Today's News - February 14, 2005

ArcSpace brings us Gehry and Vitruvius. – We lose a master dedicated to healing devastated urban neighborhoods. – A not-so-glowing ode to Philip Johnson: "a product of wealth, good connections, and media savvy." – This week, London shows off (but can it pull off?) its Olympic dreams (it's New York's turn next week). – Big plans for an old public housing project in Toronto - but are they the right plans? – Big plans for Edinburgh and Belfast draw thumbs-up and thumbs-down. – Time for Mumbai to reclaim its waterfront. – Hard to tell if Trump's Chicago spire will inspire - no one has seen the drawings. – An old warehouse in Hoboken has green dreams. – An Oregon university project is a lesson in the beauty of frugality. – A new Holocaust museum in Jerusalem "of unusual boldness." – A museum in Baden-Baden is close to perfect. – Columbia's Dean of the Graduate School of Architecture weighs in on the new MoMA: "subservient yet elegant good manners" not something to celebrate. – Calatrava feted with AIA Gold Medal in D.C. – Timeline of winning the eBay bid for rare Taliesin photographs (rebate included). – Happy Valentine's Day!

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-- Book: Vitruvius: Writing the Body of Architecture By Indra Kagis McEwen
-- New in The Image Library: Foreign Office Architects; Richard Meier; Schmidt, Hammer & Lassen; Yoshio Taniguchi; Rafael Virid; MVRDV

Obituary: Karl Linn, Architect of Urban Landscapes, 81: ...created opulent spaces...but abandoned the work to spend the rest of his career building community gardens in devastated urban neighborhoods- New York Times

Style Is Never Enough: Philip Johnson was a stylist, and not a very good one at that...how depressing it is that an architect of such meager talent was, ironically, one of the most publicly recognizable. By Michael J. Crosbie- Hartford Courant (Connecticut)

The Olympic dream: This week London must show the world it can be transformed by 2012. Jonathan Glancy is not convinced. - Foreign Office Architects; Zaha Hadid; Allies and Morrison; Norman Foster; Terry Farrell; Jan Gehl - Guardian (UK)

The big fix: 7,500 people will be uprooted and $1 billion spent on Regent Park's remake. But plans for mixed housing are sending out mixed signals - Toronto Star

Capital plans a new New Town: 15-year facelift of Edinburgh's Leith docks will create up to 18,000 homes...offices, shops, leisure facilities and libraries. - The Scotsman (UK)

A huge development plan aimed at transforming Belfast has been slammed by a leading city architect for lacking a "design vision" and coming too late. - Barrie Todd/Todd Architects - BD/Building Design (UK)

Soon, city's coastline to have a new look: It's Mumbai's biggest asset...planners have never given it its due...Suddenly, it's waterfront time...there is a hint of a possibility of a new seascape opening up to Mumbai's citizens. - Times of India

Playing the Trump card on spire: Public deserves to see drawings of tower now for $750 million, 92-story hotel and condominium tower... By Blair Kamin - Adrian Smith/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill - Chicago Tribune

Hoboken turns green: Developer gets approval for city's first 'sustainable architecture' project; will convert [80-year-old warehouse] 'Coconut Building' - SHiP Architects; Buro Happold; Dean Marchetto Architects [image] - Hoboken Reporter

Organic architecture: Opsis is a firm with green principles, modern lines and a deep understanding of what buildings can do...A lesson in the simple beauty of frugality... By Randy Graag - The Oregonian

Israel Dares to Recast a Story Set in Stone: 10 years in the making, Yad Vashem opens a new Holocaust History Museum, a $56 million project of unusual boldness... - Moshe Safdie [images] - New York Times


The 425 Million Steps from Intimacy to Elegance: While savoring the return of [MoMA's] wonderful collection...this is not a moment to celebrate architecture for its capacity to maintain subservient yet elegant good manners. By Mark Wigley - Yoshio Taniguchi [images] - Artforum

American Architects Honor A Man of Grand Designs: Santiago Calatrava defies classification...compellingly deserves the [Gold Medal] award he received...from the American Institute of Architects. By Benjamin Forgey - Washington Post

Timeline: The Battle for Taliesin: 32 photographs of Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin were for sale on eBay...the Wisconsin Historical Society - realized that the photos were exceedingly rare. By Fred A. Bernstein [images] - New York Times

Build Business: Marketing Technology: Connecting, Communicating, and Collaborating by Craig Park, FSMPS, Chief Marketing Officer, Fields