S. Mission Building to Get Roomier Replacement: gray 12-story structure an architectural eyesore...once stirred fans of Modernist architecture...will make way for 23-story high-rise designed to survive a car bomb explosion. - Kahn & Jacobs/Kelly & Gruzen (1961); Gwathmey Siegel- Washington Post

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh hires consultant to look at [$473 million] project budget - Perkins & Will; Astorino- Pittsburgh Business Times

Edinburgh International Film Festival sets out to premiere £20m home in heart of city - Richard Murphy Architects- The Scotsman (UK)

2004 European Heritage Days to be launched in Barcelona September 3-5- Council of Europe

1st Beijing Architecture Biennale September 20 - October 6- Architectural Biennial, Beijing

Authors advocate more and better women's restrooms in public facilities: Restroom parity is not a frivolous issue - Kathryn Anthony; Meghan Dufresne- EurekAlert

World renowned architects to judge Cityscape Architectural Review Awards 2004: "Design for an Emerging World" - entries due October 31 - George Ferguson; Ali Shuaibi; Ken Yeang; Charles Correa; etc.- AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

"Sacred Ground" charts a stormy planning process to rebuild at Ground Zero airs on PBS September 7 - Daniel Libeskind; David Childs/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (AP); San Francisco Gate

"Sacred Ground" - Architect Versus Architect: The Great Manhattan Land Grab; "They've behaved like assholes..."- Village Voice (NYC)

"Ernst Plischke: Architect" presented by the New Zealand Institute of Architects, September 5 - November 26- City Gallery Wellington


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