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Today's News - February 17, 2003

ArcSpace this week takes us to Germany, Denmark, and New Jersey. — Opinions about WTC finalists abound: "[Libeskind] foresees meaningful public spaces shaped by moving architecture." — "The two finalists are as different as pastrami and combread." — The cause of the "confusing course of the trade center redevelopment process...an almost total absence of demand for excellent architecture, and a flawed system of undergraduate and professional education..." — Building codes to get tougher. — Shanghai wants more green space, historic preservation, human-scale buildings, and "fewer dense city blocks of sun-blocking monstrosities" (where have we heard that before?). — New office complex for Los Angeles. — Columbia University hires big names for grand plans. — If Barcelona can do it, why not elsewhere - including a California town with Disney-esque dreams. — Good school design doesn't have to be an oxymoron. — Modular and prefabricated the way to go for urban niches? — Urban green space losing ground in Melbourne. — Neighborhoods not as neighborly as intended. — Huge convention center in shadow of Petronas Towers to include aquarium. — "It's a race against time and the wrecking ball" for treasures in South Florida. — Falmouth (U.K.) museum soon to set sail. — Diller + Scofidio bask in the limelight of a major retrospective, their first major building (and a major NYT spread).

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- Allmann Sattler Wappner: Südwestmetall Reutlingen, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
- Dorte Mandrup Architects: Neighborhood Center, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Rafael Viñoly Architects: Carl lcahn Laboratory, Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics, Princeton University, New Jersey

Top to Bottom, A Towering Achievement: Libeskind Concept for Ground Zero Provides Something to Build On. By Benjamin Forgey- Washington Post

The divided city: A monument? Brash skyscrapers? New Yorkers are still split over what to build at Ground Zero. Jonathan Glancey- Guardian (UK)

Op-Ed: Putting Some Pizazz Back in the Skyline By Sarah Williams Goldhagen-New York Times

9/11's Hard Lessons Lead Agency to Urge Tougher Building Code- New York Times

Shanghai's skyscrapers fall from public favour- Globe and Mail (Canada)

<u>Planners OK \$300-million Office Complex for Site of Shubert Theatre - Gensler-</u> Los Angeles Times

Columbia Hires Architects and Planners to Help Design Long-Term Expansion: Renzo Piano Building Workshop; Skidmore Owings & Merrill- New York Times

Commentary: Dreams for cities can come true: Barcelona shows what can be done when there is vision and continuity- Guardian (UK)

Garden Grove Aims to Bring Magic South: plans to cash in on its proximity to Disneyland by lining its portion of Harbor Boulevard with new attractions and hotels.- Los Angeles Times

Pushing the limits of school design: Architects make Camino Nuevo into a monument to social optimism. By Nicolai Ouroussoff - Daly Genik [images]- Los Angeles Times

Affordable tradition can update urban sites: The modular Cottage can be assembled fast to fill in the niches.- Philadelphia Inquirer

Green grass no more: planning system has failed to protect Melbourne's "lungs"-The Age (Australia)

Neighbourhoods today miss the point: Nowhere to go on foot: Conventional suburban grids don't encourage sharing- National Post (Canada)

Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre set to be a hit - Sunway- The Star (Malaysia)

Florida's important buildings in danger of disappearing- Miami Herald

To the lighthouse: M.J. Long's design for the new museum in Falmouth is naturally nautical. By Deyan Sudjic - Long and Kentish- Observer (UK)

Architects, in Theory: Diller + Scofidio has a major retrospective at the Whitney...and about to break ground on its first major building. [slide show]- New York Times

WTC Proposals: Who's Saying What Worldwide (updated Feb. 14)-ArchNewsNow

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