Today's News - March 2, 2005

MIPIM Future Project Awards winners will be celebrated in Cannes next week. -- Anti-sprawl laws losing (or gaining?) momentum in Oregon, Ontario, and elsewhere. -- New York looking forward to new East River esplanade. -- New plans for New Delhi have conservationists fuming. -- Winning design for Alaskan Capitol picked (but no one really liked any of the designs and no one really wants to pay for it). -- Vancouver developers see gold in green design by starchitects. -- Gehry to add some glitz to Las Vegas while the gleaming Disney Hall will get de-shined. -- Toronto's Ryerson University has unusual urban plans. -- Lofts in Oregon are "striking and ecologically sound." -- Wright's Ennis-Brown House in L.A. gets red-tagged (danger of landslide). -- A priest is the architect of whimsical churches in Bolivia (a Bilbao effect for a poor city?).

MIPIM Architectural Review Future Project Award Winners Announced: Selected winning entries will be critiqued in a seminar March 9 at Cannes, followed by the presentation of the Awards. - The Architectural Review

Anti-Sprawl Laws, Property Rights Collide in Oregon: The nation's strongest laws against sprawl are beginning to buckle here...Thanks to Oregon's new law, anti-sprawl legislation has lost political momentum across the country... - Washington Post

New land-use rules aim to prevent sprawl, protect sensitive areas: The aim is to discourage urban sprawl and protect agricultural and sensitive environmental areas, such as wetlands. - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Along the East River, Everything Old Is to Be Made New Again: A new two-mile esplanade and bicycle path...would run along the river, linking Battery Park at the tip of Manhattan Island to the East River Park... - Richard Rogers Partnership; Ken Smith Landscape Architect; SHoP/Sharples Holden Pasquarelli - New York Times

New benchmark for heritage site: Conservationists protest against plan to revamp Rajpath area: The area listed as one of the hundred most endangered sites in the world by World Monument Watch...will be nixed forever. - Lutyens Bungalow Zone; Ratish Nanda - Delhi Newsline (India)

Dome-shaped Capitol design selected: Legislators don't want to pay for it and the public...condemned all four of the design visions that competition finalists submitted - Thom Mayne/Morphosis; mmenseArchitects [link to images] - Anchorage Daily News (Alaska)

Shann-Li in Lotus Land...going for the gold: Vancouver developers are hiring high-profile architects in a bid to convince wealthy suburban homeowners to move downtown - Norman Foster; Arthur Erickson; James K.M. Cheng Architects - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Frank Gehry to design local project: commissioned to work on Alzheimer's research center...proposed for downtown's 61-acre Union Park development - Las Vegas Review-Journal

Hit the Dimmer, Disney Hall Is Told: Construction crews are set to take hand sanders to some of the shimmering stainless-steel panels that have wowed tourists and architecture lovers but have baked neighbors in condominiums across the street. - Frank Gehry [images] - Los Angeles Times

A place to learn, shop and park a car: Ryerson University's new building in Toronto is unusual co-op arrangement with parking garage and retail space - Zeidler Partnership Architects; ZAS Architects - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Radical lofts nail the details: Belmont project is both striking and ecologically sound - Holst Architecture - Portland Tribune (Oregon)

Warning: Hills Can Slide, Even on the Sunniest Days: Frank Lloyd Wright's landmark Ennis-Brown House and other homes are red-tagged - Los Angeles Times


Wild about Saffron: New York City. A February Tuesday in Central Park; 55 degrees and sunny...By Kristen Richards [images] - ArchNewsNow

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