

Today's News - February 17, 2004

Maki wins U.N. competition. – Libeskind in Prague with Dali. – Lessons to be learned from Oklahoma City memorial. – WTC memorial "makes a virtue of simplicity," but Freedom Tower is an "emblem of a dysfunctional marriage." – Will Calatrava's transit hub be his best? – Architectural security and transparency in a time of fear. – Rolls-Royce factory builds green - and underground. – One of Australia's few Aboriginal architects has visions of urban renewal for an inner-Sydney suburb. – Leaks, cracks, and warps put a new leisure center in mothballs: is it really "...a monument to architectural arrogance and local government ineptitude..."? – "Urban farming" in Toronto: build the amenities, the neighborhood will grow. – Alsop in the running for another Eden project. – Toronto opera house designers deal with sticky wickets (we've included previous ANN feature with lots of images). – They're lining up like it's a rock concert for the opening of Apple store (sorry - no architects named). – Fast Company's Fast 50 includes architects!
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[Japanese Architect Wins U.N. Competition...to design an additional building.... - Fumihiko Maki](#)- New York Times

[Libeskind to design Dali museum in Prague \(AP\)](#)- Denver Post

[Chains bar essential contact: Message is clear: Don't cross line, and most don't \[at Oklahoma City National Memorial\]](#) By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune

[Estrangement at \[Oklahoma City\] memorial: The central issue is declining attendance...and a controversial move to privatize its operation in order to meet rising costs....after being eclipsed by the greater magnitude of Sept. 11, 2001.](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Proposed twin towers memorial makes a virtue of simplicity: \[Freedom Tower\]...a building designed by two architects who couldn't agree on anything...emblem of a dysfunctional marriage.](#) By Robert Campbell - Santiago Calatrava; Daniel Libeskind; David Childs/SOM; Michael Arad; Peter Walker; Pentagram- Boston Globe

[Santiago Calatrava digs deep: will the World Trade Center's new transit hub be his best building?](#) By Hugh Pearman [images]- HughPearman.com (UK)

[Architecture in a Time of Fear: Alfred P. Murrah Federal Office Building...modern architecture can be made safer and still reflect the democratic qualities of openness and transparency.](#) By Lynn Becker - Carol Ross Barney/Ross Barney+Jankowski [link to interview]- Repeat

[Buried treasure: It was a cunning plan: hide a car plant on an English country estate. And who thought of it? The Germans.](#) By Jonathan Glancey - Nicholas Grimshaw and Partners; Grant Associates [image]- Guardian (UK)

[On the drawing board: If ever a master plan were needed, it is in Redfern. And good design can help restore something like normalcy according to Dillon Kombumerri with the Aboriginal Design Unit, Merrima](#)- The Australian

[Fiasco as £30m Clissold Leisure Centre is mothballed: The problems are so serious it may never be able to reopen.](#) - Stephen Hodder [image]- This is London (UK)

[Distillery District, that's the spirit: Teamwork among developers, city and others is admirable Vibrant, mixed-use projects like this...just what city needs: "urban farming"](#)- Toronto Star

['Eden Project' - for Norfolk: futuristic conceptual design, by Will Alsop...competition, which closes tomorrow, to create a landmark for the region.](#) [image]- Eastern Daily Press (EDP Norfolk, UK)

[This theatre never hibernates: The task is a tricky one for the \[Toronto\] opera house's designers, but they can't wait to chip in their parts.](#) - Diamond and Schmitt Architects- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Urban Aria: Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts - Diamond and Schmitt Architects](#) [images]- ArchNewsNow

[Apple Fans Sneak Peek at Store: ...won't open for another couple of weeks...already had problems with break-ins...to get a sneak peek at the interior.](#)- Wired magazine

[2004 Fast 50 includes Cameron Sinclair/Architecture for Humanity; William McDonough, FAIA; and James Dyson](#)- Fast Company magazine

[And the Winners Are: New Housing New York Competition Winners: Exhibition of inspiring designs for affordable, sustainable housing opens tomorrow.](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Habitat 825: An apartment building draws inspiration from its neighbor - Schindler's Kings Road House.](#) - Lorcan O'Herlihy Architects [images]- ArchNewsNow

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